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PROPOSAL 2
Sinking Fund Millage Renewal
This is a NO Tax Rate Increase and is a proposal to RENEW our existing sinking fund millage.
This millage is used to fund the construction of new buildings and the replacement of old buildings. It is a critical source of funding for our capital projects.
If approved, this millage will ensure that we can continue to maintain and improve our facilities.

2024 Operating Millage & Sinking Fund RENEWALS

Past Event – Artists' Reception at Roti Roti Art Center

Issue 69 ~ February 10, 2024 Great Works of Art by Local Artists at Roti Roti Art Center's Artists' Reception by Rebecca Hoyt, Editor & Photographer Sunday, January 21, 2024.



Past Event – BCPD Polar Plunge 2024

Issue 69 ~ February 10, 2024 Buchanan City Police Department at Polar Plunge 2024 by Heather Foster, Writer The Buchanan Police Department joined the Special Olympics of Michigan's Polar Plunge.



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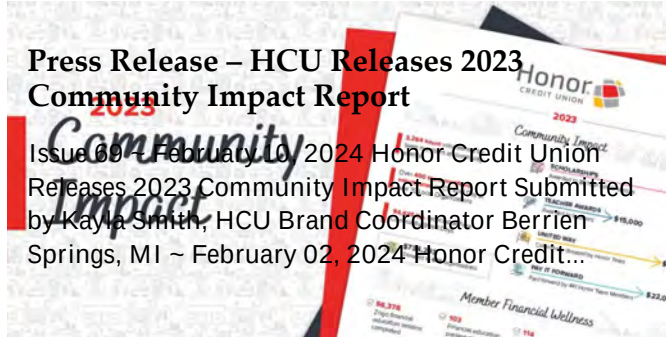
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Charities Submitted by Spencer Wheelock,
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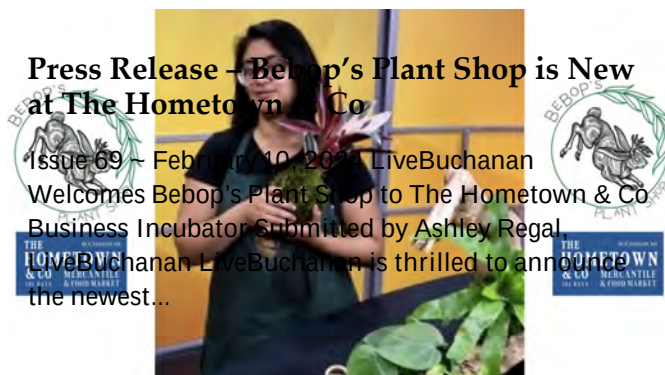
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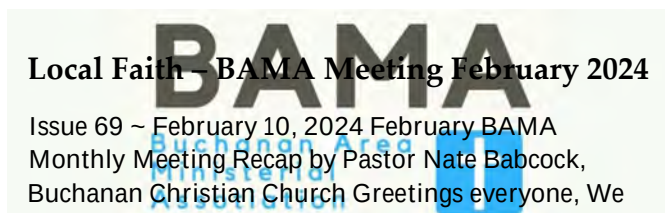
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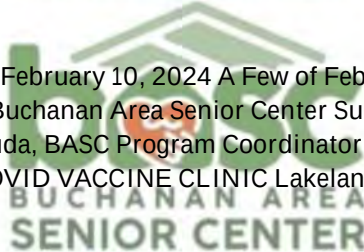
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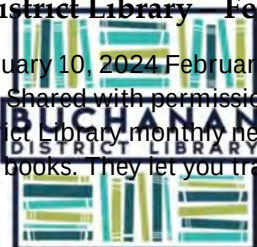
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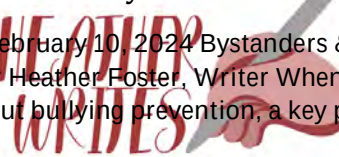
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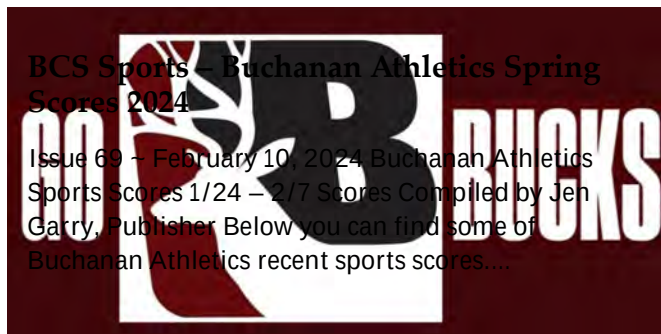
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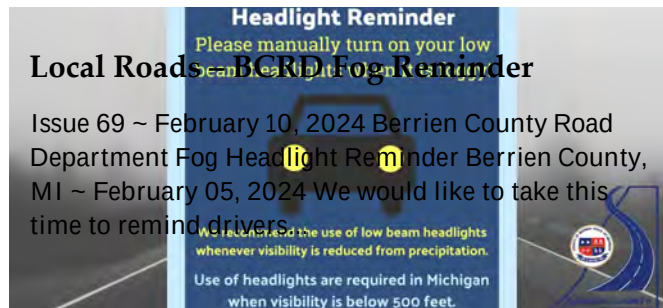
Issue 69 ~ February 10, 2024 Bystanders & Bullying : Speak Up by Heather Foster, Writer When it comes to learning about bullying prevention, a key part that is not...



BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics Spring Scores 2024

Issue 69 ~ February 10, 2024 Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 1/24 – 2/7 Scores Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher Below you can find some of Buchanan Athletics recent sports scores....





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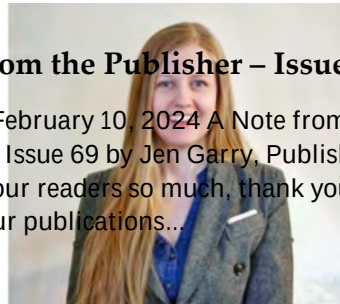
Issue 69 ~ February 10, 2024 Berrien County Road Department Fog Headlight Reminder Berrien County, MI ~ February 05, 2024 We would like to take this time to remind drivers.

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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 69

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Local Business – Blue Paw Pet Spa



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Blue Paw Pet Spa of Buchanan Expanding Space and Services

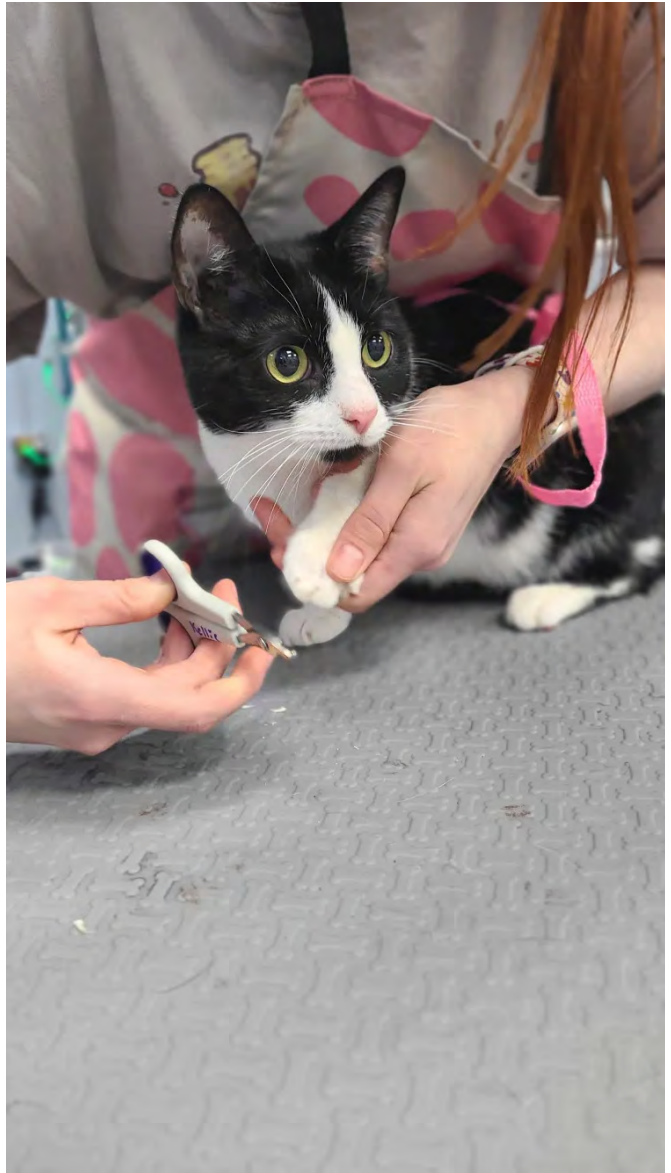
by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor, and Jen Garry, Publisher

Cat grooming? Why yes, at Blue Paw Pet Spa in Buchanan, MI! On Sundays (starting February 4, 2024 as a test day) thanks to their recent expansions, you will now be able to take your feline friends to be groomed at Blue Paw Pet Spa along with your canine friends. Just like our dogs need grooming, so do our cats, and now Blue Paw Pet Spa has the space and staff to do both types of family members!



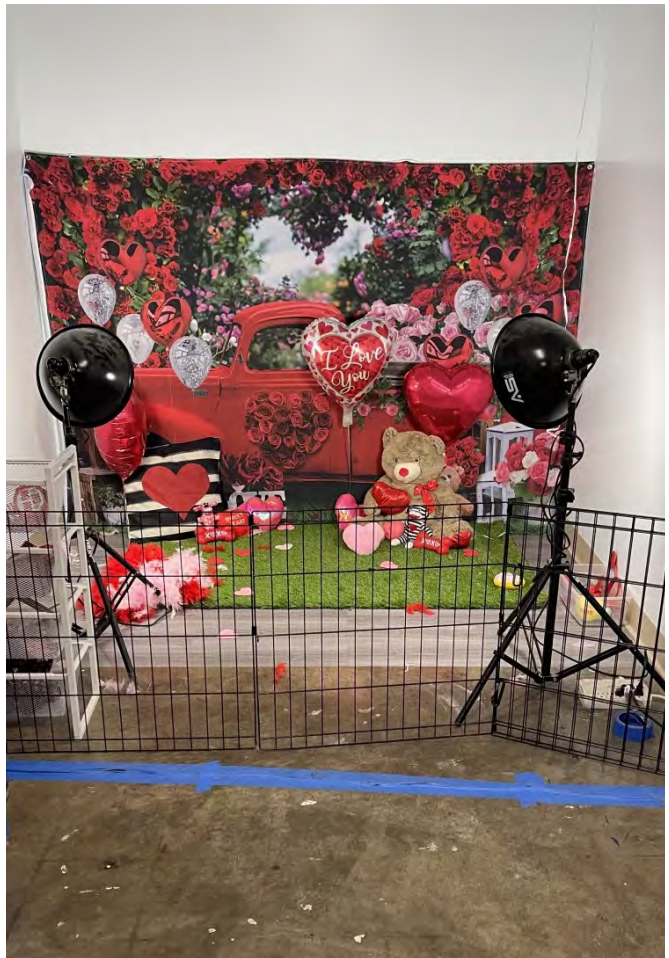
Kacy, Owner of Blue Paw Pet Spa in Buchanan, Photo provided by Kacy Risner

Kacy Risner, owner of Blue Paw Pet Spa since July of 2021, said, “there had been some inquiries for cat grooming, and with our expanded staff we now have two employees that know how to handle them best – and since I’m allergic to cats I’ll take some Benadryl and do some paperwork. There is also extra certifications for cat grooming that many people don’t realize they have to have, and 20% of dog groomers that do cat grooming have this certification.”

