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Upcoming Event – Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations

Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations Fall 2022 Mrs. Robinson wants to know what's on your mind, connect with you, and exchange information.

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Upcoming Event – Flowers by Anna Grand Opening

Grand Opening of Dowagiac Location of Flowers by Anna It's FINALLY time for our Dowagiac location GRAND OPENING!!! Join us for a celebration reveal of our newly remodeled flower and...

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Upcoming Event – Flowers by Anna Holiday Open House

Annual Holiday Open House at Buchanan Flowers by Anna It's that time to mark your calendar for our Annual Holiday Open House!! Join us to kick off the holiday season....

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Upcoming Event – Bucktown Christmas November 26 2022

Bucktown Christmas 2022 Join us in downtown Buchanan on Saturday, November 26, 2022 to kick off the Christmas season with shopping, Santa, a parade, lights, a Holiday Market, and so...

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Upcoming Event – Shop ‘Til You Drop 2022

Shop ‘Til You Drop Holiday Market 2022
Come enjoy an afternoon of holiday shopping while supporting the Buchanan College Club! We provide interest free loans and scholarships to Buchanan graduates....

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Local Clubs – Megahurtz Robotics Team 2023 Fundraiser

Megahurtz Robotics 2023 Season Fundraiser MegaHurtz Robotics through a partnership with Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS is an independently funded robotics team for students in Buchanan and surrounding communities. Our mentors and...

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Travel Journal – Hot Air Balloon Fiesta

Hot Air Balloons Take Flight at Balloon Fiesta by Jill McDonald, Writer & Photographer Have you ever looked up at the sky and watched a hot air balloon float by?...

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Local Business – Flowers By Anna Grows

A Blessing in Disguise for Flowers by Anna Second Location by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer As some of you have heard, the flower and gift shop just on the...

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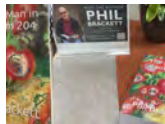


Past Event – Trek-or-Treat 2022

17th Annual Trek-or-Treat 2022 by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer 978 kids and 905 adults made their way along McCoy Creek Trail for the 17th annual Trek-or-Treat on Saturday, October...

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Past Event – Local Author Book Signing

Local Buchanan Science Fiction Author and Book Signing by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer Buchanan has gained another new author of a science fiction novel, The Man in Room 204...

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Homeschooling Spotlight – November 2022

Local Homeschooling Fall 2022 Text and Photos Shared with Permission from Posts by Ashley Hanson Yesterday's lessons had some cool by-products. More kombucha fermenting with new flavors that add even...

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – November 2022

November Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator
OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION Thursday, November 17 ~ 4-6pm We are so pleased to announce...

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Buchanan District Library – November 2022

November at Buchanan District Library Shared with permission from Buchanan District Library monthly newsletter "Let's be reasonable and add an eighth day to the week that is devoted exclusively to..."

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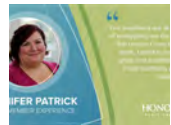


BCS Superintendent's Note – November 2022

A November Note from our BCS Superintendent by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent We recently ended our first quarter and Parent-Teacher Conferences which were held November 2nd and 3rd...

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Community Press Release – HCU New VP of Member Experience

Honor Credit Union Announces Hire of VP of Member Experience Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator Berrien Springs, MI – October 24, 2022 Honor Credit Union is proud to...

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Community Press Release – School of American Music After-School Guitar

After-School Guitar at Three Oaks Elementary is Back Submitted by G. Taylor, School of American Music Public Relations On Wednesday October 19 Tom Parisi, Guitar Instructor at the School of...

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Community Press Release – Walton Road Bridge Closure Continues

BCRD : Walton Road Bridge Closure
Continues Berrien County, MI – October
31, 2022 WORK PERMITTING, BRIDGE
ANTICIPATED TO REOPEN PRIOR TO
VETERANS DAY Link to BCRD Alert
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Community Press Release – School of American Music Succession

School of American Music Announces
President-Elect Submitted by G. Taylor,
School of American Music Public
Relations The School of American Music
(SAM) announced that local teacher and
performer Ron Spears...

