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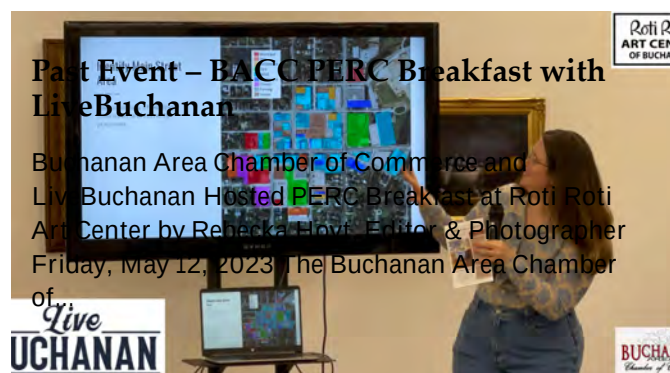
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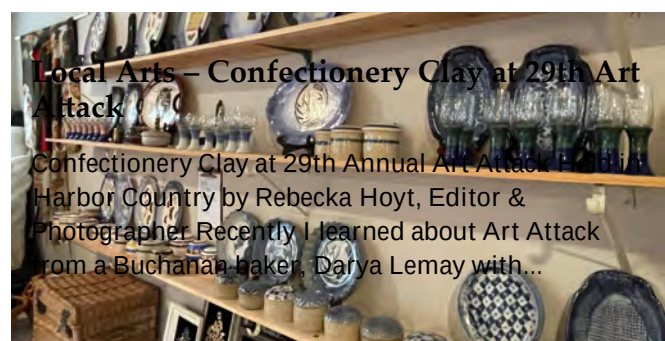
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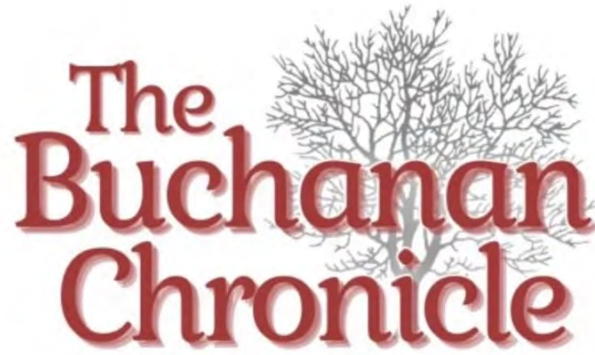
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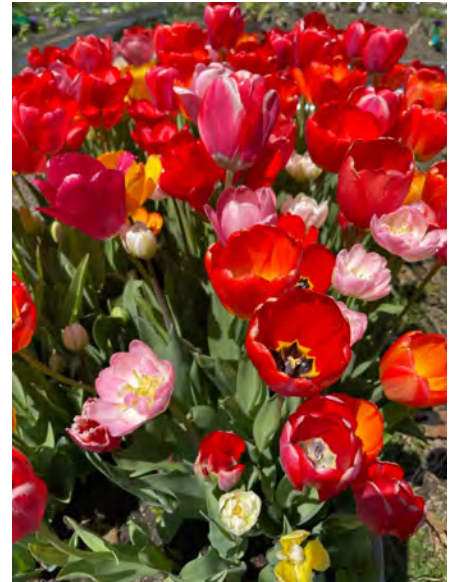
Local Business – Loveland Farms Environmentally Verified by MAEAP



40 Acres Environmentally Verified at Loveland Farms

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Loveland Farms, owned by Tim and Alicia Baron have 40 acres “Environmentally Verified” by the MAEAP (Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program <https://maeap.org/>). Their farm consists of flowers, grapes, vegetables and fruit trees. In May, the daffodils and tulips sprung up and then more will come later which range from peonies, sunflowers, poppies, corn & straw flowers, and 150 types of dahlias. She gives some of those flowers to the senior centers and presses the ones that may be imperfect and turn them into art.



Latest Flowers at Loveland Farms, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Not only do they have flowers in this area, but nearby are the pygmy goats that Alicia uses the goat milk to make sunscreen and one chicken and one rooster for eggs. Also, they have their beloved dog black lab/border collie mix Daisy, who likes to guard the farm and greets everyone. Alicia says that once she calms down, she's a good girl. For people to visit and walk through the State of Michigan has given them certification of farm setting and crop systems and to tame the wildlife property.

History on the farm: Tim's mom & dad owned the property up until 2000. His dad, Tom Love, had horses that he loved with 3 stables and played polo in the back, and he cherished it and did not plant on that part of the land as that's how he wanted it to be and how they named the farm, "Loveland Farms." The back is mainly grapes and three acres of flowers that are going in this spring, they "don't till anything and instead use goat manure and spread dirt over it that gets put onto cardboard from businesses, and sprinkle the seeds right over. It doesn't disturb the natural ecosystem that's going on and then we don't have to use pesticides as nothing is growing up from the ground and keeps the soil rich with the nitrogen in the goat manure and they just keep adding to it with the goat manure" as Alicia explains the planting process. The grapes were started two years ago and will eventually be ten acres in ten years out from now.



Spring Daffodil Rows



Late summer Garden full of dahlias



The first 150 grapes



Summer Farmers Market Assortment



Dahlia Row

Loveland Farms in Bloom, Photos provided by Alicia Baron

We are still very early, a work in progress and many projects. The process of being certified and being adamant of doing and being eco friendly. The MAEAP is great for new farmers and also helps them get funding. Contractors have come out to help with clearing and consult with areas they need to protect wildlife and species. They have tried many things to grow and now know what works to grow.

They have a booth at the Buchanan Farmers Market every other Saturday, starting on May 13th. Bringing tulips, candles with beeswax from Niles (with future plans to be beekeepers), mid June will have lilies and sunflowers, then will fade into the full assortment of the flowers. Bulbs and seeds will be for sale as well. Tim makes syrup as well, "a delicate layer of love" a love that he learned from Sarrett Nature Center.