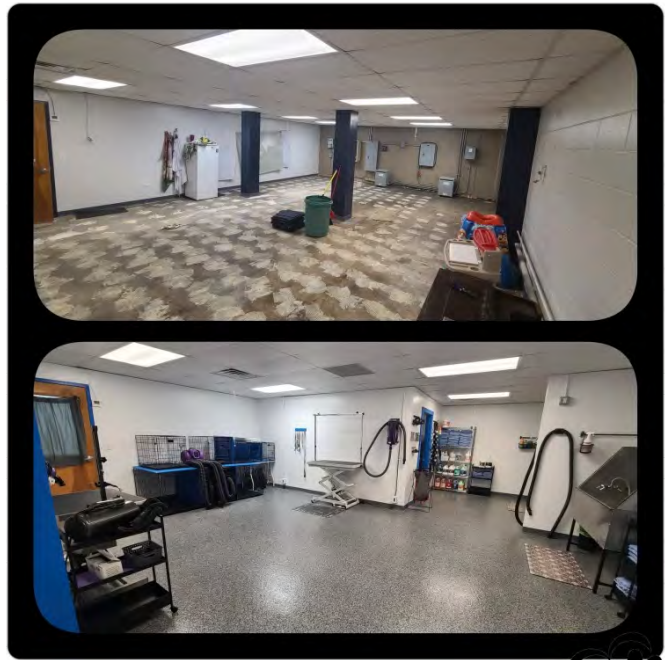
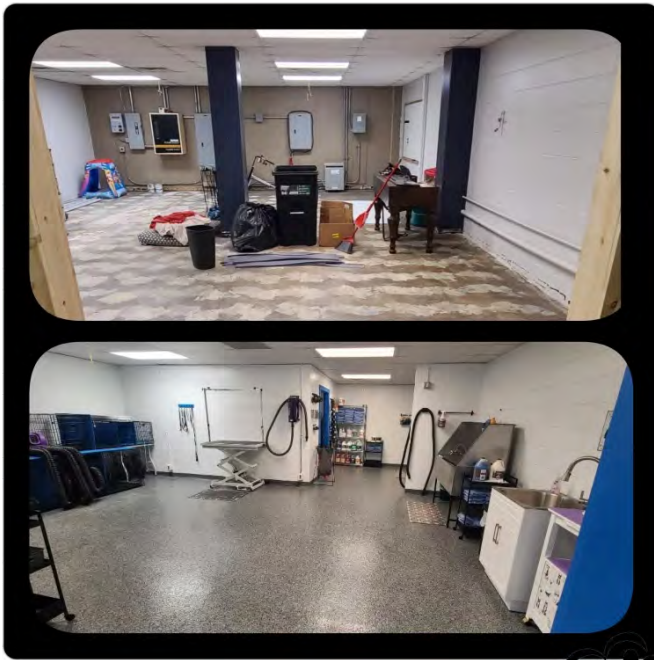


NEW Cat Grooming Services at Blue Paw Pet Spa in Buchanan, Photo provided by Kacy Risner

Blue Paw Pet Spa has recently expanded from 800 square feet to 1,600 square feet and has added four more stylists to the team. They had help with this from the guys in the 324 Building: "Randy Hendrixson, the maintenance guys, and our customers were so understanding." With this new expansion they now have 5 grooming stations, 2 tub stations, 3 drying stations, 3 kennel breaks (for dogs that need a break), and a dog couch in their lounge space if a dog wants to get comfy.

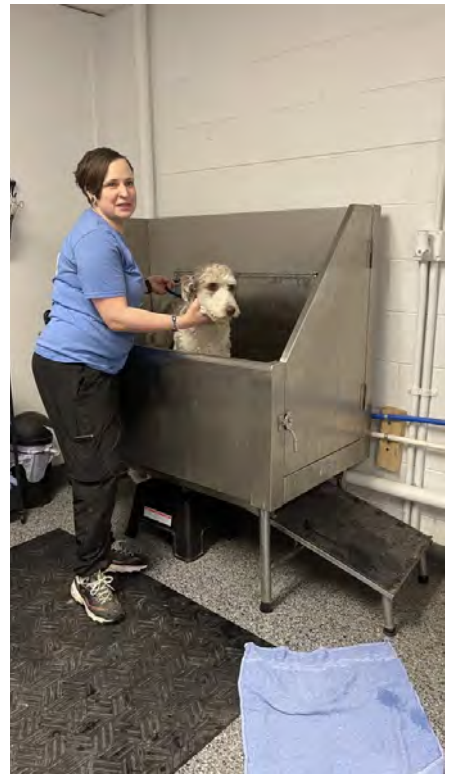


There is also an area for your pet to have their photo taken in a full pet photobooth area that is freshly decorated according to each new season, holiday, etc; they share these photos on their Facebook page: Blue Paw Pet Spa and/or send them to the pet's owner. One question you might have for owner Kacy is, how did you come up with the name for the business? "My very first dog's name was Blue, who will always have a special place in my heart, and when naming the business I just kept coming back to his name, and so Blue Paw Pet Spa was just perfect."



Before and Afters at Blue Paw Pet Spa in Buchanan, Photo provided by Kacy Risner

They are located in Building 324 in Buchanan (325 E Front Street), and in the hallway by their entrance you will find a very special memorial wall – a tribute to all of their past pet clients who have crossed the rainbow bridge, with a touching poem and each pet's photo. When your pet starts coming here, they become part of the Blue Paw Pet Spa family and they care for your pet(s) just as if they were their own pet with unconditional love. They put pets first, clients second. Does your pet have anxiety about being with other dogs/cats? Feel free to make that known to the staff when you book your appointment and they will make accommodations for any special needs of the pet and pet family, even coming in early or staying late for a solo appointment time as that can help the pet be more comfortable so they can be groomed.



Kacy in the expanded space at Blue Paw Pet Spa in Buchanan, Photos by Rebecca Hoyt and Kacy Risner

Pet spa services that are offered for all breeds include: flea & tick shampoo, brushing, cleaning of ears & teeth, nail trim, deshedding treatment, deodorizing treatment, and haircut/styling. Prices are cost-effective, based on weight and are found on their website: www.bluepawpetspa.com or by calling 269-409-1248. You can also email at contact@bluepawpetspa.com or book an appointment through their Facebook for appointments Tuesday – Saturday. Once you make the first appointment, they will stay with the same stylist for future appointments so the pet gets to know them and it helps to make them feel more comfortable.



Outside of Blue Paw Pet Spa in Buchanan, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt



About Blue Paw Pet Spa: Full service pet grooming salon located in Buchanan Michigan.
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Buchanan Politics – Recall of Buchanan Government



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Dan Vigansky's Recall: A Distraction?

by Heather Foster, Writer

The City of Buchanan is known for some great things, but lately, it's been known for quite the disruption in the otherwise quiet political system. With all eyes pointing to the City Hall and constant negativity surrounding them, many people keep asking, what is happening behind the scenes in our town? Why is there so much anger, frustration, shouting, and overall "pompous" attitudes as shown at the city meetings? As townspeople, we put our trust in those who lead, and many people feel that the trust laid in the Commission has broken. Two Commissioners are now up for recall, and neither see any wrongdoings. Both Commissioners acknowledge their lack of understanding regarding the recalls, and express disagreement with the necessity for their recall. However, they both are supportive of the recall of the other person.

Dan Vigansky is one of those facing recall. While he may not be everyone's favorite, he claims he's one of the quiet majorities on the Commission. He likes to sit back and watch things happen and then likes asking those hard questions. "I may lack finesse, but I'm showing up. I ask the questions no one else does because there is no transparency with the city commission or Mayor Denison. That he even said he or the Commission is transparent is a bald-faced lie."

Dan goes on to say that he's not worried about his recall. According to the recall rules, a specific number of signatures is necessary, and given Mayor Denison's has been postponed until the November election, Dan anticipates a similar delay for his own. "Recalls are intense procedures, and I have strong allies with people," Dan said, "our political system is a joke, and the people making the recalls all stem back to being buddies with Denison and Swem. They want me out because I ask too many questions and point out that they aren't doing what they were meant to, which is serving Buchanan."

Dan admitted that he's not the most liked person on the Commission, and he's okay with that. "It's easy to cancel someone these days, and the intimidation at City Hall is intense." It seems to fuel Dan's fire with each Commission meeting. "Not everyone is going to like me. I don't apologize for things, I'm sarcastic, and frankly, I like to piss people off. If you see me at Commission meetings, you'll see that I ask questions before votes because no one is giving information. No one tries to give information, and no one is asking for it. I've made things happen with the sewer system, with the marijuana downtown, and this entire recall procedure is a distraction from the Commission's slacking."

Dan also says that during city hall meetings, he's the go-with-the-flow style because no information is shared. He sits, listens, waits for people to ask questions, and when no one does, he steps in. "We need better politicians. Our mayor and other commissioners never adlib or go with the flow because they aren't transparent and read from a script."

Vigansky says he fully supports Mayor Denison's recall and plans to help gather signatures. He hopes to see Mayor Denison voted out because he doesn't think Denison is what is good for Buchanan. "He has champagne tastes on a cheap beer budget," remarked Dan. "Under the guidance of a lawyer dismissed from New Buffalo, Sean has violated charter rules on multiple occasions. He disbanded the DDA, which previously offered grants and assistance to the town." Dan reminds the town to look at the Mayors track record, which suggests that there have been no improvements and constant issues at hand.

"I think the Commission often forgets they are responsible for taxpayer dollars. None of them consider the average household income in Buchanan. I'm a taxpayer first and a commissioner second. I go against the grain, and people don't like that. I could resign, but I'm not going away because I'm not giving that seat to the inside," Dan continues, "I want to be in the background making things happen as I have been."