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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 39

A Note from the Publisher – Issue 39 by
Jen Garry, Publisher As always, I'd like to
remind you if you come across anything
newsworthy, any announcements to
share publicly,...

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The Clark Barker – Issue 39

It's Raining Leaves! We all know that it's leaf pick up time! However, when those leaves are wet, it's a pain and more and more comes down. How we long...

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Remembering – Issue 39

Remembering – Issue 39 Buchanan Losses • 10/17-10/30 Name Age Born Died Edna “Kaye” Johnson 78 November 7, 1943 October 30, 2022 Joe Henry James, Sr. 87 January 2, 1935...

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Now That's Funny! – Issue 39

Now That's Funny! – Issue 39 by Thomas Hoyt, Writer This year for Halloween, I have noticed a growing popularity for costumes that inflate. I am sure we have all...

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 39

Police Call Log : 10/03 – 10/16 Buchanan City Police Department Description Total Calls of Type Sex Offenses 5 Parental Kidnapping 0 Larceny 1 Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle...

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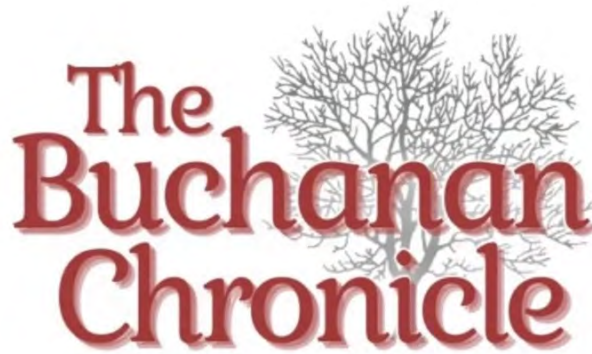
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Upcoming Event – Three Oaks Snowflake Stroll 2022



Three Oaks 8th Annual Snowflake Stroll 2022

Save the date for this Harbor Country Holiday tradition! The Village of Three Oaks will hold it's 8th Annual Snowflake Stroll.

This year our stroll will be bigger than ever and a truly special community event. We hear that Santa will make an appearance and there are many more surprises to come. Please follow this [Facebook invite](#) for all updates.

Besides the stroll we are planning a Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony starting at 5:30 pm.

This year, we will have free events for the families. Three little donkeys from Paws for Humanity will be hanging out at Chamberlain Path and free Horse Carriage will be circling our downtown area.

Hope you can help us spread the word and the joy of the holiday season.



- *Who:* Village of Three Oaks
- *What:* [8th Annual Snowflake Stroll](#)
- *When:* **Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 2-8pm**
- *Where:* Village of Three Oaks MI



About The Village of Three Oaks: The village of Three Oaks is located in the southwest corner of Michigan, just 5 miles from the shores of Lake Michigan and is the cultural hub of Harbor Country.

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View the Ballot – Link HERE – Click this link to view YOUR Ballot for this upcoming Election Day!

** NOTE: The information below is from an example ballot representing: State of Michigan, Berrien County, City of Buchanan, Precinct 1. As this is just an example, your ballot may look different on November 08, 2022. [CLICK HERE](#) to check what to expect on YOUR specific ballot at the [State of Michigan Election Website](#).*

According to the State of Michigan, the following are the Candidates that you can expect to see on your November 08, 2022 ballot:

~ State of Michigan : Partisan Section ~

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State – Governor & Lieutenant Governor

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Gretchen Whitmer & Garlin D. Gilchrist II ~ Democratic
- Tudor M. Dixon & Shane Hernandez ~ Republican
- Mary Buzuma & Brian Ellison ~ Libertarian
- Donna Brandenburg & Mellissa Carone ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Kevin Hogan & Destiny Clayton ~ Green
- Daryl M. Simpson & Doug Dern ~ Natural Law

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State – Secretary of State

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Jocelyn Benson ~ Democratic
- Kristina Elaine Karamo ~ Republican
- Gregory Scott Stempfle ~ Libertarian