Newly MAEAP Verified at Loveland Farms, Photo provided by Alicia Baron

A couple of craft fairs are planned for later in the year and workshops with Ashley Hanson, make dream catchers with fresh flowers that will dry, fall foraging class, and yoga/sound healing because it's forestry.

They have been here for three years moving from San Francisco, CA and love the quiet and be reclusive, and it's also therapeutic being out here as well. The community has been wonderful and very supportive. An all-season mix of tulips is available at Union Coffee House & Cafe, and at the Buchanan Farmers' Market every other week and Cheeky Macarons will have them at the market and Alicia is not there. We started with 200 bulbs and now we do 4,000 and Glads.



Loveland Farms in Progress, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Tim and Alicia have “talked about moving for three years “The Great Farm Experiment” and we’re forever students,” Alicia says. “Using what they can without having an impact on other things. And have had no experience before this, lots of trial and error. First year, the bunnies ate everything and that’s part of the resistance. Dahlia’s are deer resistant and have natural barriers and don’t want to kill anything out here. Utilize the plants to protect the plants.” She has a passion for herbs and dries them as well, and will bring spice blends to the farmers market. Tim loves the chickens, tomatoes & peppers.

Fruit trees will help them to expand by adding 10 fruit trees each year: apple, cherries, pears. They want to share the space with the community and restore it to a communal space, with larger events in the back – working to restore it to the Boys & Girls Scouts of America when they are done in the future. Tim and Alicia have learned through this whole process with the [University of Michigan State Extension](#) in Benton Harbor as they give resources and a consultant to help you achieve your goals with the farm.



About Loveland Farms: The mission of Loveland Farm is to connect to nature. We have a deep rooted passion cultivate healthy crops and farmland but also to partner with our local communities to be environmental stewards. By farming, cooking, caring for animals, exploring wilderness and this historical land, we strive to not just farm but to share our passions with people of all ages to see the connection between their own health, a healthy food system and a healthy environment.

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Local Business – Rowland’s Hometown Progress at 101 Days



Rowland's Property at 101 Days to House Several New Ventures in Downtown Buchanan

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

Michael and Elaine Rowland, property owners of the old Hometown Video building located at 101 Days Avenue in downtown Buchanan, have plans to open up several new ventures later this summer! For one, the space that used to be Hometown Video will soon house a small business retail venture named Hometown & Co. Mercantile & Food, a program to support and foster local entrepreneurs. Not long ago the Rowlands took us on a tour through the two-story building to see how the progress is coming along in each of their three different spaces.



101 Days, Photo by Jen Garry

Beginning on the south side of the building is the portion that Elaine refers to as “The Sliver,” confirmed by historic documents that referred to it as “a sliver of a building.” This will be a bar area of the restaurant inside with a walk-up take out window right on the Days Avenue sidewalk, ideal for concert goers at the Common who can participate in the Social District. Originally an alley at 103 Days Ave, it was covered in 1930 to become Mary Redden’s barber shop first, then a jeweler and Western Union office before being combined with the restaurant at 101 Days somewhere in the 1960s-80s. When the Rowlands bought it, the roof was in the basement after spending almost 20yrs vacant, so they have since completely overhauled/reinforced the structure throughout the building, making it ready for new life in downtown again.



Inside The Sliver at 101 Days, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Working our way north to the main building, the Redden Block was built in 1884 by the Redden Brothers to revitalize downtown after a major fire occurred in 1862, and it sported some of the first plate glass windows in Buchanan. Starting as a grocery, this building has hosted a variety of retail, services, organizations and much more in its history.

Early use of the south portion of the downstairs (next to the sliver) was as a furniture upholstery shop, and in the 1920s it was renovated for restaurant use and became Emory's, punching through the wall to join with the sliver some years later. This was the spot for Buchanan's elite to meet, and "back in the day for the Clark executives, this was unofficially their private dining room and had all old wooden panels."



Inside 101 Days in Thistledown's future space, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

For this space they have been partnering with a local restaurant/brewery River St. Joe for an exciting new venture to be called "Thistledown Buchanan Craft," with family-friendly dining and live music. With their renovations to the space, when they open later this summer they will have the biggest commercial kitchen in downtown Buchanan. More information to come later on the menu.



Inside 101 Days looking at Thistledown's future kitchen, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

"We didn't pick this up to be a money-maker for us, we're raising our children in Buchanan, we both work in the non-profit sphere and care about the community; we wanted to put our efforts where our words were," explains Michael.

The curved archway entrance on Days Avenue leads up to two apartments that will start out on Airbnb to rent. Two bedrooms, two baths along with laundry and dryer, provide great views of downtown through the tall windows. A lot of hard work and sweat of taking out the old windows and painting was done by Michael. One interesting fact: it has taken thirty (30) dumpsters to empty out the building and fill in flooring and roofing. "It's hard to see what it was before, the floors were wavy because of leaks and water. The whole project would've been a lot easier if we weren't so crazy about preservation," stated Michael and Elaine.

The second floor was segmented with walls and lowered ceilings, lots of small dark spaces, every window was covered in plywood that had been painted brown. The Rowlands reopened each window, repainted, and fixed all the windows they could save, and they made sure to closely match any they had to replace. Beautiful details are hidden throughout, like intricate designs found on the door hinges of the apartments.



Upstairs at 101 Days seeing inside what will be rental housing, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Speed of things, problems with repairs, behind the scenes, they see a finish line. What has been enjoyable about this process? Elaine states, "we love the history the building has, and we also talked with Peter Lysy, local historian at Buchanan District Library." While they were taking stuff out, they saw remnants of activity past and have left them there. "As we dismantled, we found studs that had been signed by area executives, like board members at Electrovoice, Clarke, Buchanan Steel, Metal Form," stated Elaine.



