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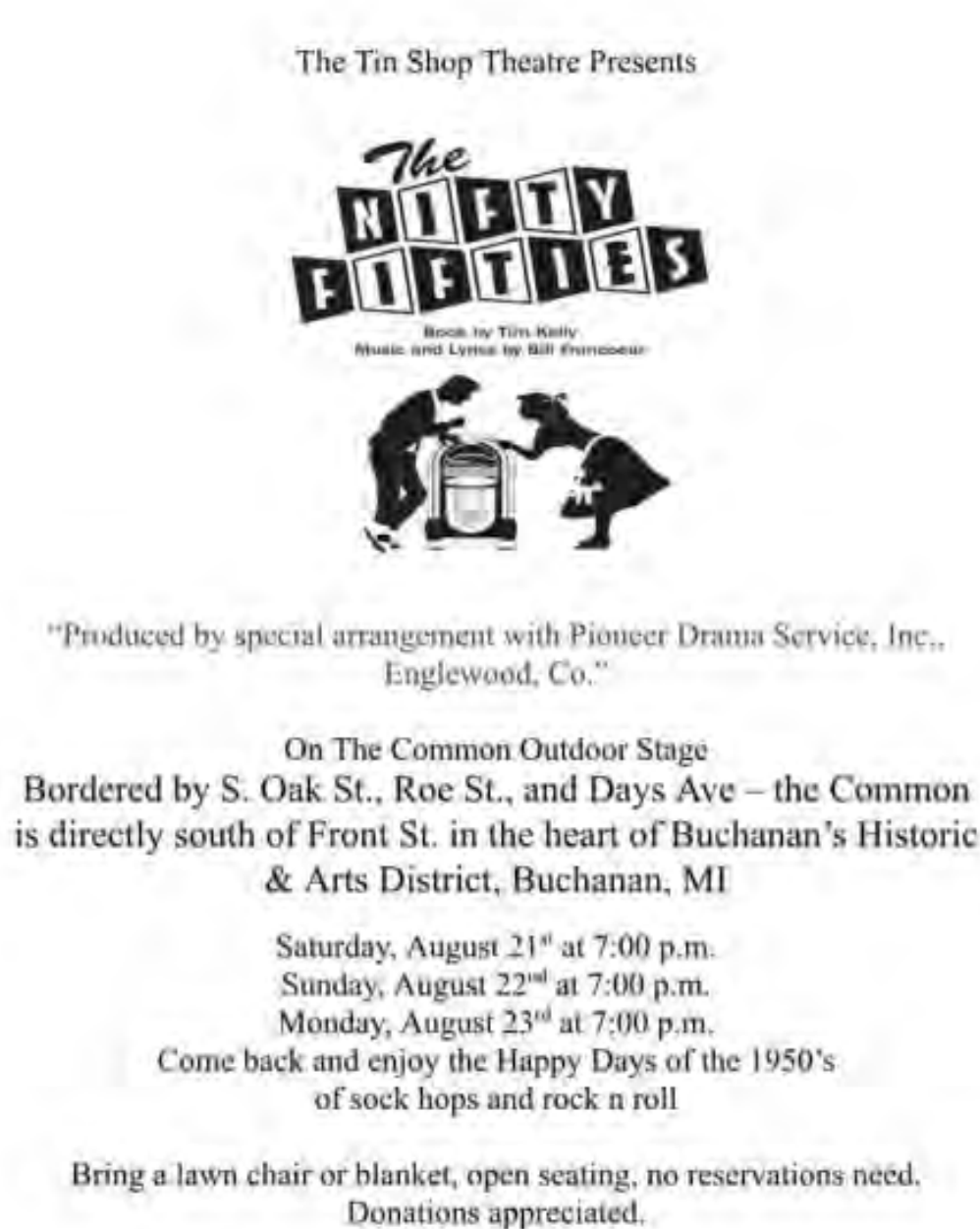
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## Upcoming Event – The Tin Shop Theatre Nifty Fifties



The Nifty Fifties flyer, from Tin Shop Theatre [Facebook](#)

### The Tin Shop Theatre Brings the Fifties Back to Buchanan!

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Attention! This Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (August 21-23, 2021) at 7:00pm on Buchanan Common Stage in downtown Buchanan, MI! Come dressed in your poodle skirts, saddle shoes, white t-shirts, jeans, and letter jackets, along with your black and white sneakers, and you will be matching with the great cast of "The Nifty Fifties."



The Nifty Fifties Play at Buchanan Common, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Alice Kring, this play's Director, invited me to come to their dress rehearsal this past Thursday evening and to do a review on "The Nifty Fifties." After seeing just the dress rehearsal, I definitely want to see this play again! With that being said, I will tell you a little about it, not all of it because I don't want to spoil it for you.



The Nifty Fifties Play at Buchanan Common, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

"The Nifty Fifties" play by Tim Kelly, Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur, is directed by Kelly Carlin and Alice Kring. It will take you back to the high school days of being at a local diner, a hippity hop may be in jeopardy, rivals in school, and the future outlook of the diner. The cast consists of very talented young and older actors. You might recognize some of them from our own town as well as others from surrounding school districts. There are only four adults in this play and the rest are younger.

| <b>Cast of Characters</b>   |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Donald Spinney.....         | Aly Hall                        |
| Louise.....                 | Julie Blaylock                  |
| Virginia Segal.....         | Hailey Amster                   |
| Edna Stover.....            | Angelina Warnke                 |
| Ann Collier.....            | Sarah Hadfield                  |
| Jane Connolly.....          | Taylor Swank                    |
| Muffin Mansfield.....       | Aleyna Vollman                  |
| Jughead Jarvis.....         | Evan Kring                      |
| Gracie Stanley.....         | Casey Dyczko                    |
| Rose Marie Famiano...       | Teagan Baxter                   |
| Evelyn Webber.....          | Josephine Place                 |
| Bob Stanley.....            | Toby Medukas                    |
| George Bullock.....         | Max Arbanas                     |
| Sinbad Gallucci.....        | Riley Perez                     |
| Riff.....                   | Robin Perez                     |
| Misty.....                  | Taryn Swank                     |
| Lennie King.....            | Dave Perez                      |
| Ziggy Springer.....         | Rylen Baker                     |
| Beverly Griffin.....        | Taylor Suery                    |
| Officer Moore.....          | Craig Sumerix                   |
| Mrs. Nicholson...           | Anne Marie Widmer               |
| Ziggy's Backup Singers...   | Claire & Audrey Laitz           |
| Ziggy's Saxophone player... | Brennen Weaver                  |
| Extra Students...           | Amariah Moten, Elizabeth Prince |

The Nifty Fifties Cast List, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

The music is outstanding which is directed by Music Director, Trevor Hough. Solos, and group songs will put a smile on your face, tap your feet, and maybe even get you out of your seat and do a little "boogie woogie!" The twisting and hopping dance moves were choreographed by Daysha Amster. You will be able to hear and see them well as DPM Events have them covered.