- Christine C. Schwartz ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Larry James Hutchinson Jr. ~ Green

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State – Attorney General

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Dana Nessel ~ Democratic
- Matthew DePerno ~ Republican
- Joseph W. McHugh Jr. ~ Libertarian
- Gerald T. Van Sickle ~ U.S. Taxpayers

Congressional – Representative in Congress (5th District)

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Bart Goldberg ~ Democratic
- Tim Walberg ~ Republican
- Norman M. Peterson ~ Libertarian
- Ezra Scott ~ U.S. Taxpayers

Legislative – State Senator (17th District)

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Scott Rex Starr ~ Democratic
- Jonathan Lindsey ~ Republican

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Legislative – Representative in State Legislature (37th District)

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Naomi Ludman ~ Democratic
- Brad Paquette ~ Republican

State Boards – Member of the State Board of Education

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Pamela Pugh ~ Democratic
- Mitchell Robinson ~ Democratic
- Tamara D. Carlone ~ Republican
- Linda Lee Tarver ~ Republican
- Donna Gundle-Krieg ~ Libertarian
- Bill Hall ~ Libertarian
- Ethan Hobson ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Mary Anne Hering ~ Working Class

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State Boards – Regent of the University of Michigan

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Mike Behm ~ Democratic
- Kathy White ~ Democratic
- Lena Epstein ~ Republican
- Sevag Vartanian ~ Republican
- Eric Larson ~ Libertarian
- Joe Sanger ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Sherry A. Wells ~ Green
- Kathleen Oakford ~ Natural Law

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State Boards – Trustee of Michigan State University

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Dennis Denno ~ Democratic
- Renee Knake Jefferson ~ Democratic
- Mike Balow ~ Republican
- Travis Menge ~ Republican
- Claranna Gelineau ~ Libertarian
- Max Riekse ~ Libertarian
- Robin Lea Laurain ~ Green

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State Boards – Governor of Wayne State University

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Danielle Atkinson ~ Democratic
- Marilyn Kelly ~ Democratic
- Christa Murphy ~ Republican
- Craig Wilsher ~ Republican
- Bruce Jaquays ~ Libertarian
- Marc Joseph Sosnowski ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Susan Odgers ~ Green

County – County Commissioner (10th District)

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Mac Elliott ~ Republican

~ State of Michigan : Nonpartisan Section ~

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Judicial – Justice of Supreme Court

(You will "Vote for not more than 2")

- Richard Bernstein, *Justice of Supreme Court*
- Kyra Harris Bolden
- Paul Hudson
- Kerry Lee Morgan
- Brian Zahra, *Justice of Supreme Court*

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Judicial – Judge of Court of Appeals (Court of Appeals District 3)

Incumbent Position – 6yr Term

(You will "Vote for not more than 1")

- James Robert Redford, *Judge of Court of Appeals*

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Judicial – Judge of Court of Appeals (Court of Appeals District 3)

Incumbent Position – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2025

(You will "Vote for not more than 1")

- Christopher Yates, *Judge of Court of Appeals*

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Judicial – Judge of Court of Appeals (Court of Appeals District 3)

Non-Incumbent Position – 6yr Term

(You will "Vote for not more than 1")

- Kathleen A. Feeney
- Raymond P. Voet

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Judicial – Judge of Circuit Court (2nd Circuit Court)

Incumbent Position

(You will "Vote for not more than 2")

- Donna Bacolor Howard, *Judge of Circuit Court*
- Charles LaSata, *Judge of Circuit Court*

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Judicial – Judge of District Court (5th District Court)

Incumbent Position – 6yr Term

(You will "Vote for not more than 1")

- Gary J. Bruce, *Judge of District Court*

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Judicial – Judge of District Court (5th District Court)

Non-Incumbent Position – 6yr Term

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Paul Steven Jancha

Community College – Community College Board of Trustees Member

Lake Michigan College

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Brian Dissette
- John W. Grover

City – Council Member at Large

City Commission – City of Buchanan

(You will “Vote for not more than 3”)