History Inside 101 Days, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

"Our goal is for something to do, to buy, or to engage in. It's helping small businesses and it's helping our community on both sides, and bringing people into our building to engage in business. People bring their talent and see where their business lands, and consulting them and getting business plans and to put in good effort to see if their business will work," Michael states.

Ralph McDonald is the general contractor, and getting the subcontractors are the ones they are waiting on to come in to do their thing(s) and certain things have to be done in order before doing something else.



Of course taking on this property has had challenges: Michael states, "different phases, the speed of things and when you open up a new wall you find new problems, and making sure we weren't falling through the floor. The finishing stuff happens fast and that's the easy part and bringing in a 40 ft long beam, just making the turn and getting it in there and along with the red tape, being in a floodplain, the city's cooperation and Main Street (Michigan Main Street Program)."



Inside 101 Days where Hometown and Co will reside, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Contractors have asked them, why do you want to do this, how do you want to do this, are you sure you want to do this? This is a big project and a lot of behind the scenes that you don't see and there's always been work. "Buchanan Craft and River St. Joe have a good vision and understands it, it allowed them to buy the property and some investors wouldn't take this on. We have dumped a lot of money on and a lot of faith. Buchanan deserves for this building to be open and believe in the community with the restaurant to embrace it and help us with it. We can now see the vision and excited of what's going to happen in the next couple of months," stated the both of them.

A few things have been enjoyable during the process of learning the history and it deserves the light and love into it. They put in a new roof and new floor after taking the shutters off the windows which brought much more light in. There's more momentum going on now. Elaine has gathered ideas for this property by watching Rehab

Addict & No Demo Reno, magazines, and Pinterest. Michael ended with, "She's the brains, I'm the braun."

Stay tuned for when Hometown & Co Mercantile and Food announce their opening, we'll be sure to let you know in our future articles!



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Local Eating – Munchie Mondays with LiveBuchanan



Review of the First Munchie Monday with LiveBuchanan

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer, and Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

“Mmmm, Munchie Mondays!” said my husband Tom as we went down to Days Avenue’s new Food Truck Alley. We were (and still are) excited for this to be happening here in Buchanan as it can give us all some more food options on a day when other restaurants are closed or have different operating hours.

The food trucks that were there around dinner time included Don Chepe’s, The Munchie Man, Arepas, Michiana Concessions (the hotdog stand), and more! Some trucks closed up a little early, probably due to selling out of their food. We got lucky for hotdogs, as they only had one bag of buns left and we were there just after 6:30pm. Do food trucks take debit/credit cards? Some may and some may not, so you might want to have some cash on hand. There are ATM’s at United Federal Credit Union and Honor Credit Union here in town that are close enough to drive or even walk to if you need cash.



Munchie Mondays in Buchanan, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Planning your time to come here is a good idea. You may not know if the vendor will run out of their food or how long a line will be. If it's a good weather day, then there will be lines. If you're in town during the day, stop by for lunch starting at 11:30am. If you want some music to go along while you sit in the dining area of the lawn, come for dinner till 7:00pm! You could also enjoy your food in the grass at the Common or the tables that line the side of Buchanan District Library. However, you can bring your food home if you want.

Every Monday, there may be different vendors at different times. You can check out the [LiveBuchanan Facebook page](#) for more information on Munchie Mondays. If you attended this past Monday, let us know in the comments of the article on our Facebook page and tell us what you liked!