Vigansky claims that inquisitive minds are not looked kindly upon at City Hall meetings, but he plans to continue being one. He is happy to answer questions if asked and can be seen at City Hall meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm. His contact information is available on The City of Buchanan's Website: <https://www.cityofbuchanan.com/directory-listing/dan-vigansky>.





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- This millage renewal is assessed primarily on commercial, industrial, vacation homes, and rental properties.

Ballot Language:
BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2024 tax levy.
Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.4001 mills (\$18.4001 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Buchanan Community Schools, Berrien County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2025 is approximately \$2,967,755 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2024 tax levy)?

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On February 27, 2024, Buchanan Community Schools voters will be asked to consider renewing:
Proposal 1 - Operating Millage and
Proposal 2 - Sinking Fund Millage

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2024 Operating Millage & Sinking Fund RENEWALS

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- This is a renewal of our millage that will expire with the 2024 tax levy.
- The estimated revenue the district would collect if the millage is approved and levied is approx. \$393,833.00 annually.

Ballot Language:
BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SINKING FUND MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2024 tax levy.
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Buchanan Community Schools Millage Letter 2024

by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent

On February 27, 2024, Buchanan Community Schools will have two renewal proposals on the ballot. These proposals will not increase taxes and will continue what is currently levied.

The district will ask the community to consider renewing the following proposals:

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Additional information regarding the proposals may be found at www.buchananschools.com/millage-2024. On this website, you will find two informational videos, quick facts about both proposals and FAQs. Please contact the district with any questions by calling our office at 269-695-8400 or emailing questions to millage@buchananschools.com.

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AND SINKING FUNDS

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Buchanan Community Schools Voter

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What is an Operating Millage? <https://youtu.be/gGeDI7BzKkA?si=suw023G0zpqcYAuS>

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Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools

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BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021, Photo from BCS

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Past Event – BCPD Polar Plunge 2024



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Buchanan City Police Department at Polar Plunge 2024

by Heather Foster, Writer

The Buchanan Police Department joined the Special Olympics of Michigan's Polar Plunge this year. With the event located at Watermark Brewery in Stevensville, they joined more than 350 plungers as they raised money for the Special Olympics. We saw different teams from all over Berrien County, including Michigan State Police, groups from local businesses, first responder teams, banks, restaurants, and more.



Buchanan City Police Department at Polar Plunge 2024 in Team Costume "Robin Williams' Roles", Photos by Heather Foster

Tyler S. was the judge for this year's Polar Plunge. He was excited for this event and he had just returned after earning two medals at the Winter Olympics. He excitedly stood at the front of the group near the water trailer ringing a bell as each group made their plunge. As the groups continued to be called up, we witnessed so many amazing teams who raised money for such a good cause.



Buchanan City Police Department at Polar Plunge 2024 in Team Costume "Robin Williams' Roles", Photos by Heather Foster

From cartoons such as Tweety Bird and Moana to characters like Cat in The Hat, and even barn animals with their own doors, the team spirit shined today in the chilly weather. The Buchanan Police Department dressed up as characters of the late actor, Robin Williams. Chief Harvey Burnett, the first plunger on behalf of BPD, was dressed as Teddy Roosevelt from The Night at the Museum movie. Other police department and team members dressed up as Mrs. Doubtfire (Diana), Mork (Amy), Jungle Alan from Jumanji (Brie), Peter Pan (Jason), Genie from Aladdin (Brandon), Patch Adams (Courtney) and not dressed up, Duncan.



Buchanan City Police Department at Polar Plunge 2024 in Team Costume "Robin Williams' Roles", Photos by Heather Foster

The event was totaled in at over \$114,000 before the plunging started and as the teams continued jumping, the numbers kept going up. As of Saturday afternoon, the total was over \$115,000. Our Police Department had a goal of raising \$1000 on their Classy Donation page, and they have surpassed this goal getting to \$1545 as of

Saturday afternoon.



Buchanan City Police Department at Polar Plunge 2024 in Team Costume "Robin Williams' Roles", Photo by Heather Foster

Thank you to the Buchanan PD Team for taking the plunge for such an amazing program!

If you would like to make any last-minute donations, please visit either the Police Department directly or head straight to the Special Olympics Michigan website at www.somi.org.

References:

<https://www.classy.org/team/549374>.

<https://www.somi.org>



Polar Plunge 2024 graphic

PAST Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan City Police Department
- *What:* Southwest Michigan Polar Plunge 2024
- *When:* **Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 12pm**
- *Where:* Watermark Brewing Company
 - 5767 St Joseph Ave, Stevensville MI 49127
- *Details:*
 - Join us for the annual Southwest Michigan Polar Plunge taking place Feb. 3 at Watermark Brewing.

- Registration/Check-In opens in the Patio Area of Watermark at 10 am.
- Plunging in the PLUNGESTER takes place at 12 pm.
- The After Splash Bash in Watermark's Solarium takes place at 1:30 pm.
- Event Info Link: <https://www.classy.org/team/549374>
- Facebook Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1480478515830651>



About Buchanan City Police Department: The Buchanan City Police Department's fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard life and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation; the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional Rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice. The Buchanan Police Department proudly serves the citizens of the City of Buchanan by providing twenty-four hour, seven days a week, full service police coverage.

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

www.cityofbuchanan.com/police

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

Past Event – Artists' Reception at Roti Roti Art Center

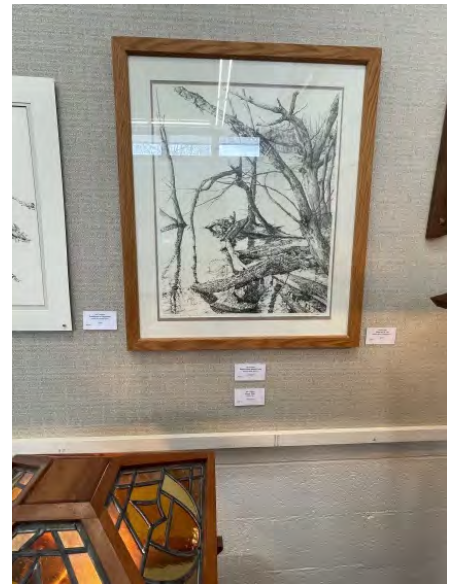


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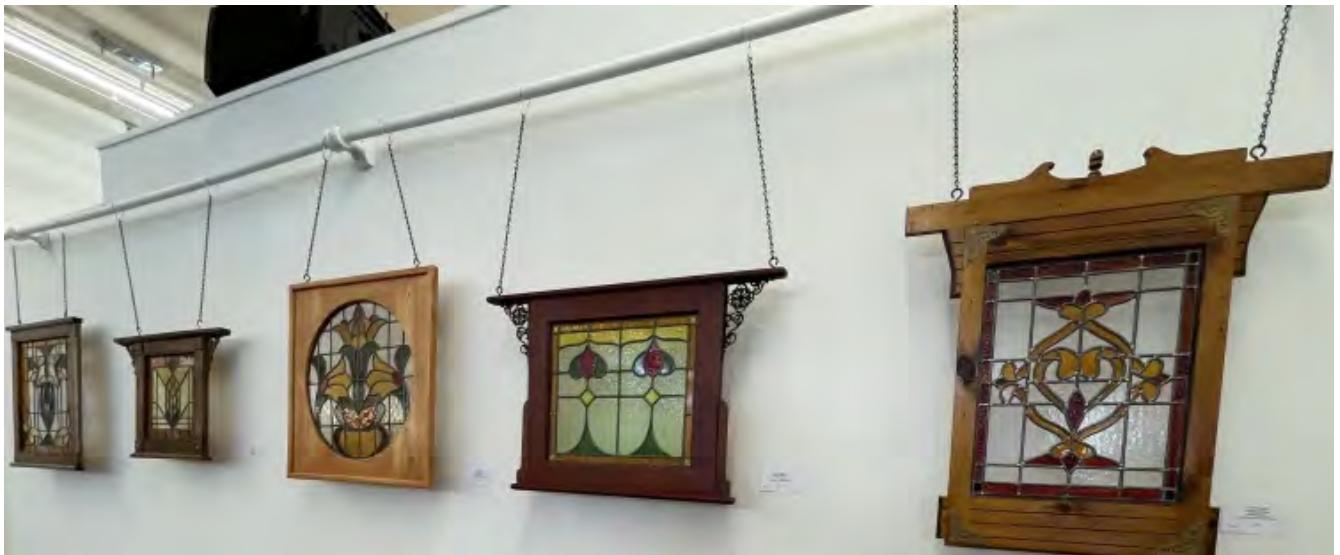
Great Works of Art by Local Artists at Roti Roti Art Center's Artists' Reception

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan was their Artists' Reception. From leaded stained glass and furniture, stone lithographs, a 27' mural to photos of Berrien County were produced by three local artists that you may recognize: Jeff Paulette, Heather Pletcher and John Trapp displayed their artwork. Attendees were able to talk with each artist while enjoying their art work and refreshments.



As I spoke with Jeff Paulette who is a stained glass artist and woodworker, he says with the stone lithography, "the artist really makes it their own art." Jeff displayed his stone lithography of areas in Buchanan. Also, there is a stone lithograph and above it is a description of lithography stating there are about thirty steps to this process, "each print requires a delicate balance of the right amount of water sponged onto the stone and the ink rolled onto the stone."



Jeff's "interest in stained glass started being a maker of cabinets which led to designing custom hardwood frames that complement my stained glass designs," (artists' flier). End tables with the stained glass lamps, and windows are on display in the Fehlner Family Gallery.



Artists' Reception at Roti Roti Art Center, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Heather (VanDyke) Pletcher displayed her Drawing at Daybreak 27' bright and colorful mural in the Showplace. This was done on the backside of wallpaper. You do not always need to buy your art supplies at the craft store. Heather stated where she got the wallpaper at, "I bought it from Goodwill." This was a progressive painting as she would do a little section of a mix of primary colors and shades, curvy lines, and circles which makes your eyes travel down the mural. It's quite a sight to see when it's a gloomy day outside. As she was working on this mural, Heather let it dry, rolled it up and came back to it another time.



Artists' Reception at Roti Roti Art Center, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

John Trapp had his Reflections photography in the Hess Library Gallery. His photos consist of images in Berrien County of nature, buildings, etc.... You may have seen some of his photos on the Buchanan Preservation Society Facebook page as well. John has studied birds and worked as a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He is retired and enjoying photography.

So head on out to the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan across the road from the Buchanan Post Office at 117 W. Front Street and enjoy the art through February 18, 2024. Admission is free.