- Sean Denison
- Anthony Houser
- Monroe S. Lemay
- Daniel R. Vigansky
- Mark W. Weedon

Local School District – Local School District Board Member

Buchanan Community Schools

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Jennie Brackett
- Harvey J. Burnett
- Mary Macigewski
- Tra’sha Myers
- Donald F. Ryman

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Make a Voting Plan TODAY

Voting Details from [City of Buchanan – Election Information website](#):

- **How do I register to vote?**
 - **Register Online by clicking here.** Save time and register from home or work.
 - You may register to vote at your local Secretary of State Office (License Branch), your City, Township or Village Clerk's Office, or at the County Clerk's office,
 - **Email the City Clerk with your questions**
 - **Click here for Voter Registration Form**
 - **Check out this video about registering to vote in Michigan!**
- **Can I register to vote online?**
 - Yes! As of December 3, 2019 you can register to vote by clicking this link.
- **How can I be an Election Inspector?**
 - If you are interested in working an election, **contact the Clerk's Office** for an application **or download an Election Inspector Application** and submit it to the Clerk's office at 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan Michigan 49107
- **How can I get an absentee ballot?**
 - **Contact the Clerk**
- **How do I qualify for an Absent Voter Ballot?**
 - Anyone can receive an absentee ballot. No reason needed.
 - You can fill out an **application for an Absentee Ballot here.**
- **How do I verify my registration information and view my ballot?**
 - To view your registration information and view your ballot, you can go to the **Secretary of State Website** and fill in the proper information.
- **I've moved, where do I vote?**
 - If you've recently moved, you must be sure to fill out a registration form for your new precinct, or when you change your address at the Secretary of State's Office your information will automatically be updated.
 - You will receive a new voter registration identification card by mail.
 - If you have moved within the City, you can simply call the City Clerk with your address change information and your file will be updated.
- **What are the requirements to vote?**
 - You must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Michigan
 - Must be at least a 30 day resident of the city by election day
 - You must be 18 years of age by Election Day
- **What time are the polls open?**
 - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- **Where do I vote?**
 - The City of Buchanan has two (2) Precincts:
 - Precinct #1 is at City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail
 - Precinct #2 is at the Redbud City Center, 131 S. Oak Street

- If you are not sure which precinct is yours, you can look on your voter identification card or call the city clerk.



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

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

www.cityofbuchanan.com

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

Phone: [269-695-384](tel:269-695-384); Fax: [269-695-4330](tel:269-695-4330)

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Candidates for "Council Member at Large"

(You will "Vote for not more than 3")

Sean Denison – Anthony Houser – Monroe S. Lemay – Daniel R. Vigansky – Mark W. Weedon

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Sean Denison

Originally from Pennsylvania, I moved to the Midwest in 1995 after graduating from college with a degree in Political Science. I currently reside in Buchanan with my wife Stacey, who is the Principal at Ottawa Elementary and my daughter Sydney who attends Buchanan High School.



I am the Director of Regional Services at North American Signs in South Bend, where I am responsible for the daily operations of the company throughout the Michiana area. Up until 2021, I was also the owner of Timberline Rack; a company I founded in 2007 that designed and installed lumber storage equipment to retail lumberyards throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

I am running for the position of City Commissioner for two reasons. First, I believe my professional experience in business management – balancing budgets, cutting costs, and attracting clients and customers – would be beneficial not only to the commission but to the community as a whole. Secondly, as a tax payer living in the City of Buchanan, I would like to ensure that our tax dollars are being spent in a way that is both responsible and effective.

Over the last four years, I have served as City Commissioner and Mayor. I have been an active member of the Planning Commission, The Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Buchanan Area Recreation Board.

The next few years will be challenging ones for our community. Infrastructure projects will disrupt our downtown. Decisions on the future of city owned properties will need to be addressed. Economic development opportunities will continue to be a top priority, and will require intelligent, thorough consideration. If elected, it is my hope to continue to bring a businesslike approach to the City Commission. To offer logical, respectful discussion on difficult topics and develop common sense plans to address them. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the last four years, and would appreciate your vote on November 8th. Thank you.