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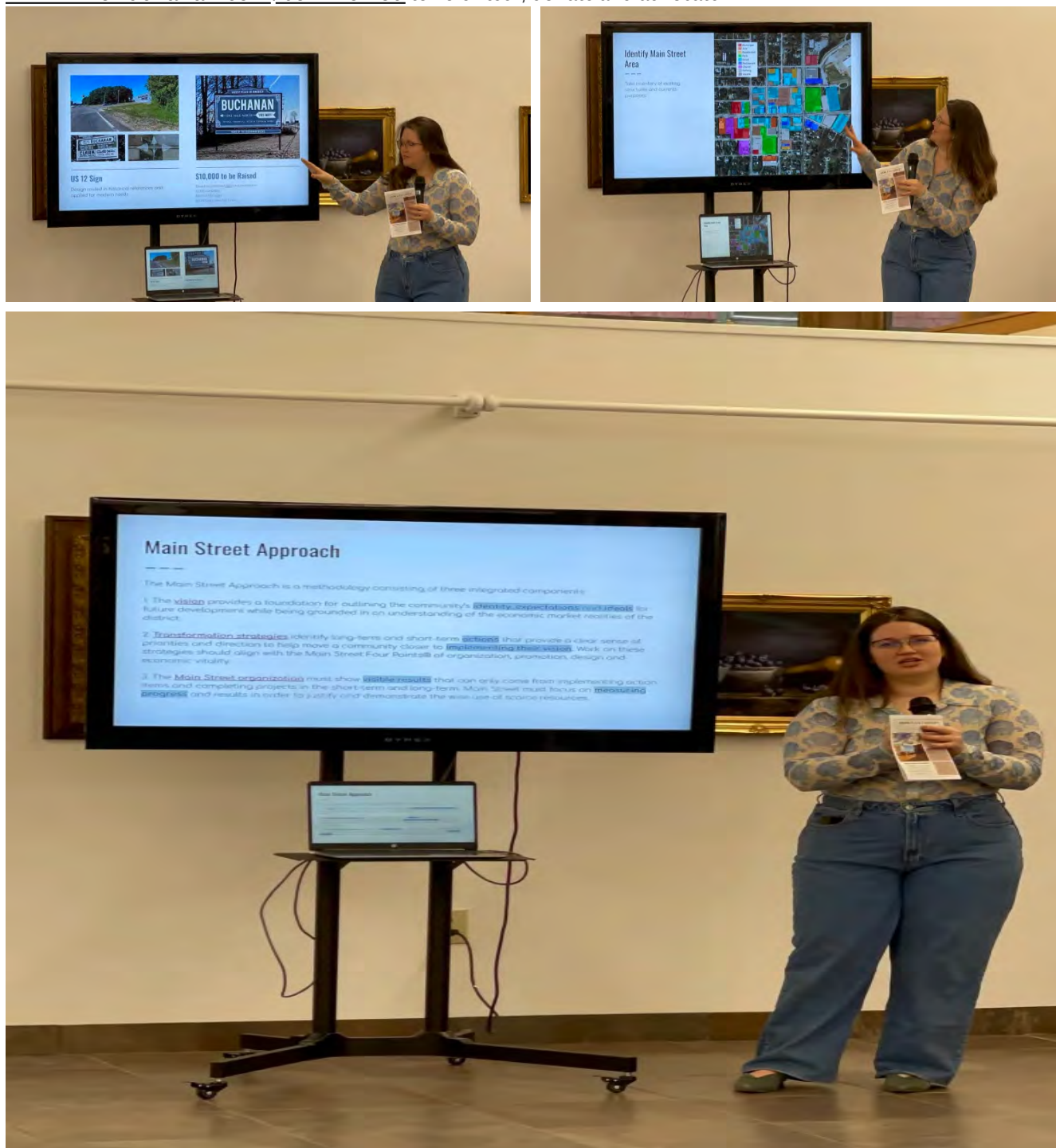
by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Friday, May 12, 2023 The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce had their PERC Breakfast at the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan for members of the community to hear about LiveBuchanan and their current projects, including Downtown and Days Avenue Improvements, Munchie Mondays Food Truck Events, etc. Union Coffee House provided the breakfast of egg muffins, fruit cups, yogurt parfaits, coffee and tea, which was enjoyed by many as they networked with each other.



BACC PERC Breakfast with LiveBuchanan, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Ashley Regal, Main Street Manager/Assistant Director of Community Development presented a slideshow about LiveBuchanan and their plans for events and improvements throughout Downtown Buchanan, which also showed some of their marketing projects and other strategies to benefit Buchanan and entice visitors and business activity. Their mission is “to preserve, improve, and revitalize downtown Buchanan, the core of our community,” (Live Buchanan “What is Main Street?” brochure). Some of her team was also present as they networked with others in their conversations and received ideas for downtown Buchanan. Also, a new sign will soon greet motorists on the corner of US 12 & Redbud Trail as they travel north into Buchanan. The price is quite hefty in the thousands of dollars, so feel free to donate to them to help support this project. You can learn more at their website: www.LiveBuchanan.com/be-involved to volunteer, donate and advocate.



One recurring summer event they've initiated is Buchanan's "Munchie Mondays" in the newly dubbed "Food

Truck Alley,” which is the city-owned lot next to Gustavsen Cafe on Days Avenue. From 11:30am – 7:00pm on Mondays May 15 – July 31, come visit a good variety of food trucks throughout the day for lunch and dinner, and enjoy live music in the evening. There's seating, tables, and new lighting ready for you to spend time in Food Truck Alley, or you can take your food over to Buchanan Common or even home with you. Each week there will be different vendors, so check for who will be there and maybe try something new.



Breakfast by Union Coffee House, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

At the end of the breakfast, Kim Pruitt was introduced as the new Executive Director of Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, starting next week Tuesday, May 16. She had been doing the accounting for them this past winter and then it was suggested to her to be the director, so as she said, “Buchanan is rockin’ it with the concerts and development! Yes.” She is an artist with an accounting background.



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Upcoming Event – 4H Golf Outing 2023 at OHCC



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2023 Berrien Co 4H Foundation Golf Outing at Orchard Hills Country Club

Submitted by Lynne Siemon, Berrien County 4H Foundation Director

The scramble format offers the opportunity to experience challenging greens while having fun and supporting a great cause!

- **Who:** Berrien County 4H Foundation
- **What:** 2023 Berrien County 4H Foundation Golf Outing
- **When:** **Monday, June 05, 2023**
 - Registration: 8am
 - Start Time: 8:30am
 - Followed by Lunch and Prizes: approx. 1pm
- **Where:** Orchard Hills Country Club
 - 2841 Niles-Buchanan Rd, Buchanan MI
- **Details:**
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2023 Berrien County 4H Foundation Golf Outing flyer



About Orchard Hills Country Club: Orchard Hills is a quiet, private country club in Buchanan, Michigan, tucked away on the banks of the St. Joseph River. Established in 1915, this country club has entertained families of members and guests for over a century. For families looking to enjoy challenging golf, quality dining, breathtaking views of the river, or simply relaxing by the pool, Orchard Hills provides a perfect getaway from the stress of everyday life.

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About Berrien County 4H Foundation: The Berrien County 4-H Foundation supports 4-H youth programs across Berrien County.