Artists' Reception with Jeffrey Paulette, John L Trapp, & Heather Pletcher graphic

PAST Event Details:

- **Who:** Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- **What:** Artists' Reception with Jeffrey Paulette, John L Trapp, & Heather Pletcher
- **When:** **Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 2-4pm**
- **Where:** Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
 - 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI 49107
- **Details:**
 - Exhibit Dates: *January 10 – February 18, 2024*
 - **Jeffrey Paulette:** Lithographs & Hand-crafted Furniture & Stained Glass
 - **John L Trapp:** *Reflections* Photography Exhibit
 - **Heather Pletcher:** Drawing at Daybreak



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.

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www.rotirotiartcenter.com
rotirotiartcenter@gmail.com
269-697-4005
117 W. Front St.
Buchanan, MI 49107
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- Admission is Free
- Hours:
 - Wed-Fri ~ 12pm-6pm
 - Sat-Sun ~ 12pm-4pm
 - Mon-Tue ~ Closed (Classes Only)

Past Event – Boy Scout's 57th Annual Swiss Steak Supper



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Boy Scout Troop 541 Held 57th Annual Swiss Steak Supper

by Heather Foster, Writer

The Boy Scouts held their 57th Annual Swiss Steak Supper on Saturday night, February 3rd 2024, with an amazing turn out. Groups as large as sixteen were seen waiting in the Chapel for the turn around. The Leaders said that they've had groups as large as twenty come through the doors for years in a row and they look forward to the good turnout each year.



Boy Scout's 57th Annual Swiss Steak Supper, Photo by Heather Foster

I spoke to several families and they said that they keep this date on their calendar each year as it's great food and even better, it supports the Boy Scouts. On the way out, patrons after receiving the greatest service the Boy Scout's can offer, are then met by the Girl Scouts who offered tons of different cookie options for you to take home.



Boy Scout's 57th Annual Swiss Steak Supper, Photos by Heather Foster



PAST Event Details:

- *Who:* Boy Scout Troop 541
- *What:* 57th Annual Swiss Steak Supper
- *When:* **Saturday, February 03, 2024 ~ 4pm-6:30pm**
- *Where:* First United Methodist Church
 - 132 S Oak St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Serving: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll, Drink, & Dessert

- “Dine In” or “Take Out”
- Note: Dinner will be held no matter the weather.
- Tickets:
 - \$10 Adults, \$5 Children under 12
 - Get advance tickets from your favorite Scout or call Scoutmaster Bill Blumka at 574-361-0258 with any questions.

Boy Scout Troop 541 Presents:

57th Annual Family Style Swiss Steak Supper

Proceeds support Troop 541 Activities and Community Projects

Serving Swiss Steak, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll, Drink & Dessert

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024
4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.



“Dine in” or “Take Out”

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

Adults \$10.00 and Children Under 12 \$5.00

You can purchase tickets in advance on Tuesday Evenings prior from 6:30 until 8:00 or at the door day of dinner at the First United Methodist Church in Buchanan.

Or contact Bill Blumka at 574-361-0258 for more information.

Note: Dinner will be held regardless of the weather

57th Annual Boy Scout Swiss Steak Supper flyer



BSA Troop 541 of Buchanan, Image shared by BSA Troop 541



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

Troop 541 Facebook Page

269-695-3282

Boy Scout Troop 541 meets at:

Buchanan First United Methodist Church

132 S Oak St

Buchanan, MI 49107

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Upcoming Event – Empty Bowls 2024



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Empty Bowls 2024 – Bowl Making Workshops and Empty Bowls Supper

Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

EMPTY BOWLS WORKSHOPS Details:

Try your hand at clay and help feed the hungry! A Great Family Activity!!

Your bowl will be donated to the 29th Annual Buchanan EMPTY BOWLS SOUP SUPPER (see details under UPCOMING EVENTS) unless you choose to pre-purchase it and pick it up at the Supper.

All profits will be donated to the food pantry of Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) in Buchanan.

- Empty Bowls Events Details:
 - All ages welcome (min. 4 students, max. 12 for each workshop)
 - Children and Adults \$5/ bowl plus April 19th Empty Bowls Supper ticket.
 - Create a clay bowl with the assistance of our experienced instructors and return to glaze it.
 - Family, business or Scout groups (min 8) desiring a private session, should call as soon as possible to schedule.
 - REGISTRATION REQUIRED 2 DAYS PRIOR TO EACH WORKSHOP.
 - Please call us ASAP at the Center if canceling.
 - Groups and families must register every participant separately by name!

Choose ONE PAIR OF DATES by time slot, one is to make and one is to glaze.

- *Community Empty Bowls Workshops Time Slots:*
 - **10-11am** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 9, 2024
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024

- **1-2pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 9, 2024
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024
- **3-4pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 9, 2024
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024
- **4-5pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 8, 2024
 - Saturday, March 15, 2024
- **6-7pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 8, 2024
 - Saturday, March 15, 2024

Register for the 10-11am EMPTY BOWLS 2024 Workshop Time Slots [HERE](#) ~ Full!!

Register for the 1-2pm EMPTY BOWLS 2024 Workshop Time Slots [HERE](#)

Register for the 3-4pm EMPTY BOWLS 2024 Workshop Time Slots [HERE](#)

Register for the 4-5pm EMPTY BOWLS 2024 Workshop Time Slots [HERE](#)

Register for the 6-7pm EMPTY BOWLS 2024 Workshop Time Slots [HERE](#)

EMPTY BOWLS SUPPER Details:

The Buchanan Community Empty Bowls Soup Supper will again be hosted at Buchanan High School. Pre-registration is not required.

We hope that you will attend and purchase a hand-made ceramic bowl along with a simple soup supper and help end hunger. All profits from the supper and pre-sales, which usually exceeds \$5000, will be donated to Redbud Area Ministries' (RAM) food pantry in Buchanan.

This international philanthropic project was started in 1990 by a group of Detroit Area Public School art educators who were also potters, one of them a 1962 Buchanan High School graduate! Our local project, now 29 years old, is made possible by a partnership of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, Buchanan Community Schools, Redbud Area Ministries, and local potters, as well as the continuing generosity of local merchants, area foundations, and our caring community.

Pre-Buy Tickets to the EMPTY BOWLS 2024 Supper [HERE](#)



Image of past Empty Bowls, Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Event Details:

- *Who:* Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* Empty Bowls Soup Supper Fundraiser
- *When:* **Friday, April 19, 2024 from 4-7pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan High School
 - 401 W Chicago St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Purchase a Bowl, Fill it with Dinner, Support your local Food Pantry (Redbud Area Ministries)! Thank you for your past and continued support of this important fundraising event!!



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

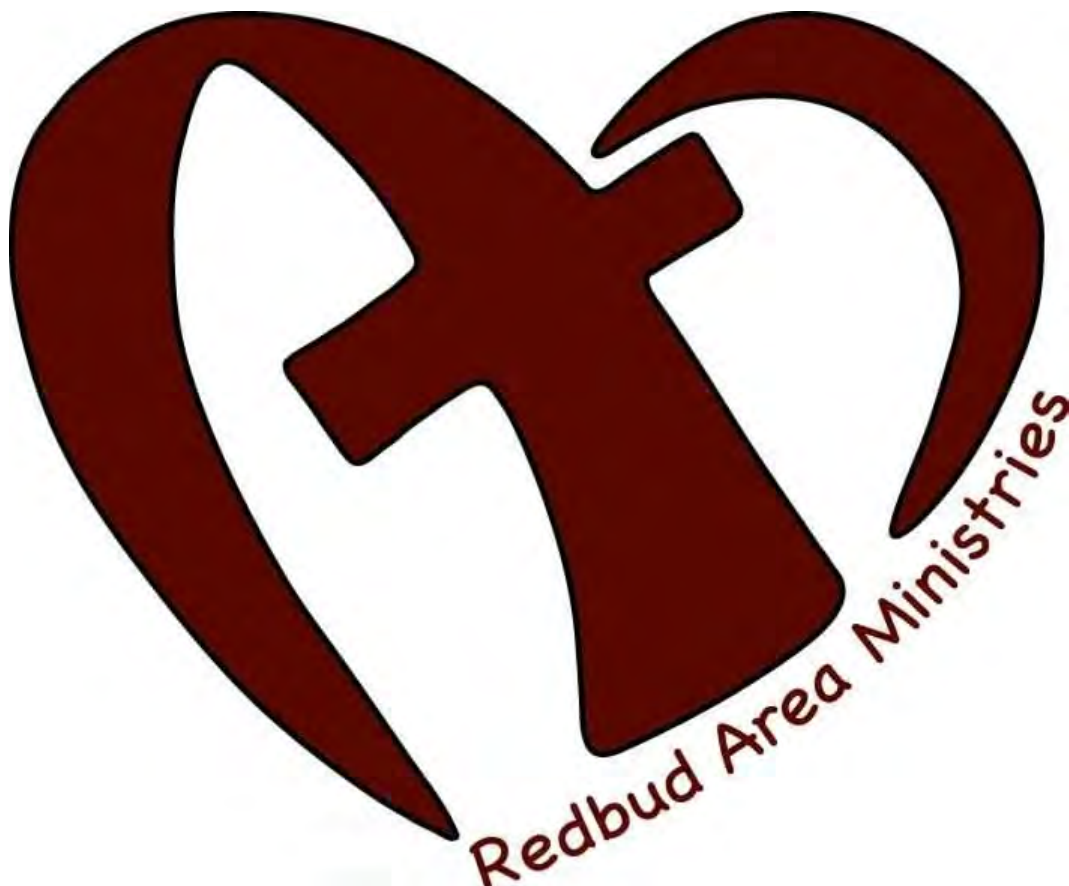
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About Redbud Area Ministries: RAM is an interdenominational and interracial ministry center started

to organize the churches in the Buchanan and Galien School Districts to respond to individual and family needs.
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[Redbud Area Ministries Facebook Page](#)

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About 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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Upcoming Event – BCS Plow Day 2024



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Buchanan School Farm's 27th Annual Plow Day and Pancake Breakfast

Shared by Buchanan Community Schools

Come One, Come All, to the Annual Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast at Buchanan School Farm, Saturday, April 20, 2024!



2024 Plow Day flyer

- *Who:* Buchanan Community School Farm
- *What:* 27th Annual Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast
- *When:* **Saturday, April 20, 2024**
- *Where:* Buchanan School Farm
 - 3588 Andrews Road, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - We are always looking for participants with antique farm equipment or traditional/organic farmers who would like to be on display!
 - Interested in participating?
 - Email: schoolfarm@buchananschools.com
 - Phone: 269-695-8435
 - www.buchananschools.com/school-farm



Buchanan School Farm

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Upcoming Event – Knights of Columbus 2024 Fish Fry



 **KNIGHTS** 
OF COLUMBUS

Fish Fry!

Fri. Feb. 23, 4-7 pm or till we run out.