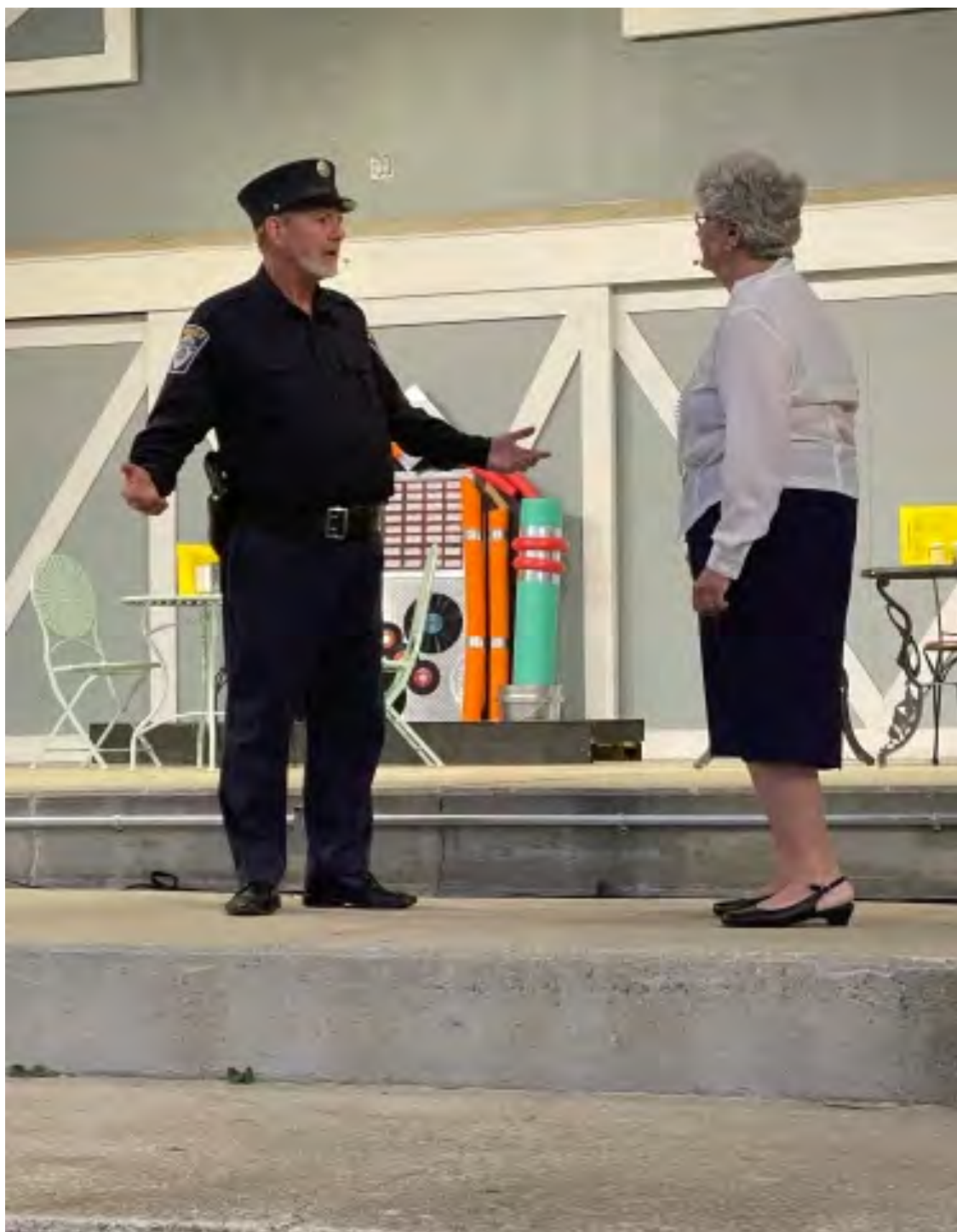
The Nifty Fifties Play at Buchanan Common, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

So, bring your family or a date with a picnic or snacks, blankets and chairs down to the Common tonight (8/21), tomorrow night (8/22) and Monday night (8/23). Each performance is at 7:00PM. Admission is free, however donations are accepted and you may sit anywhere on the lawn. Running time for the play is: 2 hours along with an intermission. The Production Sponsors are: the Brian Fisher Family, Larry Sehy, and Gary and Carol McKean.



The Nifty Fifties Play at Buchanan Common, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

“Grease” fans will love this and you may catch some similarities in it. So Buchanan, and anyone else reading this, take a break from the TV/Netflix and come on out and support this great group of actors all young and old before the kiddos go back to school!



The Nifty Fifties Play at Buchanan Common, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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## Mayor's Memo – 10th Issue



## 10th Issue Mayor's Memo

by Mayor Sean Denison

This year, I turn 50. I have found that the older I get, the more I appreciate freedom. Freedom to believe what you want, say what you want, do what you want. We are all entitled to our own opinions, and our own beliefs. Because we live in this great country, everyone has the right to voice their own opinion. I appreciate that. It does become a problem for me personally however, when someone expresses their opinion, and then tries to put others in a bad light because we don't share the same ideas.

The 24-hour news and social media circuit has created a society where people can easily criticize others, without fear or hesitation – and without ever leaving home. It has also made people believe that it is somehow their duty to let everyone know their opinion.

Here are my thoughts on that:

1. 9 out of 10 people don't care about your opinion and the other one is lying to you.
2. If you see that a large number of people enjoy something, but you don't – leave it alone. Don't participate in it, don't watch it or support it – but don't criticize others for enjoying it.
3. We don't need to create drama over every issue. Let's save our energy for issues that require fighting, like real social injustices, child abuse and things of that nature.

Living free requires us to allow others to have their freedom as well, whether we agree with them or not.

Thank you, see you around town,  
Sean Denison, Mayor  
sdenison@cityofbuchanan.com  
Buchanan City Hall  
302 N Redbud Trail  
Buchanan, MI 49107

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Mayor Sean Denison, Spring 2021, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

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## Nature Notes – Monarch Migration



## **The Great Monarch Migration is Underway!**

by Jill K. McDonald



Monarch Butterfly Beauty, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

As we move into late summer, seasonal changes in nature are underway. As I sit upon my porch typing this article, mornings are definitely becoming cooler more often. The crickets' peaceful chirping still graces me and birds sing in the trees nearby, as the sun slowly climbs in the sky. There is dew on the grass which dampens my feet when I walk through it. And my hibiscus are still in bloom, though seed pods are beginning to form.

There are many seasonal changes that bring me joy. Some are simple joys nearby and other changes are on a grander scale. One such amazing feat is that of the migration of monarch butterflies!

Monarchs are instinctively driven to migrate south by the seasonal changes of shorter day length and cooler temperatures, beginning in late August. Although mostly solitary, monarchs fly in masses to southern roost sites where they overwinter.

If you are lucky, you may witness an amazing Midwest spectacle in autumn. Along Lake Michigan, monarchs concentrate as they follow the shoreline while making their way south. On days with north or northeast winds, the butterflies can conserve their energy by gliding on the air currents.

West of the Rocky Mountains, monarchs will gather along coastal California in wooded areas. East of the Rockies, monarchs will migrate to central Mexico and overwinter in forests until early spring.

The arrival of monarchs in Mexico coincides near El Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, on November 1, honoring deceased loved ones.

When spring arrives in Mexico, the monarchs begin to mate and lay eggs. These winter monarchs will have lived eight or nine months, whereas a summer monarch lives only three to five weeks. As they migrate north in spring, it will take three generations before they arrive again in southwest Michigan.

As stated on Monarch Watch, "To assure a future for monarchs, conservation and restoration of milkweeds needs to become a national priority."

Every person can make positive choices that benefit monarchs. Provide nectar-rich flowers and their larval host plant of milkweed, which is often considered a weed.

For more information, check out <https://monarchwatch.org> and <https://journeynorth.org/monarchs>.

If you slow down, even for a few moments, may you soak in and enjoy the simple seasonal changes that surround you. Happy late summer!

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## Local Clubs – Eagle Scouts



Kyle Welch at work, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

## Stepping on up to Eagle Scout

**Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer; Additional photos submitted by Jerry Flenar**

Kyle Welch, a senior at Brandywine High School has been working on his Eagle Scout Project. He decided to put in steps in the [Stafford Woods Park](#) (map link) at McCoy Creek on the west side of Schirmer Parkway here in Buchanan, MI on August 12, 2021. You can get to it from the main parking lot, but it can be quite a hike where there is a bench located at the top of a hill – a steep one, or from the west side of Schirmer Parkway at the curve and you

enter on a footpath. Please watch out for traffic if you park on the side of the road. He had the help of his Troop #541 and leaders.



Kyle and Team at work step-making, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

When asked why it was important to him in why he chose this as his Eagle Scout Project, he said, "To help the community make their way on the McCoy Creek Trail as it is very steep and make it accessible. It makes me happy and the satisfaction in the OA to be a cheerful servant and you live like that, and it makes you feel better. I have done countless service projects for the community and I love doing it." Our community should be very grateful for this idea that he came up with before Covid-19/December 2019, and now they finally have the opportunity to complete the project. The walk down to the bridge that his troop put in before is a steep one. There is a well-needed railing as well as a bench. While observing the troop placing the steps, they would come upon all sizes of rocks and many roots! They were prepared with axes, shovels, and a reciprocating saw to remove them.



Steps added to McCoy Creek Trail

Kyle stated, "The troop in the last decade have done other projects on the McCoy Creek Trail from the Pressey Tower out by the high school, the bridge at the bottom of these steps, and bird houses." The scouts in the troop are: Kyle, Tristan, Jase, and Daniel. Along with three adults: Bill Blunka, Dave Guisbert and Jeremy Lausch. Kyle has helped on previous Eagle Projects in the past, so he knows the kind of work that goes into these projects. He has been in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts since 2009.