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Tony Houser

Anthony "Tony" Houser is the Executive Chef, and partner of River St. Joe Brewery at Flatwater Farms. He graduated at the top of his class from the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts with a Dual Associates Degree in Culinary Arts and Operations. Tony is a lifetime Region resident with a drive for small town politics. He is currently the President of the Main Street Project in Buchanan. He is a Co-Founder of a not for profit designated to help improve parks and recreation in our community.

As a city Commissioner Tony will continue to help move his community in the same forward trajectory. Buchanan is making a comeback, and this is due to the hard work already put in. We need to keep that momentum going. This will ensure that our kids have a great community to grow their future families. I will help to continue the economic redevelopment while keeping the Historical integrity that this city was built on.

As I am only one voice, I will be the voice of the 4200 plus citizens of the City of Buchanan. Every decision made will keep every citizen in mind, using the peoples voice. There are so many infrastructure plans in the works, and they are necessary. However, if we are to go into them wisely, we can make the best financial decisions as well as plan. A plan that is the least impactful on the day to day while the projects are being done.

At the same time, we need to be looking into getting help for the private citizens to offset the cost of making necessary upgrades to their homes. Revitalizing our residential areas are just as important as redoing our downtown. Federally funded owner-occupied rehab grant programs are one of the ways to help here. These programs help raise property value while bringing our tax dollars back to our community.

Even when I disagree, my tone and attitude will be one of respect for my fellow commissioners and the citizens of Buchanan. I feel Buchanan is on the right track, all we need to do is keep moving forward. We will do it with kindness and respect for our fellow community member. If you have any questions, you would like me to touch further, please feel free to reach out at VoteTonyHouser@gmail.com.

Also check out and like my Facebook Tony Houser for Buchanan City Commission @VoteTony Houser



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Monroe Lemay

As a Buchanan resident, I have always been interested in community advocacy. Every job I have held in Buchanan has always been in the capacity of service to others. From my work at the funeral home to restaurant work, the chamber of commerce, the art center, the senior center, and most recently as a full-time caregiver for a parent with Alzheimer's. All these settings, which involved leadership positions, lead me to volunteer in several of our local organizations and gave me the exposure and experience that one needs to be proficient in the position of commissioner. In each organization I have served, Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity were always at the forefront of my application and philosophy. As a city commissioner, I plan to apply and invoke these three words into action throughout my leadership, starting with my decision to run this November.



I believe all our constituents and citizens should be represented and served equally, however, currently that is not the case. The female population in the city of Buchanan is 54% according to the latest census data, yet our women have no representation on the city commission. Currently, we have five fine gentlemen overseeing our city, none of whom have been advocates for women's needs. At city hall alone, there are eight female employees, our police department has five female employees. Our city is run by a very smart, compassionate, and capable woman. Most of our community volunteers are women, they all deserve adequate and fair representation, which I plan to provide. I understand our diverse perspectives and feel that I can effectively serve our richly diverse community through empathy and understanding.

I have never been quiet about my passion for the elderly, children, minorities, teens, the LGBTQ+, and those in our community who have not had a voice strong enough or loud enough to fight for themselves. I will advocate and be their voice and I will push back and fight for these individuals when needed as I have many times in the past in the most humanitarian way possible.

My name is Monroe Lemay and I am running for city commission, I ask that you trust me to serve you as your next city commissioner.

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Dan Vigansky

Dan Vigansky here. We're two years into a new Commission and Buchanan is still a mess. I'm running to try to bring fiscal responsibility, City accountability, and economic development. I've been a Commissioner and I know how the City works and doesn't work.



Fiscal Responsibility: Buchanan received around \$1.7 million in ARP — American Recovery Plan funding. We should be using this on infrastructure funding. Instead we've been spending around \$9700 a month on legal fees, \$87,190 since the beginning of this year. Worse is spending \$28,000 a month on accounting services, or \$252,774 this year so far. We're about to approve a \$5 million bond issue for a new Department of Public Works building with no building plan in place. We're paying \$5000 a month rent because the City Commission has yet to adopt a plan. And another bond around \$24 million to replace the collapsing Front Street water system. Taxpayer's will be paying this off for the next 30 years.