St. Anthony Catholic Church
509 W. Fourth St.
Buchanan, MI

Adults: \$14 Children 4-11: \$7

- Fried and baked Pollock
- Fries
- Coleslaw
- Dinner Roll



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Buchanan's Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry 2024

Shared by St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan

An annual community tradition to support and a great way to feed the family!

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Event Details:

- *Who:* Knights of Columbus Buchanan
- *What:* Annual Fish Fry 2024
- *When:* **Friday, February 23, 2024 ~ 4pm-7pm**
- *Where:* St. Anthony Catholic Church
 - 509 W. Fourth St, Buchanan, MI
- *Details:*
 - The cost is:
 - Adults are \$14
 - Kids 4-11 are \$7
 - Under 4 are free.
 - The dinner includes Fried and baked Pollock, Fries, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll.
 - Available while supplies last.



About Knights of Columbus: Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. As a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Meets 2nd Thursdays at 7pm

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St. Anthony of Buchanan

509 W Fourth St

Press Release – HCU Releases 2023 Community Impact Report



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Honor Credit Union Releases 2023 Community Impact Report

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Berrien Springs, MI ~ February 02, 2024

Honor Credit Union prides itself on giving back to its communities it serves and has just released its annual Community Impact Report highlighting what they supported in 2023.

Honor donated more than \$734,000 to nearly 700 community organizations spanning from Niles to Marquette. That includes \$28,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and \$15,000 to outstanding area teachers.

In addition to dollars, they also encouraged team members to donate their time and talents. Nearly all 400 Honor employees spent over 3,000 hours of company time volunteering for a variety of causes throughout Michigan and Northern Indiana.



2023 Community Impact, Graphic provided by HCU

Despite a challenging housing market, Honor was able to help hundreds of Michigan families reach their dreams of home ownership, distributing over \$235,000 in first-time homeowner grants, funding over 600 new mortgages or refinanced homes, and 1,100 Home Equity Loans.

An important part of Honor's mission is to promote financial wellness and stability in the communities they serve. In 2023, they gave nearly 100 financial education presentations, more than 100 individuals received financial counseling services, and users of their Zogo, a financial education app, completed over 56,000 training modules.



2023

Community Impact

3,264 hours volunteered by team members at community events



SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to **28** high school seniors

\$28,000

Over **400 team members** volunteered on CU Kind Day at over 70 Local Organizations



TEACHER AWARDS

Awarded to teachers

\$15,000

94,620 lbs. recycled at Free Community Shred Days



UNITED WAY

Collectively donated by Honor Team

\$27,000



\$734,293

Donated to **669** organizations



PAY IT FORWARD

Paid forward by 441 Honor Team Members

\$22,050

Member Financial Wellness

56,378

Zogo financial education lessons completed

103

Financial education presentations hosted

114

GreenPath Financial counseling services provided



Put **5,395** members behind the wheel



\$235,600

Homeownership grant funds

654

Members in new or refinanced homes

1,100

Home Equity Loans

\$11,763,087

Total Interest & Incentives Paid to Members

Interest & Incentives Paid to Members



\$1,284,964 - Checking Account Interest



\$3,431,524 - Savings / Money Market Interest



\$6,923,849 - Certificate of Deposit Interest



\$122,750 - New Member Checking Incentive



Booked

275

Small Business Loans

2023 Community Impact, Graphic provided by HCU

Honor also put dollars back into members' pockets. Despite high inflation and looming threats of recession, Honor members were able to earn nearly \$12 million in 2023 through high interest checking, savings, CDs, money market accounts, and other savings incentive programs.

"Being Michigan-based and member-owned means we answer to our members, not stockholders. It enables us to substantially reinvest into the communities where we all live, work, and worship. We're privileged to help contribute so much positive impact, and look forward to an even more prosperous 2024," said Honor CEO, Scott McFarland.



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

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

Press Release – Edgewater Automation Managing Director Promotion



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Jamen Blake Promoted to Expanded Role as Managing Director

Submitted by Julie Anderson, Edgewater Automation Communications and Media Relations

St. Joseph, MI ~ January 22, 2024

Edgewater Automation, a global custom automation equipment supplier, has expanded Jamen Blake's role as Managing Director to now oversee operations across our automation teams in St. Joseph and Buchanan, MI.

Jamen, who was promoted to managing director of the Buchanan, MI, automation team in 2022, moves into the new role after Tim Tate, former managing director of the automation team in St. Joseph, was named President of Edgewater Automation on January 6, 2024.



Jamen Blake at Edgewater Automation, Photo provided by Edgewater Automation

"This transition comes at an exciting time for our company marked by robust growth, a clear vision for the future, and an unwavering commitment to sustainability. Jamen's dedication to excellence aligns seamlessly with Edgewater's values. I look forward to the company's continued success and growth under his leadership, which I believe will accelerate our position as a global leader in the industry," said Tim Tate, president.

Jamen has been with Edgewater since he was in high school, working summers, then full-time after graduating Hope College in 2012 with a degree in Business Management. In 2013, he was part of the six-person start-up team at Edgewater's second automation facility in Spartanburg, SC. He began as a buyer with the responsibility of setting up the supplier network, later becoming applications engineer before ultimately building growth as marketing manager. The Spartanburg facility had grown to 70 employees when Jamen joined the automation facility in Buchanan, MI, as project manager in 2021.



About Edgewater Automation: With a staff of 265, Edgewater Automation is an ISO 9001:2015–certified designer and builder of custom advanced automation equipment and manufactured structures and systems, including robotics, machine vision, motion control, automated test and data acquisition, and software control and management solutions for all manufacturing industries. With facilities in Michigan and South Carolina, Edgewater Automation is positioned to support its core customers in life sciences, automotive and commercial vehicles, consumer packaged goods (CPG), general manufacturing, electronics and battery manufacturing, and logistics.

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Press Release – Bebop's Plant Shop is New at The Hometown & Co



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LiveBuchanan Welcomes Bebop's Plant Shop to The Hometown & Co Business Incubator

Submitted by Ashley Regal, LiveBuchanan

LiveBuchanan is thrilled to announce the newest addition to The Hometown & Co. business incubator —Bebop's Plant Shop. Opening its doors next week, Bebop's Plant Shop, owned and created by Jessica Ortiz, brings a breath of fresh air to Buchanan's vibrant business community.

Jessica Ortiz, an experienced entrepreneur in the plant industry, is no stranger to cultivating green spaces. Having previously owned a successful plant shop in Quad Cities, Jessica had to close her business temporarily due to her husband's military assignment in Korea. Now, she's making a triumphant return to the business world and has chosen Buchanan as her new home.



Jessica Ortiz, Owner of Bebop's Plant Shop at Hometown & Co, Photo provided by Ashley Regal

Specializing in kokedamas, Jessica Ortiz will curate a selection of hardy and unique houseplants that promise to add a touch of nature to every home. Bebop's Plant Shop goes beyond just a retail space—it's a destination for plant enthusiasts and those looking to enhance their living spaces with the beauty of nature.

The grand opening of Bebop's Plant Shop is set for next week, and the community is invited to join in the celebration. To mark this special occasion, Bebop's Plant Shop will be offering exciting sales and giveaways throughout the opening week. It's a fantastic opportunity for plant enthusiasts and curious visitors to explore the unique and curated collection that Jessica has brought to Buchanan.



The New Bebop's Plant Shop inside Hometown & Co. Photo provided by Ashley Regal

In addition to retail offerings, Bebop's Plant Shop will also host plant classes, providing valuable insights into plant care and cultivation as well as a fun activity for friends and family. Jessica has ambitious plans for the future, envisioning events and even a long-term goal of establishing a plant café—a space where plant lovers can gather, surrounded by the beauty of greenery.

Join LiveBuchanan in welcoming Jessica Ortiz and Bebop's Plant Shop to The Hometown & Co. business incubator. This is more than just a shop; it's a journey of growth and community connection. Explore the collection, support local business, and witness the flourishing of Bebop's Plant Shop.

For more information about Bebop's Plant Shop, please visit facebook.com/bebopsshop or contact: Ashley Regal, ashley@livebuchanan.com, 269-695-3844 ext 2



About Bebo's Plant Shop: Buchanan's newest plant shop, a green garden haven, inside The Hometown & Co at 101 Days Ave in Buchanan MI. Come visit Jessica for all your plant and greenery needs and questions, and for fun gifts and beautiful plantlife.

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bebopsplantshop@gmail.com

[\(269\) 769-8968](tel:2697698968)

Store Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 11am-6pm

101 Days Ave

Buchanan, MI 49107

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About The Hometown & Co Program: A new small business incubator program and retail location in Buchanan MI run by LiveBuchanan, a MI Main Street Engaged Level Non-Profit Organization, and partially funded through a partnership with Honor Credit Union. Our goal at The Hometown & Co. is to find burgeoning talent and to help it grow and thrive – by and for our local community here in Buchanan. Small businesses can find support when accepted into the program as a cohort, and the public can shop and eat at our market/retail location ~ Tues-Sat 11a-7p at 101 Days Ave, Buchanan MI.

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About LiveBuchanan: LiveBuchanan is Buchanan's downtown economic development team dedicated to revitalizing and enhancing the cultural, social, and economic aspects of the community. Through innovative projects and collaborations, LiveBuchanan strives to create a vibrant and inclusive downtown experience for residents and visitors alike.

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Press Release – MI Sales of Shamrock Shakes to Benefit RMHC



Michigan's Shamrock Shake Sales to Benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities

Submitted by Spencer Wheelock, McDonald's of Michigan

Purchases of this seasonal favorite will help support Ronald McDonald Houses Across the State.

Starting February 5, fans of the legendary Shamrock Shake® and OREO® Shamrock McFlurry® will be able to support Michigan Ronald McDonald House Charities when they make their purchase.

Honoring the legacy of Shamrock Shake's integral role in the building of the first Ronald McDonald House, McDonald's restaurants in Michigan are once again donating 25 cents from every Shamrock Shake sold from February 5 to March 18 to Ronald McDonald House Charities across the state. In 2023, Michigan McDonald's customers helped raise nearly \$335,000 for RMHC.

Ronald McDonald House Charities West Michigan in Grand Rapids, Ronald McDonald House Charities Detroit, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor, and Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan in Lansing provide care, comfort and support to families, allowing them to heal together while their child receives medical care. Included in these efforts are the Ronald McDonald Houses which provide families a place to stay while their child receives care at a nearby medical facility.

"Independent McDonald Owner/Operators and their customers are steadfast allies in our mission to support families with hospitalized children," said Ellen Carpenter, Executive Director of RMHC West Michigan. "The Shamrock Shake campaign not only brings joy to McDonald's customers but provides vital resources, allowing us to offer a free home base to families with comfortable accommodations so parents can focus on their child's health. We are deeply thankful for their unwavering commitment and shared belief that family is truly the best medicine any sick or injured child needs."