Steps added to McCoy Creek Trail

Kyle's plans after school is to go into 3D artist/creative games. He would like to make a Sci-Fi game series ever since he was in the 5th grade. So, go on out there and check it out. Just be careful that you don't get carried away by the mosquitoes on a humid day! Thank you Kyle for helping to care for our community and another safe way for others to discover the McCoy Creek Trail.

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](#)

Bill Blumka, Scoutmaster

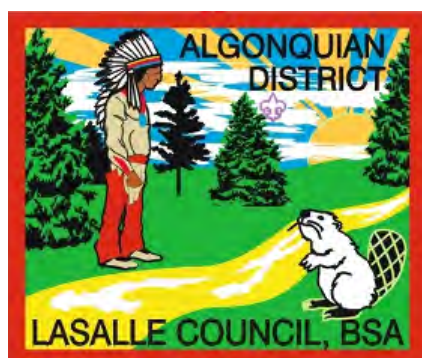
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## A Note from the Editor – Our 10th Issue!



**by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor**

I cannot believe it, this is our 10th issue! My oh my, where has the time gone? It seems just like yesterday our first issue was published and that was on the first day of Spring. And I want to thank all of you who have been reading, sharing, liking our Facebook page, and commenting as it fills our hearts to the brim! Also, I need to thank our GREAT team of volunteers. Without you, we would not be able to put this digital newspaper together. All of you have a special talent, no matter how small your role is with us. THANK YOU!!

As Jen Garry, our publisher, stated in the last issue, we are always accepting opinion pieces. So please email them to us at: [buchananchronicle@att.net](mailto:buchananchronicle@att.net) We also have advertising available so we can build up our funds to have future The Buchanan Chronicle issues printed. Feel free to pass that on to others in our community or send us an email.

We currently have a "Call for Volunteer Writers." If you know of someone or if you are interested in covering community meetings, events, clubs, etc... please send us a message through the website, Facebook Messenger, or call at 269-697-9874.

This 10th issue is filled with quite a bit of information, so take a look at all of it, don't miss anything! And stay tuned for some exciting articles. See you around town and do not be shy to say "Hi!"

Happy Readings,  
Rebecka Hoyt



# The Buchanan Chronicle

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**Local Places – BASC Memorial Garden**



Freida Barker Memorial Garden sign, Photo by Garrick Stubblefield

## Opening of Freida Barker Memorial Garden at Buchanan Area Senior Center

by Garrick Stubblefield

On August 8, 2021 I had the opportunity to enjoy the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Freida Barker Memorial Garden at Buchanan Area Senior Center. Back in 2019 the Memorial Garden's planning began; a ceremony was planned to honor the beautiful accomplishment before COVID19 struck.

Adam Burck, BASC's Executive Director, was happy to see a good turnout for this important ceremony. Adam has been Executive Director since 2019 and this was one of the first things he was involved in planning. He also mentioned that since the Memorial Garden's yield came in, they have produced over 650 quarts of vegetables, and also that their produce is all organic.



Freida Barker Memorial Garden, Photos by Garrick Stubblefield

Adams invites one and all to come see the BASC Freida Barker Memorial Garden.

Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator, helps the seniors and volunteers in making the Garden grow. Diana joined BASC last year and enjoys her position there. She just loves walking into the Center Monday through Friday, and seeing and working with all the heart-filled people there.



Freida Barker Memorial Garden Ceremony, Photos by Garrick Stubblefield

Kevin Barker, son of Freida Barker, was very honored in the Center's naming of the Memorial Garden after his mother, as was his brother Joe. His pride in his mother shone through, as she was very active in the City of Buchanan. Kevin mused how, when his mom would travel to and from town, she would travel about 10mph, which would result in a parade behind her.



Freida Barker Memorial Garden sign, Photos by Garrick Stubblefield

The talented Daniel Carlson of Abandoned Relik (201 E Front St, Buchanan MI) donated his craftsmanship in designing and installing the Garden's sign. On top of his full time job, he does historic restorations on the 1911 F.S. Carbon Building at 105 Days Ave, founding home of Carbon's Golden Malted Pancake and Waffle Flour. Dan has been tackling every adventure that comes his way in this fashion for a good 20 years.

For more information on programs/classes you can contact Program Coordinator, Diana Smuda at the BASC at 269-695-7119 or via email: [diana@thebasc.org](mailto:diana@thebasc.org)

| Buchanan Area Senior Center - August 2021 Calendar                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Exercise / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Monday                                                                                                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                    | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <sup>2</sup><br>10:00 Line Dancing with Linda<br>11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda<br>11:00 Euchre<br>11:00 Mah Jongg                                                                     | <sup>3</sup><br>9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy<br>11:00 Blood Pressure Check<br>11:00 Pinochle<br>11:00 Quilting & Sewing                                                                                   | <sup>4</sup><br>9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing<br>9:00 Coffee Chat: The Buchanan Chronicle<br>10:15 Chair Exercise with CC<br>11:00 Exercise Equipment Orientation<br>11:00 Hand & Foot<br>6:00 Pinochle | <sup>5</sup><br>9:00 Walk Day<br>9:30 Eyeglass Repair<br>10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>11:00 Cribbage<br>11:30 Tai Chi for Balance                                     | <sup>6</sup><br>9:00 Powerbeats with Missy<br>10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz<br>11:00 Memorial Garden Celebration<br>11:00 Fiber Friends                                                                             |
| <sup>9</sup><br>10:00 Line Dancing with Linda<br>11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda<br>11:00 Euchre<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>Time TBD—Field Trip<br>Wonderland Cinema<br>Movie: Jungle Cruise | <sup>10</sup><br>9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy<br>11:00 Blood Pressure Check<br>11:00 Pinochle<br>11:00 Quilting & Sewing<br>11:30 Pill Drop Off                                                           | <sup>11</sup><br>10:15 Chair Exercise with CC<br>11:00 Hand & Foot<br>2:00 Create a Personalized Journal/Notebook<br>6:00 Pinochle                                                                         | <sup>12</sup><br>9:00 Foot Clinic<br>10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>11:00 Cribbage<br>11:00 Monthly CSEF Commodities<br>11:30 Tai Chi for Balance<br>3:00 Board Meeting | <sup>13</sup><br>9:00 Powerbeats with Missy<br>10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz<br>11:00 Fiber Friends<br>11:00 Movie Matinee: Babe                                                                                    |
| <sup>16</sup><br>10:00 Line Dancing with Linda<br>11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda<br>11:00 Euchre<br>11:00 Mah Jongg                                                                    | <sup>17</sup><br>9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy<br>11:00 Adventures in Caregiving/Caregiver Self-Care<br>11:00 Blood Pressure Check<br>11:00 Pinochle<br>11:00 Quilting & Sewing<br>2:00 Hearing Aid Clinic | <sup>18</sup><br>10:15 Chair Exercise with CC<br>11:00 Qtly TEFAP Commodities<br>12:30 Root Beer Floats<br>11:00 Hand & Foot<br>6:00 Pinochle                                                              | <sup>19</sup><br>9:30 Eyeglass Repair<br>10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike<br>10:30 Book Club<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>11:00 Cribbage<br>11:30 Tai Chi for Balance                                  | <sup>20</sup><br>9:00 Powerbeats with Missy<br>10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz<br>11:00 Fiber Friends<br>11:00 National Senior Citizens Day Celebration<br>2:00 Conversations with Deborah Hendrix, BASC Board Member |
| <sup>23</sup><br>10:00 Line Dancing with Linda<br>11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda<br>11:00 Euchre<br>11:00 Mah Jongg                                                                    | <sup>24</sup><br>9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy<br>11:00 Blood Pressure Check<br>11:00 Pinochle<br>11:00 Quilting & Sewing                                                                                  | <sup>25</sup><br>12:00 Senior Picnic                                                                                                                                                                       | <sup>26</sup><br>10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>11:00 Cribbage<br>11:30 Tai Chi for Balance                                                                             | <sup>27</sup><br>9:00 Powerbeats with Missy<br>10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz<br>11:30 Lunch Bunch<br>11:00 Fiber Friends<br>11:00 Movie Matinee: A League of Their Own                                              |
| <sup>30</sup><br>10:00 Line Dancing with Linda<br>11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda<br>12:30 Ice Cream Social<br>11:00 Euchre<br>11:00 Mah Jongg                                          | <sup>31</sup><br>9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy<br>11:00 GrandPad Orientation & Training<br>11:00 Blood Pressure Check<br>11:00 Pinochle<br>11:00 Quilting & Sewing                                         | Join the BASC at the Buchanan Concert at The Commons<br><br>Saturday, August 14<br><br>Listen to live music by Chippewapalooz<br><br>Call 695-7119 for a ride                                              | Senior Picnic Las Vegas Style<br><br>Wednesday, August 25, 12:00 pm<br><br>Ticket Required—Stop by the BASC to pick up your ticket!                                                         | Memorial Garden Ribbon—Cutting Ceremony<br><br>Friday, August 6, 11:00 am                                                                                                                                            |