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Local Arts – Confectionery Clay at 29th Art Attack



Confectionery Clay at 29th Annual Art Attack Held in Harbor Country

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

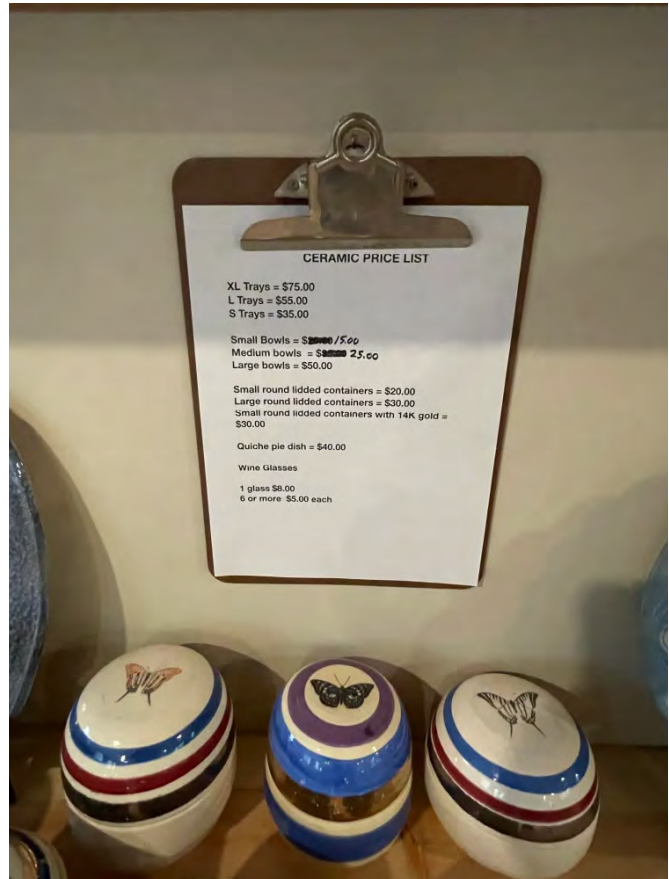
Recently I learned about Art Attack from a Buchanan baker, Darya Lemay with her new business Confectionery Clay that is held in Harbor Country on the west side of Berrien County. On April 28 – 30th, all were able to go to local art businesses/museums and see what they offered.

Darya has partnered with Emeritus Cameron Covert as he makes and paints pottery and Darya's tasteful snacks adorn his plates and bowls. My family and I came to their place of business and had some samples of the desserts as well as seeing the pottery of bowls, platters, and wine glasses up close.



Make your way up into the art studio for these finds. A picture of a trip in South Africa is next to a platter that he painted with that building from the photo. He also has jewelry and framed photos. Cameron has very unique wine glasses to go with many decors, and you will notice the blue color he uses quite often in his pottery.

Come to the table that is ready to serve the desserts that range from: lucky lemon cookies, almond cookies and more as well as a small glass of wine. These desserts and pottery pieces would make a great addition to your dining table or with your tea and coffee.



Confectionery Clay at Art Attack 2023, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

After this first stop, we went to a couple of other places, one in Bridgman where a glass studio is, called Fusion Gallery & Studio where you can take glass art classes. I just may join a class or two there after the artwork I saw! Then, Elsie Earl Studios in New Buffalo had a free event where you paint a Christmas ornament or a mini bird. My daughter Julie and I did that as my husband, Tom, took some pictures of us while we enjoyed some light hearted music that put us at ease.

Attending Art Attack does take some planning to do if you're not familiar with the area, but they have a website and map of the various locations. Some places have free events, and they mention that in the brochure. So, try to keep this in mind for next year or just to go to these places during the warmer weather if you want to explore some art. There are also various restaurants in the area. We finally stopped for our first time at Red Arrow Roadhouse in Union Pier that has great food and you won't go hungry either. If you're into the outdoors and wildlife, you will fit right in. But then if you're not, just go for the food or drinks! I have heard they have ribs on Monday nights, which Tom is looking forward to.

Here are some links for more information on these places:

www.michiganartattack.com

[Confectionery Clay](http://www.confectioneryclay.com)

www.elseiearlstudios.com

[Fusion Gallery & Studio on Facebook](#)
[Red Arrow Roadhouse](#)



[About Confectionery Clay:](#) Confectionery Clay is a retail Ceramic Gallery and Cafe in Union Pier MI
[Confectionery Clay Facebook Page](#)

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BCS School Spotlight – Moccasin Elementary May 2023



Moccasin May Update

Submitted by Moccasin Elementary School Principal Michael Babcock

MSTEP Update

We want to thank our students for their awesome effort and parents for your continuous support. We also want to thank our teachers for keeping the students focused and prepared. Finally, one more thank you to the 2nd grade students and teachers for sending positive messages to our test takers.