Made with creamy vanilla soft serve, blended with Shamrock Shake syrup and topped with a delicious, whipped topping, the Shamrock Shake quickly captured the hearts of America when it was first introduced in 1970. In 2020, McDonald's put a twist on this delicious classic with OREO® Shamrock McFlurry. The McFlurry is served blended with crushed OREO cookies.

The Shamrock Shake and OREO® Shamrock McFlurry will be available at McDonald's restaurants nationwide for a limited time, while supplies last.

McDonald's customers can always support RMHC through the 'Round Up for RMHC' program. With every purchase, customers have the opportunity to Round-Up their total to the nearest whole dollar. All of the rounded-up funds go directly to supporting RMHC.



More Good News...

Buchanan McDonald's Recent Donation to RMHC

Shared by McDonald's of Buchanan MI Facebook Page on Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Your local McDonald's is proud to support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Michiana.

McDonald's restaurant at 813 Front St presented a check to the RMHC Michiana for \$1,918! The money was raised from October through December of 2023 directly by customers through the "Round Up" for Ronald McDonald House Charities Program.

Remember, you can always “round up” your order total when you visit your local McDonald’s. Every penny raised goes directly to RMHC!



Shared by [McDonald's of Buchanan MI Facebook Page](#)



About McDonald's USA: McDonald's USA, LLC, serves a variety of menu options made with quality ingredients to more than 25 million customers every day. Nearly 90 percent of McDonald's 14,000 U.S. restaurants are independently owned and operated by businessmen and women. Customers can now log online for free at approximately 11,500 participating Wi-Fi enabled McDonald's U.S. restaurants. For more information, visit: www.mcdonalds.com, or follow us on Twitter [@McDonalds](#) and

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About Ronald McDonald House Charities: Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation that creates, finds, and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Through its global network of over 275 Chapters in more than 64 countries and regions, and its three core programs: the Ronald McDonald House, the Ronald McDonald Family Room and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, RMHC helps families with ill or injured children stay together, and close to the medical care their child needs at leading hospitals worldwide. RMHC programs not only provide access to quality health care, they enable family-centered care ensuring families are fully supported and actively involved in their children's care. For more information, visit rmhc.org. Follow RMHC on X, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

www.rmhc.org
[RMHC Facebook Page](#)

Heather Writes – Bystanders & Bullying



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Bystanders & Bullying : Speak Up

by Heather Foster, Writer

When it comes to learning about bullying prevention, a key part that is not often discussed is a bystander. A bystander is someone who witnesses bullying in any form and can play a significant role. They can either aid in the prevention of bullying or perpetuate it further.

There are a few different types of bystanders: those who see it and don't do anything, those who defend the person being bullied, those who support the one doing the bullying by encouraging, and those who actually join in on the bullying.

With this being a pervasive issue in many environments for both school aged children and adults, a bystander should always aim to be the one who defends the person being bullied. Bullying is most often stopped when someone steps in to intervene (stopbullying.gov/resources).

If we create a culture where people learn about bullying and how to properly be a defending bystander, we have a better chance at lessening the instances. This would then lead to creating an environment where bullying is simply, not tolerated.

Education is key and not many environments are currently utilizing that when it comes to bullying. Some steps to take to be the defending bystander to victims of bullying are, defending the target of the bullying, changing the subject, questioning the bullying behavior, stating that bullying is wrong, and validating the victim (stopbullying.gov/resources).

If more places looked to both state and federal resources, education options are available and encouraged. Bullying happens every day on playgrounds, in classes, at work, over the phone, in an email, or on social media. It's wrong and we should all aim to learn, support those in need, and put a stop to bullying.

www.stopbullying.gov/resources/research-resources/bystanders-are-essential



BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics Spring Scores 2024



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Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 1/24 – 2/7

Scores Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

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

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

SPORT: Varsity Wrestling (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
2/7	5pm	Home	Dowagiac Team Wrestling District 190	LOST 30-48

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Wrestling (Boys) Recent Scores Spring 2024

SPORT: Varsity Basketball (Girls)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
2/7	6:30pm	Away	Paw Paw	LOST 44-58
2/1	5:30pm	Away	Niles Brandywine	LOST 39-55
1/30	7:15pm	Home	Bronson	LOST 34-52
1/26	6:00pm	Away	Benton Harbor	WON 79-36
1/24	7:00pm	Home	Niles	WON 49-44

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Basketball (Girls) Recent Scores Spring 2024

SPORT: Varsity Basketball (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
2/6	7:30pm	Home	Constantine	WON 54-31
2/1	7:00pm	Away	Niles Brandywine	LOST 35-66
1/30	7:30pm	Away	New Buffalo	LOST 33-38
1/26	7:15pm	Home	Benton Harbor	LOST 41-89

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Basketball (Boys) Recent Scores Spring 2024



GO BUCKS!

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SPORTS



Local Faith – BAMA Meeting February 2024

BAMA

Buchanan Area
Ministerial
Assotiation



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February BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap

by Pastor Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church

Greetings everyone,

We had a good meeting this morning (Tuesday, February 6, 2024) at Faith Global Methodist Church. Those present were: Bill Walters, Jann Mitchell, Dave Mitchell, Kevin Haislip, Lyndon Azcuna, Rebecka Hoyt, Patti Mitchell, Tim Douglass, Nate Babcock, and Dan Barz.

Upcoming Events

- The BAMA Community Good Friday Service will be on Friday March 29th at the Buchanan Church of the Nazarene at 6:30 pm.
- The BAMA National Day of Prayer Gathering will be held on Thursday May 2nd at noon in downtown Buchanan.

Next Meeting

- **Tuesday March 5th at 9:00 am at Faith Victory Fellowship.**

*If your church or club would like to highlight your meetings/events, please email us at:
buchananchronicle@att.net



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

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – February 2024

This Month at



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

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

COVID VACCINE CLINIC

Lakeland Care Network, a partner with Corewell Health will have a team at the BASC to offer the Moderna COVID vaccine. The vaccine will be billed to your insurance company. Please contact your insurance company if you have any questions regarding your coverage.



COVID Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, February 20 from 10:00—11:00 am

To make an appointment, call the BASC at 695-7119. Bring your insurance and vaccination cards to your appointment.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Join in the fun and play Pictionary! Have some laughs guessing what your team mate is drawing! No experience needed!



Valentine's Day Party

Wednesday, February 14 from 1:00—3:00 pm

Sign-up by Friday, February 2. Call 695-7119 to RSVP. Snacks & drinks will be provided.

SUPER BOWL LVIII PARTY

Do you like watching the Super Bowl for the game or for the commercials? Either way, sign-up to watch this years Super Bowl game at the BASC! We will have bean & ham soup, vegetable soup, and drinks available. Please bring a snack to share.



Super Bowl Party at the BASC

Sunday, February 11 – Doors open at 5:30 pm for pre-game and game starts at 6:30.

You must RSVP. Call 695-7119 to join in the excitement.

TULSA RACE MASSACRE PRESENTATION AND DOCUMENTARY

Our very own BASC Board of Director and Vice President of our Board, Jeanne Harris, had the opportunity this past summer to walk the streets of what was once known as Tulsa's "Black Wall Street." Over 100 years ago, a white supremacist mob destroyed the district where black business leaders, homeowners, and civic leaders thrived. Jeanne will share her knowledge she gained from her visit along with photographs at the Tulsa Race Massacre presentation. Please join us to learn more about this important piece of history.



Tulsa Race Massacre – Presentation and Documentary

Thursday, February 22 at 1:00 pm.

Jeanne will present and afterwards we will watch the documentary Dreamland: The Burning of Black Wall Street.

Call 695-7119 to reserve your seat.

DISCUSSION ON DEMENTIA CARE

Dementia is a disease that changes a person's behavior. Challenges arise for those who take time to care for a loved one with Dementia. Education is important to learn how to live a new way with the disease. James “Buzz” Busby will be at the BASC to discuss



Caring & Interacting – Examples of Dementia Behaviors, Communication Techniques, Warning Signs

Thursday, February 15 at 2:00 pm

Please call 695-7119 to sign-up.

ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR CELL PHONE & TABLET

Some members of the Buchanan High School Leos Club will be at the BASC to help you on how to use your cell phone & tablet.



Assistance with Cell Phones and Tablets
Tuesday, February 13 from 3:00—4:00 pm

CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS

Have you visited Buchanan's new and homey bookshop? Glendora Bookshop is one of Buchanan's new businesses in town and owner Carla Mayer is excited to tell you about her adventures of being a bookshop owner.



Conversations with Friends Featuring Carla Mayer, Glendora Bookshop owner

Tuesday, February 27 at 2:00 pm

Call 695-7119 to sign-up.

CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS

We rescheduled Conversations with Friends, featuring Buchanan Middle School Principal, Shelby Beasley to February 21 at 2:00 pm. Mentoring can change the course of a young persons life. Wouldn't it be nice to know that you make a difference in someone's life? Please join us to learn more about Shelby and the BMS mentoring program.



Conversations with Friends Featuring BMS Principal Shelby Beasley
Wednesday, February 21 at 2:00 pm

CANNABIS EDUCATION

Are you curious about cannabis, how the plant and flower can help with sleeping, chronic pain, and more? Cannavista Wellness will be at the BASC to share about the healing properties, share cannabis information, and available to answer questions.



Cannabis Education
Tuesday, February 13 at 10:30 am
Call 695-7119 to sign up.

Buchanan Area Senior Center—February 2024 Calendar

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Watch the Super Bowl at the BASC on February 11 	February 13 Mardi Gras 		11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Mah Jongg 11:00 Game Day	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Fiber Friends
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 11:00 Euchre 11:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 11:00 Pinochle 11:00 Quilting & Sewing 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	9:00 Coffee Chat Social 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 11:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Pill Drop Off 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00—10:30 Blood Pressure Check 10:30 Fireside Chats 11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Mah Jongg 11:00 Game Day 2:00 Board Meeting	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Fiber Friends 11:00 Movie Matinee: 80 for Brady
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 11:00 Euchre 11:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:30 Cannabis Education 11:00 Pinochle 11:00 Quilting & Sewing 3:00 Assistance with Cell Phone & Tablet 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 11:00 Valentine's Day Party 11:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:30 Book Club 11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 pm Mah Jongg 11:00 Game Day 11:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 2:00 Discussion on Dementia Care	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Fiber Friends
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 11:00 Euchre 11:00 Mah Jongg 11:00 2nd Pick-Up Monthly CSFP Commodities 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:00 COVID Vaccine Clinic 11:00 Pinochle 11:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 Hearing Aid Check 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 11:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Root Beer Floats 11:00 Quarterly TEFAP Commodities 2:00 Conversations with Shelby Beasley 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	10:00—10:30 Blood Pressure Check 10:30 Fireside Chats 11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Mah Jongg 11:00 Game Day 11:00 Tulsa Race Massacre	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:30 Lunch Bunch 11:00 Fiber Friends 11:00 Movie Matinee: Hidden Figures
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 12:30 Ice Cream Social 11:00 Euchre 11:00 Mah Jongg 11:00 2nd Pick-Up Quarterly TEFAP Commodities 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 11:00 Pinochle 11:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 Conversations with Carla Mayer 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 11:00 Hand & Foot 11:00 Birthday Bingo 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 pm Mah Jongg 11:00 Game Day 11:00 Leap Year Fun Day	February 19 

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BASC Calendar – February 2024

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!