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## Community Announcement – Recognition



Army Reserve Col. Todd Herrick, Photo submitted by Elena Patton

## Congratulations to Army Reserve Col. Todd Herrick

**Submitted by Elena Patton, Public Affairs Specialist, and Mimi Herrick**

Army Reserve Col. Todd Herrick, a University of Notre Dame graduate, completed a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, July 23, 2001.

The Army War College provides the Army's senior professional military education. Lt. Gen. Laura Potter, Deputy Chief of Staff for intelligence of the United States Army, presided and spoke to the class of 382 senior officers, international officers, and civilians serving at the Senior Executive Service level or above.

Next, Herrick will be stationed at the Pentagon, serving on the Joint Staff in Current Operations.

Colonel Herrick is from Buchanan, MI and along with his wife, Mimi, they have two children, Eloise Herrick & Courtney Fogle.



## Police Points – Officer Brie’s Tips



Officer Brie, Buchanan City Police Department, Photo still from video on BCPD Facebook

## School Bus Safety Tips

by Officer Brie – Buchanan City Police Department



School Bus Safety Poster, Buchanan City Police Department

Today we are talking about stopping for school buses! When you see those flashing lights and stop sign make sure you STOP! Here are the things you need to remember when you see a school bus stopped:

- Stay away from the bus when the lights are flashing and stop sign is out! State law states NO LESS THAN 20 ft from the bus.
- Stop when the lights start flashing, not just when the stop sign comes out...you know what they are about to do.
- All traffic at an intersection must stop for the bus that has their lights and stop sign activated.
- All traffic MUST STOP unless upon a highway that has been divided into 2 roadways by leaving an intervening space, or by a physical barrier.
- Wait until the lights stop flashing and the stop sign is no longer visible before you proceed.
- If the driver puts their hazard lights on and pulls off to the side of the road, proceed with caution if there is no oncoming traffic, and if is safe to do so.
- BE PATIENT. School bus drivers will wait until all vehicles come to a complete stop before they signal the child to A. Cross the road, or B. Get onto the bus.
- If you pass a school bus while they are picking up children, YOU WILL receive a citation. Many states, including ours, are cracking down on drivers who decide to pass while the bus is stopped.

Help keep our children safe by stopping for ALL school buses! You can wait an extra few minutes, because whatever has you rushed, it is not worth a child's life. Please report if you see someone pass a school bus with their lights and stop sign activated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at Buchanan City Police Department (269)695-5120.

Like us on [Facebook](#) for more tips of the week!

Stay safe out there 😊

~ Officer Brie



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## BCS Superintendent's Note – August 2021



Superintendent of Schools

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*"Educating students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical, and social and emotional lives."*

### A Note from BCS Superintendent

by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent

Welcome Back Buck Families!

We are excited to receive students back to school on Aug 30, 2021.

We know that everyone needed a break to reflect, relax and recharge this summer. We are planning to return

to school in a traditional manner however, we will also be prepared to make changes to our method of instruction if there is a need.

Our teachers are prepping their classrooms and making instructional plans for the first weeks of school.

Fall athletics are underway and we are sure to have another successful year. Our Return to Learn Plan was released late July.

You can access all updated information on our website. The Buck Bulletin was also released on our website and you will receive a hard-copy mailed to your homes soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Clicking [HERE](#) will take you directly to our website. Go Bucks!

Educationally yours,



Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools

## Community Announcement – Cans for Veterans

### The Buchanan Chronicle Collects Can Donations for Veterans

by Garrick Stubblefield

The Buchanan Chronicle and I are asking you and those you know to drop off a deposit return can or bottle for us to donate the proceeds to local veterans.

We will collect from August 21 to November 7.

We will have locations at:

- Buchanan District Library
- Buchanan Area Senior Center
- Redbud Hardware
- Buchanan Harding's.

Our goal is to raise money for our local veterans to help and honor them. So with your kindness please drop a can or bottle in either location, and know the proceeds will benefit our local heroes. We plan to add collection locations as we can, so keep looking for them around Buchanan.

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## Upcoming Event – Buchanan-Galien Lions Club



Saturday August 28 Event Poster – Kickball and Corn/Sausage Roast

- *Who:* Buchanan-Galien Lions Club
- *Where:* McCoy Creek Recreational Fields
- *What:* Fundraiser Family Event
- *When:* Kickball from 10am, Roast happens noon-6pm
- *How much:* \$25 a person for Kickball and \$10 a person for food

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club will be hosting a kickball tournament, and a corn and sausage roast Saturday August 28th, at the McCoy Creek Recreational Fields!

- Help us raise funds while having fun!
- Costumes, and team shirts welcome
- Maximum 12 players on a roster (co-ed 18 yrs and older)
- Questions:
  - call Michelle 269-591-2961
  - mholloway@ymcagm.org
- Register online at: [https://buy.ticketstothecity.com/purchase.php?date\\_id=35568](https://buy.ticketstothecity.com/purchase.php?date_id=35568)

BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021, Photo from BCS

## **Buchanan Farmers' Market – Youth Entrepreneurs Day 2021**



Youth Entrepreneurs Day sign at Buchanan Farmers' Market, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

### **Youth Entrepreneur Day at Buchanan Farmers' Market**

**Submitted by Ashley Hanson**

Write-up by Head Master of Buchanan Farmers' Market, Ashley Hanson and The Buchanan Chronicle Editor, Rebecka Hoyt, photos submitted by Ashley Hanson

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS DAY IS FINALLY HERE. Come check out all the young business owners today. Regular vendors are here as well. Farmers' Market runs every Saturday from 8am until 1pm thru mid October.

Two of the kiddos are contributing their proceeds to a cause. Profit from the lemonade stand will go towards

LaBella's pen pal that lives in Ecuador. While all sales from Julie's cookies are for future printed issues of The Buchanan Chronicle. Come down and show all our entrepreneurs your support.



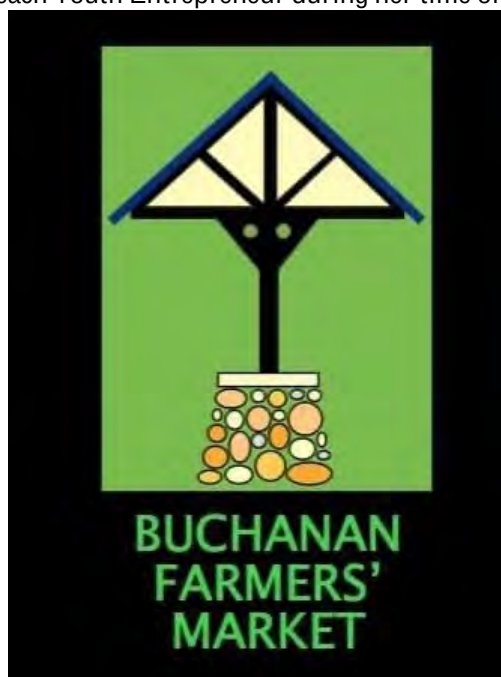
*Julie Hoyt's cookie proceeds went to The Buchanan Chronicle*



*LaBella's lemonade profits went to her pen pal in Ecuador*

Youth Entrepreneurs at Buchanan Farmers' Market, Photos by Ashley Hanson

You may also click here: [Stacey Martin's The Folks Back Home blog](#) for more photos and interviews that Stacey Martin conducted with each Youth Entrepreneur during her time of visiting their booth.