May MSTEP Update at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

ACES Day

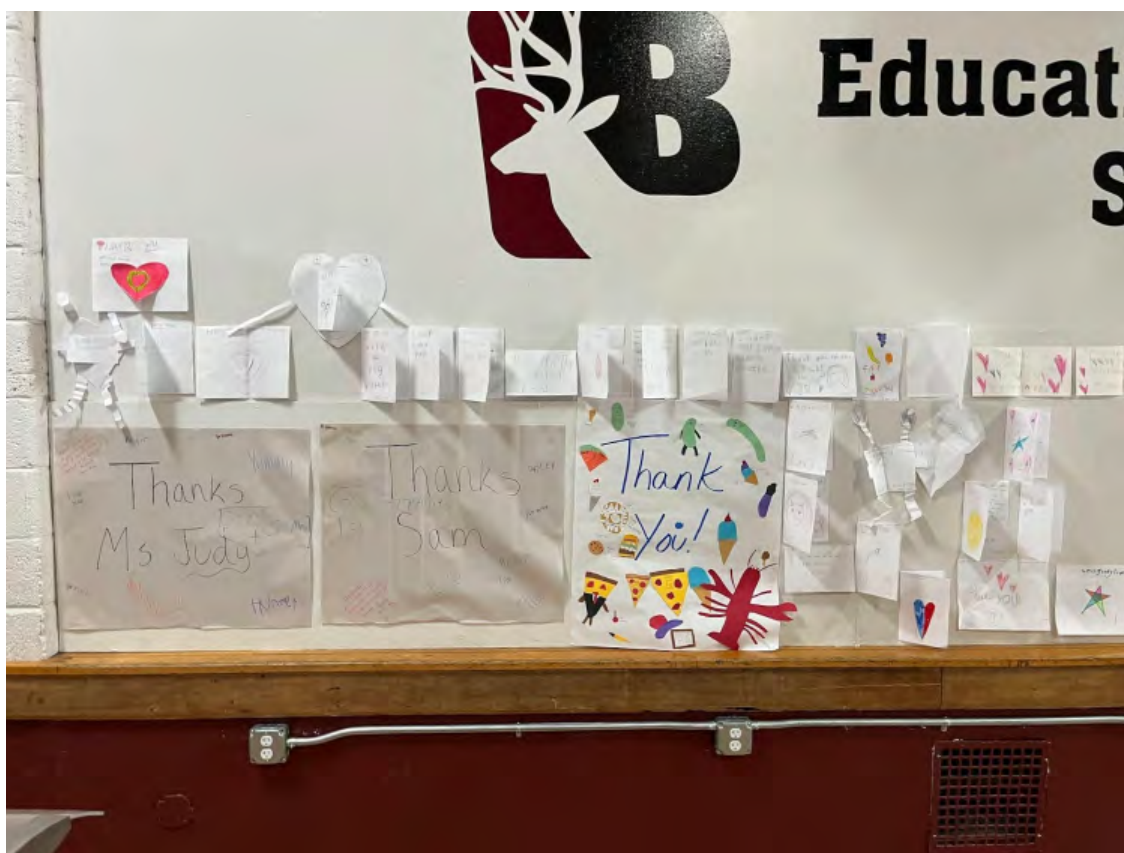
On May 3rd, students and staff walked to the high school to take part in a day of exercise. Students stayed warm on a cold day by dancing, moving and running around the track.



May ACES Day at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Lunch Hero Day

On Friday, May 5th we celebrated our lunch staff for providing our students daily with healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunches. Thank you Ms. Judy and Ms. Sam for your hard work and dedication.



May Lunch Hero Day at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Perfect Attendance

These three students had perfect attendance during the month of April and do a great job promoting a safe and positive learning environment.



May Perfect Attendance at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Popcorn Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone for supporting Moccasin during our last fundraiser. Money helps pay for end of the year field trips. Congratulations to these three who were our top sellers including Mrs. Sater who sold 44 items.



May Popcorn Fundraiser at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal



About Moccasin Elementary School: Welcome to Moccasin! Our Vision is to create a safe and positive learning environment where students will achieve grade level proficiency skills. We serve students in grades 2

through 4. Please contact the school office at 269-695-8408 for any of your questions or needs.

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Community Press Release – SAM Campfire Sing with HCS



Come Sing Around the Campfire with Harbor Country Singers and School of American

Submitted by Pat Putnam, Harbor Country Singers Producer

The Harbor Country Singers will lead a Campfire Sing-Along at 6:30 pm EDT on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at the outdoor campfire circle at Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Hwy, Harbert, MI 49115. Songs "Oh Shenandoah", "Home on the Range", "Down by the Riverside", and "Puff the Magic Dragon" will be included, plus many more. The event is free, but a food item donation for Neighbor by Neighbor is requested. Song books with music and lyrics will be provided. Musicians are welcome to bring instruments to play along. Logs will be available for seating or bring your own chair or blanket if preferred. The event will be moved indoors in case of rain.

School of American Music President Ron Spears will provide guitar accompaniment, and Harbor Country Singers (HCS) members Jill Christie, Donna Mitchell, Diane Ruzevich, and Pat Putnam will be song leaders. Pat Putnam, HCS Producer, said "Please come and join us as we sing all those good old songs that we all know around the campfire. It will be great fun! Thanks to Church of the Mediator for partnering with us for this event."



Campfire, Photo provided by School of American Music

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



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

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Local Faith – BAMA Meeting May 2023



May BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap

Submitted by Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor

Last Tuesday we had a good meeting at St. Anthony. We thank Father Leo and Patti Mitchell for their hospitality! Those present were: Kevin Haislip, Bill Walters, Brendan Shea, Rachel Ernsperger, Dave Mitchell, Jann Mitchell, David Habicht, Dan Barz, Father Leo, Patti Mitchell, Nate Babcock, and guest Jeff Whittaker from the Niles Ministerial Association. (If I have left out anyone who was there, I apologize, as I failed to write down who was present, and am working from memory:)

Also, last Thursday we had a good prayer meeting in downtown Buchanan for the National Day of Prayer. Thank you Dave Mitchell for organizing and leading this!

Upcoming is the annual baccalaureate service, which will be Sunday May 21st @ 2:00 pm at First United Methodist Church. Bud Holmes will be the speaker.

It is time for our annual "voluntary dues" of \$10 per person. This contribution funds our membership as an organization in the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce. Please get your dues to Dan Barz, or bring it to our next meeting.

There was unanimous agreement at Tuesday's meeting that we will not do Faith & Family Day this year. Instead, we are going to look to engage with other community leaders and organizations to learn and discern how we can best serve and reach out to the Buchanan community.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday June 6th 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.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BAMACHurches/

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Community Press Release – Local McDonalds Raise \$35k for RMHC Program



Local McDonald's Customers Raise \$35k through 'Round Up' for Ronald McDonald House Charities

Submitted by Spencer Wheelock

Edwardsburg, MI ~ May 9, 2023

Customers at three South Bend-area McDonald's restaurants have helped raise more than \$35,000 to support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Michiana through the 'Round-Up for RMHC' program so far in 2023. This morning at the McDonald's in Edwardsburg, Michigan, local McDonald's Owner/Operator Jay Okayama presented a check to representatives from RMHC Michiana. The Edwardsburg location has raised more than \$15,000.