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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Buchanan District Library – February 2024

This Month at



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February at Buchanan District Library

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"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet."

Jhumpa Lahiri, *The Namesake*



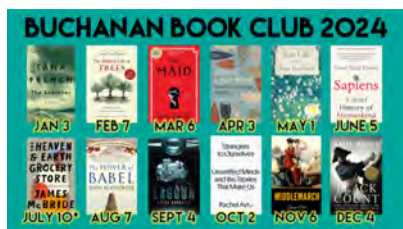
Solar Eclipse 2024

Saturday, February 17 at 2pm

On April 8, 2024, a total eclipse of the Sun will cross North America along a 120-mile-wide path from Mexico, the United States (from Texas to Maine), and Canada. Kalamazoo Astronomical Society President Richard Bell will give a preview of this historic event, explain why solar eclipses occur, and show how to view them safely.

This program is for all ages and no registration is required. Don't miss this chance to learn all about the Great North American Eclipse of 2024 before the big day!

ADULT PROGRAMS:



BUCHANAN BOOK CLUB 2024

Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5, Jul 10, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4

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 I.hauch@buchananlibrary.org 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.



Speed Friending

Saturday, February 10 at 4pm

Join us for our first ever Speed Friending event! What is Speed Friending? It's like speed dating, except you make friends! Each participant will have 2 minutes to chat with another participant and then we switch! Refreshments will be served. This program is for adults only. Registration is required, call the library to sign up.



Painted Candles

Thursday, February 22 & Friday, February 23
11am & 5:30pm each day

Join Jen to make a pretty painted candle using colored wax. Space is limited and registration is required, call the library at 269.695.3681 to sign up starting February 1.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS:



Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11:00am
January 17–April 24

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



Teen Scene

Wednesdays at 2:30pm
January 10–April 24

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



Pajama Storytime

Thursday, February 15 at 6pm

Join us for a special evening storytime once a month. Pajamas encouraged!



Lego Club

Tuesday, February 27 at 4pm

Join Ms. Jen to have fun building with Legos!

WHAT WE'RE READING:



KAREN IS READING...

DEATH NOTE

TSUGUMI OHBA

Light Yagami is an ace student with great prospects—and he's bored out of his mind. But all that changes when he finds the Death Note, a notebook dropped by a rogue Shinigami death god. Any human whose name is written in the notebook dies, and now Light has vowed to use the power of the Death Note to rid the world of evil. But when criminals begin dropping dead, the authorities send the legendary detective L to track down the killer. With L hot on his heels, will Light lose sight of his noble goal...or his life?

Light tests the boundaries of the Death Note's powers as L and the police begin to close in. Luckily Light's father is the head of the Japanese National Police Agency and leaves vital information about the case lying around the house. With access to his father's files, Light can keep one step ahead of the authorities. But who is the strange man following him, and how can Light guard against enemies whose names he doesn't know?

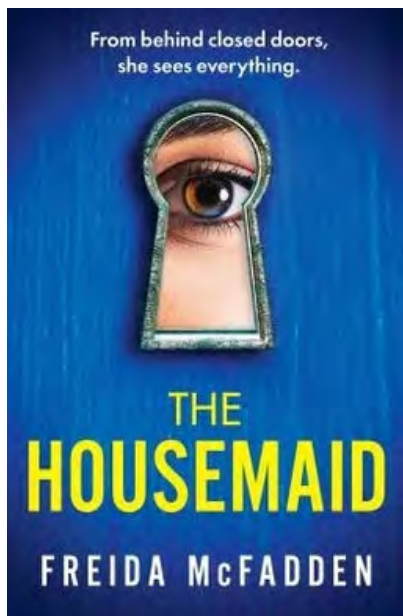


JEN IS READING...

KNIT A MINI OCEAN
SACHIYO ISHII

Choose from a shoal of ocean favorites, including sharks, dolphins, and orca, as well as dazzling blue tangs, colorful clownfish and even an underwater mermaid grotto. The sizes range between 1¼ and 4¾ in, so these sweet little projects are perfect for using up your yarn stash.

Complete with step-by-step sewing-up, stuffing and embroidery techniques, these fun, simple patterns are ideal for knitters of all skill levels.



ERIN IS READING...

THE HOUSEMAID
FREIDA MCFADDEN

Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor. I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up. How she tells strange lies about her own daughter. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day. But as I look into Andrew's handsome brown eyes, so full of pain, it's hard not to imagine what it would be like to live Nina's life. The walk-in closet, the fancy car, the perfect husband. I only try on one of Nina's pristine white dresses once. Just to see what it's like. But she soon finds out... and by the time I realize my attic bedroom door only locks from the outside, it's far too late.

But I reassure myself: the Winchesters don't know who I really am.

They don't know what I'm capable of...

LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEM:

LOT LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEM



NINTENDO SWITCH

NEW! Play at home or on the go with one system. The Nintendo Switch™ system is designed to go wherever you do, instantly transforming from a home console you play on TV to a portable system you can play anywhere. So you get more time to play the games you love, however you like. Our Switch also comes with Mario Kart 8 ready to play!

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

THE DEWEY DECIBEL SYSTEM



WE STARTED A PODCAST!

The Dewey Decibel System is the official podcast of the Buchanan District Library. Each episode Meg, Karen, and Grant will discuss books, movies, music, video games and more...basically anything that can be checked out with a library card! A special guest from the community will be part of each conversation. Check out our first episode on [Spotify](#) or [YouTube](#), or right on the [library's website](#).

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.



2024 Remembering Buchanan Calendars are here!

Calendars are \$20 each and are a wonderful way to enjoy Buchanan history throughout the year. And they make wonderful gifts! Purchase yours in the library while supplies last.

HOOPLA

Have you tried hoopla yet? Check it out!

What is hoopla?

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



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

How do I sign up?

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

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



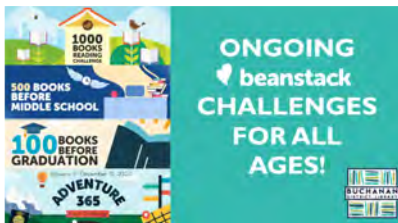
NEW! Join the Reading Dragons challenge!

Kids 5–17, join our new Reading Dragons challenge on [Beanstack](#) and earn your own magical menagerie! Earn a new set of creature cards each week from September 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Register for the challenge and learn more details in the Beanstack Tracker app or on our [Beanstack site](#).

New Beanstack Challenges!

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

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



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

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

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

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



Community Cookbook

Did you know we're working on a Community Cookbook? Your recipe may be printed off and shared around the library, and when we collect enough recipes, we'd like to create a printed book. If you want to submit a recipe, use the form on our website!

[Click here to submit a recipe!](#)



The myLIBRO app is now available at BDL!

- Search and browse the library's catalog from your mobile device
- Access your library account to view, renew, and reserve items
- Checkout and read/listen to eBooks and audiobooks
- Connect to Amazon's Alexa

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.

CURRENT HOURS

Tues-Fri : 9a-7p

Sat : 10a-4p

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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Local Roads – BCRD Fog Reminder



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Berrien County Road Department Fog Headlight Reminder

Berrien County, MI ~ February 05, 2024

We would like to take this time to remind drivers to manually turn on low-beam headlights when weather conditions are foggy or to increase your vehicle visibility. Please help other drivers see you today!

We know those "automatic lights" are great, but under these conditions they might NOT automatically turn on! So please switch over to manually turning on those low beams lights when conditions are as they are this morning.

Use of low-beam headlights can help other drivers see you and can reduce easily avoidable traffic collisions.

When weather conditions are unfavorable always take additional time to evaluate intersections and lanes before proceeding through.



BCRD Fog Headlight Reminder graphic



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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The Clark Barker – Issue 69



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Pet Care and Maintenance

I'd like to share a gentle reminder about our pet family members: when you're thinking of spring cleaning, make sure to remember that your pet friends may be due a cleaning as well. If perhaps their care has fallen behind while the family has been staying inside where it's warm, no judgement here, but they will benefit from some attention to both their grooming and healthcare.

When it comes to humans and pets, prevention and maintenance are the cheaper and easier options, rather than waiting for an issue or an emergency. Getting up to date and keeping up on your pet's care and grooming can help them live happier and prevent problems. There are many local professionals that will love your furry family member as one of their own, and you can build the care team that is the purr-fect fit!

A clean and healthy pet is a happy member of the family!

Woof-Woof!



Remembering – Issue 69


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Buchanan Losses • 1/20 – 2/6

Name	Age	Born	Died
Nancy J. Jervis	71	August 21, 1952	February 6, 2024
Richard Allen Ladonski	74	March 11, 1949	February 2, 2024
Willard "Bill" Friend	81	February 10, 1942	February 1, 2024
Talitha C. "Tilly" Mark	73	March 25, 1950	February 1, 2024
Kenneth Ralph Schaber	85	January 26, 1939	February 1, 2024
Lillie Bell	91	May 3, 1932	January 28, 2024
Helen Lucille VanLoon	85	March 27, 1938	January 27, 2024
Joyce Carpenter	89	April 9, 1934	January 25, 2024
Patricia K. Mrozek	72	September 17, 1951	January 20, 2024
Harry Edward Ritter	86	November 12, 1937	January 20, 2024

We wish to respectfully honor the memory of anyone we lose in the Buchanan community. Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list.

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www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel
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Now That's Funny! – Issue 69



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Snow Business with Pets

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

In the winter when there is a decent amount of snow on the ground, if you have a small to medium sized dog it can be amusing to watch your dog having to, shall we say, take care of business. With the snow being at least 6 to 8 inches deep, when your small dog goes to squat down to take care of business, the dog winds up with a butt full of snow. 🤪 So if you have a small to medium sized dog, you just may want to clear out a small area in your backyard for your little fur kid to take care of business.