## Buchanan Community Schools – Little Bucks Bookmobile



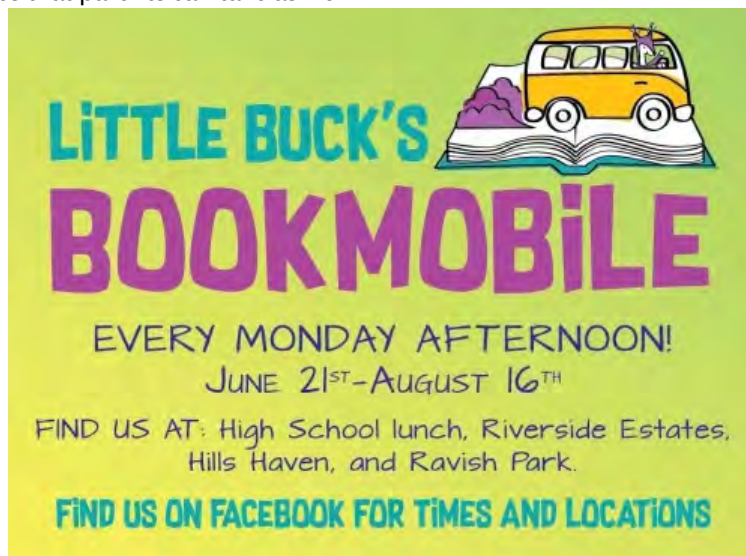
Little Bucks Bookmobile

## Little Bucks Bookmobile Summer 2021

Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

For the last five years, Buchanan Community School staff have volunteered their time to the Little Bucks Bookmobile. The Little Bucks Bookmobile is an old school bus that was purchased from the St. Joseph County

Library in South Bend, IN by the Ottawa PTO and also by donations from the following organizations/businesses: AEP, Buchanan Scarecrow Charities, Honor Credit Union, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, Nulty Insurance, and many others in the community. In this bus, you will find a variety of books for children in Buchanan as well as some magazines that parents can take as well.



Little Bucks Bookmobile flyer

Each year, the Bookmobile sees 20-30 kids per week and 300 – 500 books that get into the little hands of our little bucks. Each kid can keep the books that they chose or they can bring them back if they want. Disney, Dr. Seuss and Jack in the Box are just a few of the popular books being asked for. If you have a younger child that is not in preschool yet, you can grab some toddler board books as well.



Bookmobile Volunteers L-R: Kelly Smith, Lisa Traeger, & Wendy Murphy; Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Wendy Murphy, Kelly Smith and Lisa Traeger were the volunteers at the time I visited them. They like it when they “Get to see the students that we used to teach and how much they have grown,” stated Lisa Traeger. Driver of the Little Bucks Bookmobile, Wendy Murphy said that “Some kids don’t have a library card so we bring the “little library” to them.” Monetary donations help the Little Bucks Bookmobile with the cost of maintenance and providing books to these eager readers. You may donate [on the Bookmobile Go Fund Me website](#) to keep it

going each summer.



Magazine rack inside Bookmobile, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Little Bucks Bookmobile heads out to four locations in Buchanan at scheduled times on Monday afternoons throughout the summer. It goes to: Buchanan High School lunch, Riverside Estates, Hills Haven and Ravish Park. While summer school was going on at Buchanan Middle School, they headed over there on Thursdays. At the time of this issue being published, the Bookmobile had their last scheduled date this past Monday, August 16. So, be sure to keep this in mind for next summer and visit their [Little Bucks Bookmobile Facebook Page](#) for more details.

About Little Bucks Bookmobile: A group of Buchanan community members volunteered their time to

start a book mobile. The Little Bucks Bookmobile is a travelling library where children can choose books to take home and read. It is completely free to families so if books are damaged or not returned there is no penalty or fee. Reading is a fundamental skill that children need to be successful but access to interesting and age appropriate reading material can be a problem. This is why we started this program. It is not currently receiving any funding so it relies heavily on donations and community members spending their own money on supplies.

Here is their [GoFundMe Page](#).

Here is their [Facebook Page](#).

Here is their [Info on the Buchanan Community Schools page](#).

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## Now That's Funny! – Issue 10



by Thomas Hoyt

Now here's a story about my Grandfather, Chet Hoyt, who owned and operated a florist shop in Dowagiac, MI, long before I was born. This all happened sometime in the 1950's when a circus visited Dowagiac.

They had a parade that passed in front of my Grandfather's shop, Chet Hoyt Florist, on Division Street. In

this parade was as you would expect some elephants. One of the elephants as it was passing by dropped a good load in front of my Grandfather's shop.

So, my Grandpa Chet, being the good person he was, grabbed a shovel and took it out to the road and scooped up that pile of dung. Instead of simply burying this good "fertilizer", he decided to put it to use.

Grandpa Chet went back into his greenhouse workbench and took a potted flower. He removed the flower plant from the pot, then cut off the bottom half of the soil and roots of the plant. He then put the elephant dung into the bottom of the pot, then placed the plant back into the pot over the elephant dung. He packed it down nicely, then wrapped it all up in a very nice bow and packaging. Grandpa Chet then sent this potted plant to the local attorney. 😊

A few weeks later Grandpa Chet received a phone call from this attorney telling him thanks for the flower and that it grew very big and beautiful, but for some reason it stunk really bad! 🤢

Keep laughing folks! 😊

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## Did You Know? – Helpful Hints

by Garrick Stubblefield

When I come across a helpful hint or interesting fact here or there, I'd like to share it with you all, our readers. Let's jump right in with one.

If possible, picture a screwdriver tool. It can be flat-head or Phillips, doesn't matter, so long as its the kind with the handle with ridges down the grip.

Turn it so you're holding it by the steel tip part, considering the ridges down the grip; now ponder their purpose. If you've never heard this, now you know: the ridges fit inside a wrench tool, so you can get extra torque in your turn. This will help you tighten without plastic stripping issues!

Hope it was helpful, and I'll let you know when I find more.

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## Upcoming Event – BAMA Faith and Family Day



BAMA Faith and Family Day poster

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Ministerial Association
- *Where:* Buchanan Common

- *What:* Faith and Family Day
- *When:* Sunday, August 29, 2p-4p

This year we will have free school supplies, backpacks, food and additional resources available. We will also have a couple bands who will be playing during the event. Feel free to stop by and pick up what you need, or stay and enjoy the day. We hope to see you there!

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## Bucktown Then and Now – What A Ride! Part I



by Van Young

### Part One of *What A Ride!*

Close to 80 years ago, my mother, brother, and I arrived on a cold March evening at Buchanan's railroad station. We expected that Dad or a cab would be available but....no one but the three of us! With suitcases and bags in hand, we made our way down Days Avenue to the hotel. It had a pay telephone booth and we could hear Mom telling Dad we HAD arrived! Ten years later, I left Buchanan after graduation from BHS and headed for New Orleans but gave that up within three months, and headed back "home" to Buchanan.

From March 1942 til January 1955, I arrived in Buchanan as a six year-old child and left a young man. Those years in Buchanan, or Bucktown, provided some of the best years of my life! Like a lot of other "new" folks in town in 1942, we were there because Dad, at 33, thought he could serve the war effort best by making army truck axles at Clark Equipment. Mom worked there for a couple of years as well. Clarence (also known by his friends as Nature Boy) and I would take a warm meal to Dad and he would crawl out the window to sit with us. Across the road, a huge collection of trailers were being used by black workers only. The whites were in portable homes on Red Bud. We thought we had left that prejudice behind in Missouri but in the '40's we saw it everywhere. My classmate, Turner Bobbitt, the only male black in our class, and I attended a movie at the Hollywood theater. He was told to sit in the balcony and I had to sit downstairs. The last I heard of Turner, he had a huge, beautiful home on a mountain top. He also owned one of the most successful construction companies in California.

Our family had spent most of the 30's on a farm in Cotton Plant, Missouri, with no electricity. Buchanan was aglow with lights. Once our folks were paid by the factory, they bought a radio, we listened it on til bedtime. I recall hearing about the Bataan Death March on the news and that was when I realized how barbaric war could be. In the evenings, the four of us would gather around the radio for special programs. Gabriel Heater and Walter Winchell kept us posted on the war. About once a week, we walked to downtown to the Hollywood Theatre. It cost Dad

around 64 cents for all four of us: 12 cents each for Clarence and me and 20 cents for each of the folks. The theatre always had a film showing what was going on at the war front. Popcorn cost five cents! We noted that our school teachers were taking tickets to enhance their teachers' pay!