The 'Round-Up for RMHC' program provides an easy way for McDonald's customers to support Ronald McDonald House Charities by allowing them to 'round-up' their order total to the nearest dollar amount. The donation goes directly to support RMHC. This campaign provides millions of dollars to Ronald McDonald Houses every year.

"The Round Up program is a great example of many small gestures having a big impact," says Okayama, who owns restaurants across Michiana. "We're so thankful to our customers who chose to support Ronald McDonald House Charities and the important work they do to support the families of seriously-ill children. A little bit goes a long way to helping families when they need it most."

Ronald McDonald Houses help families with children who are ill or injured, ensuring they can stay together and be near the medical care they need. Ronald McDonald House programs provide private bedrooms, fully-equipped kitchens and laundry facilities, home-cooked meals, transportation and much more.

McDonald's customers can support Ronald McDonald House Charities year-round with the 'Round-Up for RMHC' program. When placing their order in the dining room or drive thru at any McDonald's restaurant, they'll be asked if they'd like to Round-Up their order total to support RMHC.



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](https://twitter.com/McDonalds) and Facebook www.facebook.com/McDonaldsUS/.

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Community Press Release – SWMI Boys and Girls Clubs to Expand Summer Programs



Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Michigan Expanding Summer Programs Sites

Submitted by Sherri Ulleg, VP of Marketing and External Communications

Benton Harbor, MI ~ May 17, 2023

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan is pleased to announce an expansion of summer program sites funded by an Out-of-School Time grant from the Michigan Department of Education. The Clubs are currently accepting applications for summer memberships.

Since 2017, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan has expanded from its two legacy sites in Benton Harbor to ten Clubs serving five southwest Michigan communities. Replicating the successful model founded in Benton Harbor has allowed the Clubs to reach new young people and help them develop into the future leaders of their communities. This year, the Club is celebrating 25 years of service.

In addition to its legacy sites in Benton Harbor, the Fetting Youth Campus and the Joel E. Smilow Teen Center, and current operations in Benton Heights, Bridgman, South Haven, St. Joseph and Sturgis, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan will add new summer sites in Buchanan, Lawrence, St. Joseph's John and Dede Howard Ice Arena, Three Oaks and White Pigeon. For more information on locations, hours and registration, visit bgcswmi.org. Registration is priced affordably with a one-time \$5.00 fee for the summer session (June through August). Space is limited.

The summer session begins on June 5, 2023, in Sturgis and White Pigeon and on June 12, 2023, for all other Club locations. Programs end on August 18.

The Clubs offer a great option for summer activities for kids and teens. While opportunities and age restrictions vary by Club, programs include age-appropriate games, sports and fitness, arts, academic support, STEAM activities, Friday field trips and activities designed around weekly themes. Summer highlights include water parks, zoo trips, hands-on STEAM projects, culinary arts, swimming, surf lessons and more. Clubs are the places

where every member has the knowledge to make health choices, graduates high school with a plan, and has the confidence to build a great future.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan is hiring seasonal employees at all summer locations. This is a great opportunity for college students, teachers, retirees, and community members who want to get involved. The Club is committed to hiring and developing a skilled and passionate team and is continuously looking for talented individuals interested in working with youth. Visit bgcswmi.org for more information and available opportunities.

For more information about Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan or to schedule an interview, contact Sherri Ulleg at 269.363.4806 or sulleg@bgcbh.org.



About Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan: Boys & Girls Clubs has served youth in Southwest Michigan since 1998. The Club provides after school and summer programs promoting academic and career development, character and leadership skills, and healthy lifestyles for nearly 1,900 youth and teens each year at two Benton Harbor legacy sites: the Fettig Youth Campus and Joel E. Smilow Teen Center, as well as community-based locations in Benton Heights, Bridgman, Buchanan, Lawrence, St. Joseph, South Haven, Sturgis, Three Oaks and White Pigeon. Learn more at www.bgcbh.org.

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[Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan Facebook Here.](#)

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Buchanan Losses • 05/02 – 05/09

Name	Age	Born	Died
Eugene “Gene” R. Layman	94	June 27, 1928	May 9, 2023
Patricia Jeffery	92	May 15, 1930	May 8, 2023
Ronald “Gene” Eugene Waldo	64	August 12, 1958	May 8, 2023
Deborah “Debbie” Lynn Naragon	61	January 28, 1962	May 5, 2023
Ralph Neal Blevins	70	September 8, 1952	May 2, 2023

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

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The Clark Barker – Issue 52



Spring Grasses

What a crazy spring this has been, hasn't it? My owner tells me that the state of Michigan has some wild weather in the springtime – and sometimes the weather just can't make up its mind! With the recent rain, my human and their neighbors have been mowing their yards. I just love it after they get done mowing, and I can roll in the freshly, mowed grass. There's just something about it. Hmmm, maybe it's the smell of the fresh-cut grass!