Today's Dad joke: I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes, so she gave me a hug. 🤪🤪🤪
Keep laughing folks! 😊

A Note from the Publisher – Issue 69



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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 69

by Jen Garry, Publisher

We appreciate our readers so much, thank you for following our publications and reading all about Buchanan's latest news with us! We're almost to 70 issues online, our 4th printed edition, and 3 years in business as The Buchanan Chronicle – and we're so proud of all we have accomplished and all the things we are planning that are yet to come! Thank you for reading along and for all the support we receive from our Buchanan Community!

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City Commission Regular Meeting Agendas • Nov 23 – Jan 24



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**City Commission Regular Meeting Agendas • 11/27/23,
12/11/23, 01/08/24, & 01/22/24**

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

All completed City Commission Meeting Minutes available to read on the City of Buchanan website [HERE](#).

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

Also, meeting minutes may not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they become available.

Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission • AGENDA Monday, January 22, 2024 – 7pm

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition

A. **Recognition of Officer Corey Reed and Officer Jason Cullum:** *The City of Buchanan proudly recognizes Officer Reed and Officer Cullum with the life-saving award.*

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Approve Agenda

VI. Open Public Hearing #1

A. **Public Hearing for the possible sale of City Property at 401 River St.:** *The public hearing is being held pursuant to Section 8.7 of the City Charter for the purpose of the City Commission, considering, accepting public comment on, and deciding upon the possible sale of City Property located at 401 River St. Buchanan, MI 49107.*

VII. Close Public Hearing #1

VIII. Open Public Hearing #2

A. **Public Hearing for Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Project Northstar:** *The purpose of this public hearing is to allow citizens to submit comments on the proposed application for a CDBG grant. The City of Buchanan proposes to use \$300,000.00 CDBG funds to support homeowner improvement, demolitions/reconstruction/resale activities in Buchanan's Northside Neighborhoods. All activities, upon completion, will benefit low to moderate-income households. 0 person will be displaced as a result of the proposed activities.*

IX. Close of Public Hearing #2

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

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

A. Minutes

1. Consider approving regular meeting minutes from January 8th, 2024.

B. Expenditures

1. Consider approving the expenditures for January 22nd, 2024 in the amount of \$176,165.74.

XII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

XIII. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

A. **Community Development Report:** *Community Development Director, Rich Murphy & Assistant Community Development Director/ Mainstreet Manager, Ashley Regal*

1. **Consider Zen Leaf Buchanan Marihuana Permit Renewals** (1) Adult Use Retail License Renewal, 259 E. Front St. (2) Medical Use Retail License Renewal, 259 E. Front St.

2. **Consider Redbud Roots Marihuana Permit Renewals** (1) Redbud Roots Lab II, LLC – Class C Grow – 215 Post Rd – Adult Use; (2) Redbud Roots Lab II, LLC – Class C Grow – 835 Terre Coupe – Adult Use; (3) Redbud Roots Lab II, LLC – Class C Grow- 835 Terre Coupe (STACKED) Adult Use; (4) Redbud Roots Lab IV, LLC – Processor – 215 Post Rd – Adult Use; (5) Redbud Roots Lab IV, LLC – Processor – 215 Post Rd – Medical

3. **Consider Resolution 2024.01/03**, authorizing resolution for CDBG Program.

4. **Consider Resolution 2024.01/04**, a resolution for local support without financial commitment for LIVEBUCHANAN application for Michigan Main Street Designation.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. **Appointments:** *Consider appointing Commissioner Larry Money to the Joint Water Sewer Board as one of the City Commission representatives. As well as considering Mayor Sean Denison to Buchanan Area Recreational Board (BARB) as the City Commission representative.*

XV. New Business

A. **Complaint Consideration:** *Consideration of the complaint filed against Mayor Sean Denison and vote on whether or*

not to proceed with a hearing, pursuant to the Rules of Procedure for City Commission Meetings and City Code of Conduct and Ethics.

XVI. **Communications** *(informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired)*

XVII. **Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only** *(3-minute limit)*

XVIII. **Executive Comments**

A. **City Manager Comments**

B. **Commissioner Comments**

C. **Mayor Comments**

XIX. **Adjourn**

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Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission • AGENDA Monday, January 08, 2024 – 7pm

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Recognition**

A. *Jerry Flenar to present a Certificate to the City of Buchanan on behalf of the Friends of Berrien County Trail Board.*

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

IV. **Roll Call**

V. **Approve Agenda**

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

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

A. **Minutes**

1. *Consider Special Hearing meeting minutes from December 11th, 2023.*
2. *Consider Regular Meeting minutes from December 11th, 2023.*

B. **Expenditures**

- *Consider approving the expenditures in the amount of \$50,655.71 for January 8, 2024.*

C. **City Manager Contract Amendment:**

- *Consider approving the amendment to Timothy J Lynch, city manager contract.*

D. **Banking Authorization:**

1. *Consider removing Benjamin Eldridge from all banking institutions -Honor Credit Union, United Federal Credit Union, Huntington Bank, 1st Source Bank, Sturgis Bank, Horizon Bank, UMB, and MI Class.*
2. *Consider adding Timothy J Lynch to all bank and investment accounts with -Honor Credit Union, United Federal Credit Union, Huntington Bank, 1st Source Bank, Sturgis Bank, Horizon Bank, UMB, and MI Class. As well as issue a city credit card to Timothy J Lynch with a spending limit of \$5,000.00 per the City Credit Card Policy.*

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

IX. **Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards**

A. **Common Concert Series:** Michael Rowland to present the Common Concert Series.

B. **Buchanan Tree Friends:** Chair Brian Murphy to present an update.

X. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Amendment No. 4 to owner-engineer agreement:** *Consider approving Amendment No. 4; the purpose of this amendment is to finalize the easement acquisition costs that were estimated in Amendment No. 2 of the Owner-Engineering Agreement. The amendment is also to request approval for P&N 2024 hourly rates.*

- **Postponed at the Regular Meeting on December 11, 2023. City Manager Lynch has reviewed it as requested by the commission and recommends approval.**

XI. **New Business**

A. **Resolution 2024.01/01:** *Consider Resolution 2024.01/01, City Commission to authorize city personnel to execute documents replacing the environmental restrictive covenant on behalf of the City of Buchanan for the city-owned property at 401 River St.*

B. **Resolution 2024.01/02:** *Consider Resolution 2024.01/02, a Resolution for the City Commission Censure of City Commissioner Dan Vigansky.*

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

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Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission • AGENDA Monday, December 11, 2023 – 7pm

- I. **Call to Order**
 - II. **Recognition**
 - III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - IV. **Roll Call**
 - V. **Approve Agenda**
 - VI. **Public Comment – Agenda Items Only** (*3-minute limit*)
 - VII. **Consent Agenda** (*can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items*)
 - A. **Minutes**
 - 1. Consider approving the Special Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2023.
 - 2. Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 27, 2023.
 - 3. Consider approving the Special Meeting Minutes from November 29, 2023.
 - B. **Expenditures**
 - Consider approving the expenditures in the amount of \$120,808.51 for December 11, 2023.
 - VIII. **Scheduled Matters from the Floor** (*if any*)
 - IX. **Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards**
 - A. **Community Development Report:** Director Rich Murphy & Assistant Director/ Mainstreet Manager Ashley Regal
 - 1. Cannavista Wellness Adult Use Retailer License 2023 Renewal.
 - 2. Schalon Foundation Grant of \$25,000 for Victory Park improvements.
 - 3. Closing of 123 Days Ave to Lise Gustavsen for business expansion.
 - 4. Hometown & Co. Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting on December 14th.
 - X. **Unfinished Business**
 - XI. **New Business**
 - A. **City Manager Contract:** Consider approving the City Manager Contract with Timothy Lynch.
 - B. **Dial-A-Ride (Dart) Agreement:** Consider approving the Dial-A-Ride (DART) Intergovernmental agreement for Transit Service.
 - C. **Amendment No. 4 to owner-engineer agreement:** Consider approving Amendment No. 4; the purpose of this amendment is to finalize the easement acquisition costs that were estimated in Amendment No. 2 of the Owner-Engineering Agreement. The amendment is also to request approval for P&N 2024 hourly rates.
 - XII. **Communications** (*informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired*)
 - A. **City Commission Meeting:** Please note that the next regular City Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 26th, due to the holiday.
 - XIII. **Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only** (*3-minute limit*)
 - XIV. **Executive Comments**
 - A. **City Manager Comments**
 - B. **Commissioner Comments**
 - C. **Mayor Comments**
 - XV. **Adjourn**
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Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission • AGENDA Monday, November 27, 2023 – 7pm

- I. Call to Order**
 - II. Recognition**
 - A. *Lt. John Leonard on his 23 years of service to the Buchanan Police Department and retirement.*
 - III. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - IV. Roll Call**
 - V. Approve Agenda**
 - VI. Public Comment – Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)**
 - VII. Consent Agenda (can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)**
 - A. Minutes**
 - *Consider Minutes from Regular Meeting November 13, 2023.*
 - B. Shop with a Cop**
 - *Consider approving \$4,000.00 to purchase gift cards for the annual “Shop with a Cop” program during which our Police Department will take 20 children to Walmart in December to spend \$200.00 each. This annual expenditure is funded by donations to the program.*
 - C. Purchase Request**
 - *Purchase request for LT. John Leonard to purchase his BPD-issued firearm.*
 - D. Expenditures**
 - *Consider approving expenditures for November 27, 2023 in the amount of \$101,773.46.*
 - VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)**
 - A. *Randy Bicard: Bringing Pickleball to Buchanan update.*
 - IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards**
 - A. *Buchanan Police Department- Chief of Police, Harvey Burnett: Request to purchase Body Worn Cameras.*
 - X. Unfinished Business**
 - XI. New Business**
 - A. Resolution 2023.11/32**
 - Consider Resolution 2023.11/32- a resolution to approve the addition of the Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System as an approved Investment option. The Finance Committee recommends approving the resolution.
 - B. Special Meeting**
 - Consider setting a special meeting for November 29th at 6:00 P.M. to consider the employment status of the City Manager.
 - C. Consideration of a Motion** by the Mayor to hold a special open meeting hearing to proceed on charges under the City Code of Conduct and Ethics Ordinance and City Rules of Procedure for City Commission Meetings against Commissioner Dan Viganeky.
 - XII. Communications (informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired)**
 - XIII. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)**
 - XIV. Executive Comments**
 - A. **City Manager Comments**
 - B. **Commissioner Comments**
 - C. **Mayor Comments**
 - XV. Adjourn**
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About The City of Buchanan City Commission: 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: Ben Eldridge ~ Current Mayor: Sean Denison.

- City Commission Meetings:

- Meetings are held at City Hall on the **second** and **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless it is a holiday and then the meeting is the next business day. Residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- The Agenda is posted in the cabinet by the entrance to City Hall the Friday before a Monday Meeting.
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