The theatre owner, Don Roe Pears, had served in both WW1 and WW2, and served as a Michigan politician. He was one of the first movie owners who showed "the facts" about baby-making with a show for the gals and then the same show for the guys! We always looked forward to the news reels, usually on Sunday and Monday. In the middle of the week, Don scheduled "special" programs. Most of the time it involved big bands, my first encounter with jazz! It wasn't until the early '50's that folks took a chance on a television. At a store three about four stores west of the theatre, Batchelors Appliance store. Folks would gather on the sidewalk looking at the tv in the window. The TV was very snowy at that time but we were still attracted.

My brother and I made the most of the great teachers we had at the high school. He became especially attracted to the sports and eventually he wrote up the games for the Berrien County Record. After serving in the army later, he was a full-time sports reporter for several newspapers. He was a close friend of Coach Ray Steffin, our basketball coach. When Coach Steffen moved to Kalamazoo to coach at K-College, he knew Clarence was very active in Indiana with covering basketball, especially colleges on Coach Steffin's list. We also had a first class football coach in Lester Miller. BHS was in a conference called the "Big Four." The other schools were far larger than ours; however, Lester's team won first place for three straight years!

Buchanan moved its sporting area to be nearer the high school: Victory Field. The high school football team used one area. We had a baseball field as well as a softball field. Clarence and I would play baseball in a league in the late afternoon and then we'd move to the softball field. Some businesses had teams in one league, and in addition to the high school baseball team, a group of high school guys who played at both Victory Field and "on the road." There was also a church league! It was a busy, busy field during the summer. We also had leagues for basketball. I remember having to guard Coach Ray Steffen and I do remember his elbows!

Stay tuned for Part 2 in our first issue of September.

\*The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for guest writers to be showcased. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submissions as received.\*

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## Community Press Release – Buchanan Promise



Buchanan Promise

## Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Presents "Promise Fulfilled"

**Buchanan, MI – August 13, 2021**

The Board of Trustees for Michigan Gateway Community Foundation would like to present the next chapter of Buchanan Promise. This school year represented a great deal of hardship for our students as they continued to navigate COVID19. With those hardships, also came great opportunities for our students to achieve great things. Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, home of the Buchanan Promise, would like to celebrate those victories with highlighting student stories and their educational journey through Buchanan Promise.

Our first video can be found at [buchananpromise.com](https://buchananpromise.com) and highlights the remarkable story of Buchanan's own, Alex Tobler. She recently graduated from Adrian College and received the full \$10,000 Buchanan Promise award. We appreciate her letting us follow her journey and look forward to sharing more of these stories with our community in the future.

Founded in 1978, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation serves southern Berrien County and Cass County Michigan. The Foundation was established with gifts from many citizens in amounts ranging from a few dollars to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Only the income generated by the investment of these gifts is used in grant making. A gift to the community funds, such as those from Niles, Buchanan, and from Cass County, serve these communities in perpetuity.

If you have any questions or wish to learn more, visit [buchananpromise.com](http://buchananpromise.com) or call our foundation offices at 269-695-3521.

Sincerely,  
Michael P. Rowland, President/CEO

**About Buchanan Promise:** Buchanan Promise is a post-secondary education scholarship program that provides financial assistance to graduates of Buchanan Community Schools residing within the Buchanan School District geographic boundaries. Eligible students will receive a place-based scholarship to assist families with the cost of attending a college or university, trade or certificate program. Application fees are not covered by the scholarship.

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

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## Board of Education Meeting Agenda • July 19 2021

### Agenda from Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

Please note that the Board of Education Meeting Agenda is posted below. At the end of the agenda, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of the meeting. Also, the meeting minutes will not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they are available.

## Begin Agenda:

### I. Call to Order

#### 1. President Dr. Harvey Burnett opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

- We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.
- All regular meetings have been posted on our district website, in our central office, and in each district school building. Tonight's agenda has been posted on our website and emailed out to the BCS Board of Education Community Subscription. Our school board members receive the agenda and all supporting documents for reports and action items several days prior to this scheduled meeting, so they can review information, prepare questions or comments, and are ready to participate fully in the discussions and votes that encompass the duties of their office.
- This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.
- There is a time for regular public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item G. If you wish to make a presentation to the Board, please fill out the Speaker Card and pass it to the Board President before item G on the agenda.
- *Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!*

### II. Roll Call

### III. Adoption of Agenda

### IV. Recognition of Visitors

### V. Superintendent/Department Reports

#### 1. BCS 2021-2022 Return to Learn Plan

#### 2. BCS Video Debut

### VI. Information/Reports & New Business

#### 1. Human Resources Committee – July 8th Meeting

#### 2. Finance Committee – July 12th Meeting

### VII. Community Dialogue/Citizens' Concerns

### VIII. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items

### VIX. Recommended Action – Other

#### 1. BEA Letter of Agreement

#### 2. Superintendent Contract Amendment

#### 3. Update Authorized Banking Users

#### 4. BCS 2021-2022 Return to Learn Plan

#### 5. Statement of Assurance

### XXIV. Questions & Comments From Board Members

### XXV. Next Board Meeting:

#### 1. Monday, August 16th at 6pm

### XXVI. Adjournment:

You may view the completed July 19, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes on [the Buchanan Community Schools website here](#).

Stay tuned-in for the next issue as Superintendent Patricia Robinson updates the community on returning to

school this fall. Buchanan Community Schools start August 30th, so keep an eye out for the Buck Bulletin.



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## City Commission Meeting Agenda • August 09 2021

Write-Up by Editor Rebecka Hoyt, Agenda by City Clerk Barbara A. Pitcher

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The Buchanan City Commission met for their Monday meeting August 09th 2021 at 7:00 pm, in person again, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

### Begin Agenda:

MONDAY, August 09, 2021 – 7:00 PM

#### I. Call to Order

1. Mayor Denison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### II. Recognition

1. Recognize Hannah Roberts, Women's BMX Freestyle Silver Medalist at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games
  - We honor Hannah Roberts' many achievements by issuing the following proclamation.
2. Recognize Mike Baker as the City's new Director of Public Services
  - We honor Mike Baker for his 18 years of service to the City of Buchanan. We appreciate the knowledge and experience he has amassed over those years and congratulate him on his promotion to the role of Director of Public Services.
3. Recognize Tim Ganus for being named the City's new Director of Public Safety
  - Tim Ganus has been an officer with the City of Buchanan for 9 years and our Chief of Police since January 2020. We honor him for his service and appreciate the knowledge and experience he has amassed over those years and congratulate him on his promotion to the role of expanded role as the Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police.

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

#### IV. Roll Call

#### V. Approve Agenda

1. Additions to the Agenda
2. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

1. Approve Minutes
  - July 26, 2021, Regular Meeting; July 27, 2021, Special Meeting of the Joint City Commission and Planning Commission; August 4, 2021, Special Meeting
2. Approve Expenditures for August 9, 2021, in the amount of \$101,454.19
  - Payments of note: BS&A Software \$32,695.00; Andrews University, Planning Design Study (final payment for services previously rendered) \$9,094.00.
3. 2021 Notice of Meeting Revision
  - Approve the following changes to the 2021 Notice of Meetings:
    - Change the regular meeting schedule of the Buchanan Area Recreation Board from the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
    - Change meeting location change for Buchanan Tree Friends from the Buchanan Art Center to River St. Joe.
    - Update board name for Buchanan Fine Arts Council to include "Area", as in Buchanan Area Fine Arts Council.
    - Remove future meetings of the Friends of the Ducks from the schedule.
4. Banner Placement Request Form
  - Consider approval of banner placement on Redbud Trail, August 16-23, 2021 to promote Buckteens event, submitted by Jerry Flenar.
5. Accept Staff Activity Reports