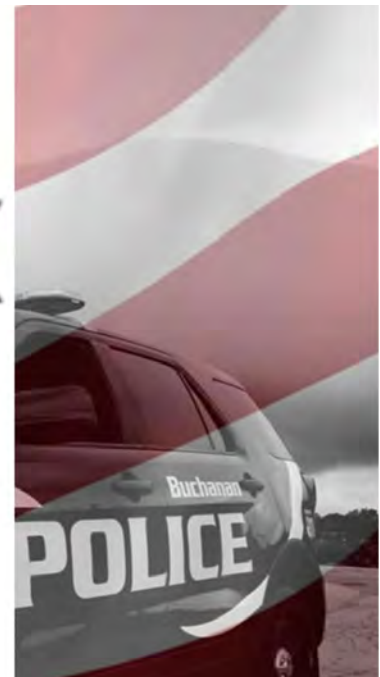
Anyways, as we have been on walks, some sidewalks have grass clippings on them. If you can, try to remember to have your grass clippings stay in the grass and not on the sidewalk, or not in the street as the City of Buchanan has reminded the public on their Facebook page from years past as I glanced at my human's computer while they were on Facebook. The grass clippings can get into the sewer and also be a hazard for others while on bicycles, motorcycles or walkers. I have seen people take their leaf blowers/rakes to move the grass clippings away from the sidewalk and/or street. I also heard that they can get slippery too. And it just looks nicer when a sidewalk/

street is cleaner.

So just a few tips from the Candid Canid. Enjoy the fresh, bright colors of spring that line our yards and streets!



Police Points – Call Log Issue 52



Police Call Log : March/April 2023

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	1
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	6
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	3
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	0
Aggravated Assault	3
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	6
Family/Other	2
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	0
Intimidation/Stalking	12
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	0
Damage to Property	2
Liquor Violations	1
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	7
Disorderly Conduct	2
Weapons Offense	1
Public Peace / Other	15
OUIL	1
Driving Law Violations	16
Health and Safety	7
Trespass	6
Juvenile Complaints	13
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	16
Abandoned Vehicle	5
Property Checks	1
Alarms	39

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	15
Suspicious Situations	54
Lost/Found Property	19
Natural Death	2
Accidental/Suicide	1
Medical Assist	89
General Assist	163
Ordinance Violations	56
Missing Person	2
VCSA	1

Total Calls March/April 2023 : 567

* Reminder: The time frame included in each Call Log may vary, and as such the total number of calls per Call Log will vary accordingly.*



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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A Note from the Editor – Issue 52



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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Happy Saturday everyone or if it is not Saturday while you are reading this issue I hope you are having a

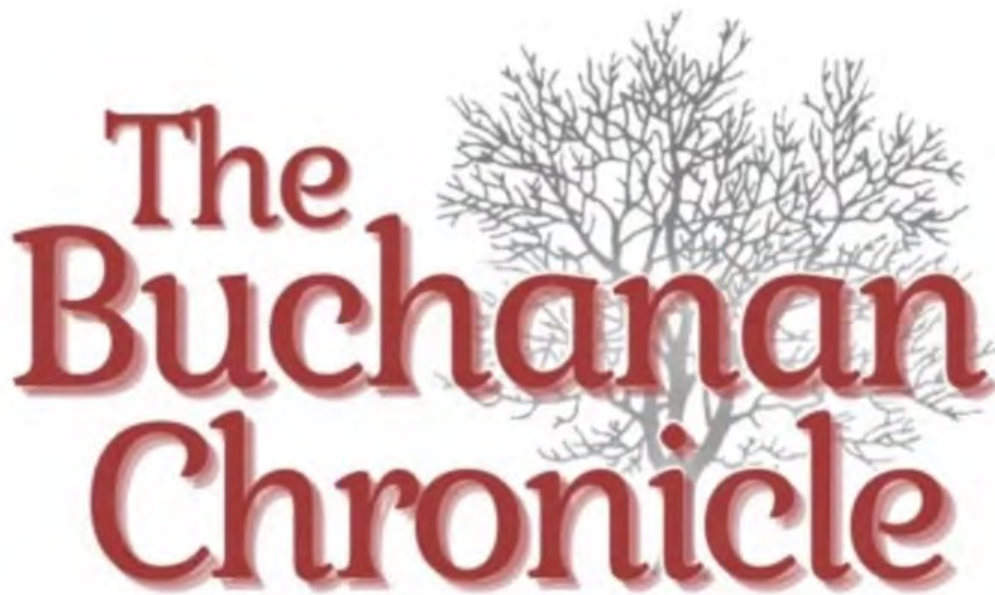
great day! It's been a beautiful past week and I hope to get some flowers in my yard soon!

Did anyone happen to check out the first Munchie Mondays on Days Avenue this week? If you didn't get that chance, you can every Monday – July 31 from 11:30am – 7pm. My husband Tom and I brought home dinner from there this week and we will be back. You can find our review on it in this issue.

We are getting more excited for our FIRST printed issue coming out late June! Our awesome team is working hard putting it together and we will let you know in June where to pick it up at local Buchanan businesses for FREE of charge or have it delivered to your mailbox. You can sign up now to subscribe [on our website here!](#) One other way to subscribe is to visit our Buchanan Farmers' Market booth on Saturday, June 10 from 8am – 1pm. This will be the last chance to get your name on the mailing list for the first issue. You may sign up for all quarterly issues as well.

Would you like to sponsor or advertise with us to help us make printed issues available? Send us an email to buchananchronicle@att.net or fill out our contact form on the [website](#). Thank you for reading this and please forward this onto your family and friends!

Happy Reading,
Rebecka Hoyt



Now That's Funny! – Issue 52



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by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

So I went golfing the other day with the family and we had a good time. Usually while playing golf one like myself can expect to lose a golf ball or break a golf tee. What happened to me was unexpected and well, funny! 🤔🤔 After playing the first three holes and teeing off at the fourth hole, as I start walking after the tee off my left foot didn't feel right when I'd step down. I looked down to see the sole of my left golf shoe just flopping off the shoe! After giving a little kick, the entire sole of the shoe came off! I had to walk the rest of the course without a sole on my left shoe. I joked with my wife that I lost my "sole" while playing golf! 🤔🤔🤔



Tom Lost His Sole at Golf, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Today's Dad joke: Why can't a bicycle stand up by itself? Because it's two-tired! 🤔🤔🤔
Keep laughing folks! 😊