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

1. Michigan Gateway Foundation President & CEO Michael Rowland to Discuss Ross Sanders BuildingThe Michigan Gateway Foundation ("MGF") is interested in engaging in a dialogue with the City of Buchanan to explore the possibility of the MGF looking to acquire the Ross Sanders Building at 110 E. Front Street for use as the new location for the MGF headquarters. Such a dialogue would also include the potential option of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the City regarding the MGF's intent to historically preserve the building, which is presently supported by the Buchanan Preservation Society.
2. Greater Niles Chamber -Jeff Real

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

1. Community Development Update
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Buchanan Area Recreation Board -Disc Golf Course Proposal
  - Tony DeOrnellas recently attended a Buchanan Area Recreation Board meeting to propose the installation of the disc golf course at McCoy's Creek Park. The Board recommended Mr. DeOrnellas present to the commission.
  - Link to presentation – <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1y5bqaNy-v65bFUk5jomChCH1L6kMSoPd9dR1fSZLnVc/edit?usp=sharing>
4. Director of Public Services Report
  - City Commission Meeting Agenda Consider the purchase of a MIG Welder. Director Baker recommends purchasing from Miller based on the three quotes as follows:
    - Miller Welding SupplyLINK3520-1 Power MIG 260 208-575V \$3,199.00
    - PraxairLINK 3520-1 Power MIG 260 \$3,199.00
    - AirgasLINK 3520-1 Welder Power MIG 260 DC CV 250A/26.5V 40% \$3,271.77
5. Resolution 2021.08/230
  - Consider adoption of Resolution 2021.08/230 to transition the Friends of the Ducks from a formal Subcommittee of the Buchanan Area Recreation Board to a volunteer initiative.
6. Resolution 2021.08/231
  - Consider adopting Resolution 2021.08/231, a resolution amending Resolution No. 2021.02.219 to reflect the current name of the Buchanan Area Fine Arts Council and continued support to utilize city-owned property in the City of Buchanan, County of Berrien, State of Michigan.

## X. Unfinished Business

### 1. Update on Storm Sewer Issues on Third Street at Redbud

## XI. New Business

### 1. TCF Bank Safe Deposit Box Access

- Consider authorizing City Manager Heather Grace and City Treasurer Stephanie Powers to close the City's lockbox at TCF Bank in Buchanan. Grace and Powers will both be present during the opening and all contents will be inventoried so that they can be reported back to the City Commission and the account be closed. Authorization by the Commission is required by TCF Bank as the lockbox designees are no longer employed by the City. The motion should state that City Manager, Heather Grace and City Treasurer, Stephanie Powers are authorized to close the TCP lockbox account for the City of Buchanan.

### 2. DPW Building Site Selection Update

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

### 1. Trail Maintenance

- The Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail placed new mulch, donated by Redbud Hardware, around the benches and fitness stations.

### 2. WNIT Documentary on the St. Joseph River

- WNIT-TV has a very special documentary airing on September 9th at 8 p.m., on the history and revitalization of the St. Joseph River and future developments along its shores. The focus will be on the pivotal role that the river has played in the lives throughout Michiana, and the many ways it contributes to our overall way of life! WNIT is seeking sponsorships for the documentary. Additional information is included in the packet.
- Link to a preview of the documentary -<https://youtu.be/MdqlCDjOmzQ>

### 3. Seasonal & Staff Transitions

## XIII. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

## XIV. Executive Comments

1. City Manager Comments
2. Commissioner Comments
3. Mayor Comments

## XV. Adjourn

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## Police Points – Call Log Issue 10



Police Chief Tim Ganus

## Police Call Log : 7/20 – 8/3

Buchanan City Police Department

| Description                          | Total Calls of Type |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sex Offenses                         | 1                   |
| Parental Kidnapping                  | 0                   |
| Larceny                              | 0                   |
| Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle   | 2                   |
| Fraud                                | 2                   |
| UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)           | 1                   |
| Aggravated Assault                   | 0                   |
| Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence     | 3                   |
| Family/Other                         | 0                   |
| Burglary/Unlawful Entry              | 1                   |
| Intimidation/Stalking                | 0                   |
| Forgery/Counterfeiting               | 0                   |
| Retail Fraud Complaint               | 0                   |
| Damage to Property                   | 2                   |
| Liquor Violations                    | 0                   |
| Obstruction/Warrant Arrest           | 1                   |
| Disorderly Conduct                   | 1                   |
| Weapons Offense                      | 0                   |
| Public Peace / Other                 | 9                   |
| OUIL                                 | 0                   |
| Driving Law Violations               | 3                   |
| Health and Safety                    | 7                   |
| Trespass                             | 1                   |
| Juvenile Complaints                  | 4                   |
| Animal Cruelty                       | 1                   |
| Private Property Damage/PI Accidents | 2                   |
| Abandoned Vehicle                    | 0                   |
| Accidental Fire                      | 0                   |
| Property Checks                      | 2                   |

| Description           | Total Calls of Type |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Alarms                | 8                   |
| Civil                 | 4                   |
| Suspicious Situations | 9                   |
| Lost/Found Property   | 1                   |
| Natural Death         | 0                   |
| Suicide               | 0                   |
| Medical Assist        | 18                  |
| General Assist        | 27                  |
| Ordinance Violations  | 11                  |
| Missing Person        | 0                   |
| VCSA                  | 1                   |

Total Calls 7/20 – 8/3 : 122



# Police Points

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## City Commission Meeting Agenda • July 12 2021

**Write-Up by Editor Rebecka Hoyt, Agenda by City Clerk Barbara A. Pitcher**

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The Buchanan City Commission met for their Monday meeting July 12th 2021 at 7:00 pm, in person again, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

Begin Agenda:

MONDAY, July 12, 2021 – 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order

1. Mayor Denison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Recognition

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Approve Agenda

1. Amendments to the agenda to remove New Business Item XI. A. Special Use Permit presented by Attorney Sam Kilburg representing Zen Leaf; add New Business item XI. C. Set Date for Special Meetings Regarding DPW Building; and add New Business Item XI. D. Requests regarding Hannan Roberts Olympic Debut Special Broadcast Event at The Common.

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

1. Alan Robandt
  - Social District application
  - Randy Hyrns' letter
2. Norma Ferris
  - Dial-a-Ride
  - She's Vice President of Dial-a-ride
  - Mayor will address it

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

1. Approve Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Approve expenditures for July 12, 2021 in the amount of is \$67,469.88.
  - Items of note:
    - 4-Ton Hot Box out of the Capital Projects;\$27,512.77
    - The Barton Group retainer fee; \$3,000
    - Affordable Asphalt Paving for asphalt patching;\$3,000
3. Banner Placement Request Form
  - Approve Banner Placement Request Form for Larry Money on behalf of the American Legion for their Annual Benefit Ride. Banner to be placed from August 16-23, 2021

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

1. Joe Paolucci – Public Release of City Attorney Randy Hyrns' 2019 Letter Regarding DDA Law

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

1. Treasurer's Report
  - City Treasurer, Stephanie Powers reviewed some of the items of note on current expenditures.

#### X. Unfinished Business

1. AFSCME Union Contract Correction
  - The City Manager explained the error that dates were included on the submitted table, how it occurred, and how it could be misinterpreted. The submitted budget was correct, but the Commission may approve the update the table to omit the dates so the table would be more clear

#### XI. New Business

1. Special Use Permit presented by Attorney Sam Kilberg representing Zen Leaf
  - Item removed from agenda.
2. Social District Application
  - The State of Michigan recently approved the Buchanan Social District. The next step is that our city licensees must submit an application to opt into the Social District. The Social District law requires the City Commission approve a motion to recommend approval of the licensee's application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The State has confirmed that the Licensee, Maize N Brew Ltd. DBA B&W Village Inn of Buchanan, Michigan has submitted his application to opt into the Buchanan Social District. Consider recommendation by the Buchanan City Commission of Social District application from Licensee, Maize N Brew Ltd. DBA B&W Village Inn of Buchanan, Michigan for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission
3. Set Date for Special Meetings Regarding DPW Building
  - City Manager Grace indicated seven (7) bids were received for feasibility, design, and engineering of a new DPW building. Consider setting a date for a special meeting to conduct an initial review of submissions and a second meeting to conduct formal interviews.

- The Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chamber of City Hall to conduct initial review of submissions. No date was set to conduct formal interviews.
4. Request Regarding Hannah Roberts' Olympic Debut Special Broadcast at The Common
    - Consider request to hold the event at the Common on July 31, 2021, from 9:00 p.m. to approximately 12:15 a.m., including a special waiver of the City's noise ordinance (Sec. 38-29) which generally prohibits amplified sound later than 11:00 p.m., pay broadcast fees of \$935, and approve a future banner request to hang the related banner, if able to be produced in time.

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

1. Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention & Annual Meeting
  - The MML Annual Convention will be held in Grand Rapids, September 22-24, 2021. The League's Annual Meeting is scheduled during the convention. Pursuant to the provisions of the League Bylaws, the City is requested to designate by action of the Commission one official who will be in attendance at the Convention as the City's official representative to cast the vote of the City at the Annual Meeting, and, if possible, to designate one other official to serve as alternate. Details included in the packet and at <http://mml.org/delegate/>.
  - Commissioner Weedon commented that MML meetings have been informative and valuable networking opportunities for him in the past and volunteered to be the City's delegate. Commissioner Money will be the alternate.

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

1. Dan Vigansky – Would like City Hall to make a public statement about the dissolution of the DDA. We need to learn from our history so we can move forward.
2. Dan Benak – Spoke regarding the Social District application process and his concerns.
3. Penny Slocum – Asked the City to consider irrigation for planters at the Common or access to the hose so people don't need to pull buckets of water out of the creek. She also noted the vegetation between the creek and the wrought iron fence along Days Avenue needs to be cleaned up. (Mike Baker indicated the jail crew currently working in the City is moving in that direction.)
4. Rebecka Hoyt – The Buchanan Chronicle is adding a public page and comic strip to its site. They will be at the Farmer's Market.
5. Fran Terry – Spoke regarding the Social District, clarified some discrepancies, stated there were some errors in the contract and map. Stated the City cannot reimburse for licenses.

XIV. Executive Comments

1. City Manager Comments
2. Commissioner Comments
3. Mayor Comments

XV. Adjourn

You may view the completed July 12, 2021 City Commissioner Meeting Minutes on [the City of Buchanan Website](#).



## Board of Education Meeting Agenda • August 16 2021

### Agenda from Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

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Begin Agenda:

I. Call to Order

1. President Dr. Harvey Burnett opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

- We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.
- All regular meetings have been posted on our district website, in our central office, and in each district school building. Tonight's agenda has been posted on our website and emailed out to the BCS Board of Education Community Subscription. Our school board members receive the agenda and all supporting documents for reports and action items several days prior to this scheduled meeting, so they can review information, prepare questions or comments, and are ready to participate fully in the discussions and votes that encompass the duties of their office.
- This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.
- *Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!*

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Recognition of Visitors

V. Superintendent/Department Reports

VI. Information/Reports & New Business

VII. Community Dialogue/Citizens' Concerns

VIII. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items

VIX. Recommended Action – Other

1. BVA Graduation Certification
2. Administrator Handbook
3. Athletic Handbook Update
4. BVA Course Offerings
5. Certified Staff Maternity Leave
6. Accounts Payable Contract with BRESA
7. Amended BCS 2021-2022 Return to Learn Plan

XXIV. Questions & Comments From Board Members

XXV. Next Board Meeting:

1. Monday, September 20th at 6pm

XXVI. Adjournment:

You may view the completed August 16, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes on [the Buchanan Community Schools website here](#).

Stay tuned-in for the next issue as Superintendent Patricia Robinson updates the community on returning to school this fall. Buchanan Community Schools start August 30th, so keep an eye out for the Buck Bulletin.



## Past Event – Common Concert Series 2021



Lake Effect Jazz Big Band in Buchanan Common, Photos provided by Lake Effect Jazz Big Band

## Thursday Night Summer Concert Series 2021

Review by Thomas Hoyt

For the final performance of the Thursday Night Summer Concert Series, the [Lake Effect Jazz Big Band](#) performed a very nice concert for us here in Buchanan. The band consists of 5 saxophones, 4 trombones, 5

trumpets, 5 in the rhythm section, and 2 vocalists.



Lake Effect Jazz Big Band, Photos provided by Lake Effect Jazz Big Band

- Saxophone
  - Andrea Gentry – Alto
  - Anne Jensen – Alto
  - \* Glenn McFarland – Tenor
  - \* Jeff Bopp – Tenor
  - Rob Funk – Bari
- Trombone
  - Joe Hickner
  - Andy Brady
  - Scott Fisher
  - Brad Jensen – Bass 'Bone
- Trumpet
  - \* Steve Bizoe
  - \* Mark Hollandsworth
  - Kevin Renfro
  - Rod Noftsgger
  - \* Tom Crowner, Associate Director
- Rhythm
  - Kim McCavit – Piano
  - Tom Gillespie – Guitar
  - Joe Trojan – Percussion
  - Jim Allen – Percussion
  - Tim King – Bass
- Vocals
  - \*Rebecca Selvidge
  - Andrew Fisher
  - Sound Tech
  - Tim King
- Director
  - Steven L. Reed; Director of Orchestras & Jazz (Retired), Saint Joseph Public Schools



Lake Effect Jazz Big Band, Photos provided by Lake Effect Jazz Big Band

The band performed at least 2 songs of Frank Sinatra, “Fly Me to the Moon” and “New York, New York”. These were sung by vocalist, Andrew Fisher. There was also a performance of a song of Peggy Lee, sung by Becky Selvidge. All these songs were performed beautifully.



Lake Effect Jazz Big Band, Photos provided by Lake Effect Jazz Big Band

Another selection performed by the band was call Masquerade, by Leon Russell. This one really made my head bob and my toe tap. I very much enjoyed the solos performed by everyone.



Lake Effect Jazz Big Band, Photos provided by Lake Effect Jazz Big Band

Rounding out their performance was "Children of Sanchez" by Chuck Mangione. This one was a real treat! The flugelhorn soloist was amazing! In fact, all the trumpets were amazing, and I especially enjoyed hearing a trumpet playing up in the stratosphere!

All in all it was a fantastic performance of some great jazz music!

Here is the rest of the Thursday night 2021 Summer Concert Series. They are/were held at the Buchanan Common, Thursdays at 7 P.M.

- June 17: Work in Progress Reloaded (enjoy your favorite country, blues and rock-n-roll)
- June 24: Blue Shoes (wide variety of tunes from swing to rock)
- July 1: Backsliders (acoustic arrangements of popular songs)
- July 8: 3 Shots (formerly Gypsy Red – country, classic rock & 3-part harmony)
- July 15: Red Deluxe Band (mix of rock, country, blues)
- July 22: Chippewa Project (mix of music from 60's to present)
- July 29: Past Time (sounds of the 50's & 60's; Billy Shelton (Godfather of Do Wop) as guest vocalist)
- August 5: The Dean Allrick Trio (music from The Great American Songbook)
- August 12: Lake Effect Jazz Big Band (blend of traditional & contemporary jazz big band music)

About Buchanan Common: The Common is Buchanan's very own outdoor amphitheatre. Sitting in the heart of historic Buchanan, it sets us apart from other local communities as something unique and special. All summer long the Common plays host to many events: from our Saturday Morning Farmers' Market to Stop, Lunch, & Listen to our classic Thursday Night Town Concerts to our Last Saturdays on the Common Concert Series. In the future we look forward to expanding our offerings to live theater and outdoor movies. The best part of the Common, all of the events held here are FREE to the public and just another way we remind residents and show visitors how great Buchanan truly is. Hopefully you can grab a blanket, bring a picnic and enjoy some live entertainment in the warm summer air.

Buchanan Common

<http://www.buchanancommon.wordpress.com>

Bordered by S Oak St, Roe St, & Days Ave

Buchanan, MI 49107

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## Local Charity – Sticky Spoons Jam Food-Raiser



Aiye, birthday girl, taking food donations for Redbud Area Ministries at Buchanan Farmers' Market, Photo still from Sticky Spoons Jam [Facebook](#)

## Sticky Spoons Jam Food-Raiser for RAM

Sticky Spoons Jam – Owner, Aiye held a Birthday food-raiser at the farmers market on August 7, 2021 to benefit Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) food pantry. The grand total of donations from two local Farmers' Markets, Buchanan Farmers' Market and Niles Homegrown Market was 139 pounds.

Thank you Aiye for making a difference and caring for our community. Also thank you to both Buchanan and Niles cities for contributing.

[Sticky Spoons Jam Facebook Page](#)