City Accountability: Four years ago we had a referendum on doing a City Hall housecleaning. We're in the second year of cleaning up an accounting nightmare which was allowed to go on under the watch of the current City Commission. It's taken almost two years and we're still paying outrageous amounts to the accountants who messed everything up. This has gotta change.

Economic Development: Buchanan lacks small scale factory space for new businesses and start-ups. We have the Feed Mill and River Street properties that need to be developed into light industrial, warehousing, and distribution use. We need focused promotion and business recruitment. We need a budget and a plan. We need to stop producing feel good videos that reach a small number of viewers. Why can't the City of Buchanan figure out how to market itself? and to whom? Throwing money in the air and hoping it sticks does nothing for Buchanan.

These three areas are why I'm running for Commissioner. I can be reached at 269 362-0799 if anyone wants to talk. And please, Vote for Dan Vigansky!

~ Buchanan Community Schools – Board of Education ~

Candidates for “Local School District Board Member”

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

Jennie Brackett – Harvey J. Burnett – Mary Macigewski – Tra’sha Myers – Donald F. Ryman

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Jennie Brackett

Jennie is a Buchanan graduate, class of 1996. After graduating from Grand Valley State University and marrying her high-school sweetheart –Phil Brackett, also a Buchanan graduate– she eventually settled back in town, wanting all three of her children to graduate from the Buchanan school system. The family has been in their home near downtown Buchanan for 13 years. Jennie has served in leadership roles in different volunteer organizations in every school building in the school district. She served on the PTM at Moccasin, the PTO at Ottawa, the PAK at the Middle School, and is currently serving as the Band Booster President, previously serving the Band Boosters as the Volunteer Coordinator. During that same period of time, Jennie has involved herself in the community at her church, in Girl Scouts, and in the Buchanan College Club, as well as in organizations serving the larger community, including the Berrien County Youth Fair. Jennie has also served on school bond committees, fundraising committees, and has chaperoned more field trips than can be counted!



Jennie is employed at the University of Notre Dame in the Office of the Registrar where she has worked for over 20 years. Much of her job involves detailed policy reading and implementation, and Jennie enjoys pouring over details, organizing, and working on ways to better the University. Jennie also has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, so she has a lot of experience in education and leadership. Recently, Jennie completed a stint as the President of the Indiana Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Jennie would like to serve on the School Board to help shape the district to best serve all the students in the community. She feels it is important to make sure all students are given opportunities to succeed and pursue their best selves, whatever their goals. Jennie likes to hear community feedback and to try to find solutions to make our district even better. It is important to Jennie that we keep a positive perspective, making forward progress for our students and our community.

The best way to reach me is via email:

jennie.brackett@gmail.com My social media site (Facebook) is:
<https://www.facebook.com/Brackett4SchoolBoard>

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Harvey J Burnett, Jr.

Harvey J. Burnett, Jr. is currently the Board President for Buchanan Community Schools and has served on the board for over 22 years. He remains committed to ensuring that children who attend Buchanan Community Schools will continue to receive a high quality education, as have other opportunities to participate in other school activities (i.e., sports, various clubs, etc.).

One of his major focuses is the passing of the upcoming bond in order to provided needed building improvements at the high school and Moccasin Elementary. The passage of the bond will play a critical role in improving the education environment for Buchanan students in the pursuit of academic excellence in a global society.

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Tra'sha Myers

Hello! My name is Tra'sha Myers, and I am seeking to be part of the Buchanan School Board. My professional career lies in Human Resources where I am a strategic partner to Senior Leadership and Colleagues. I chose to run as an answer to a question I kept asking myself...Why don't this? Or Why don't that? I plainly asked myself one day, why don't I? I believe making a change is in all of our capabilities. Change is choice and every choice results in a behavior or action. This is my action.

To be part of the Buchanan School Board, I see opportunity to collaborate and make strategic decisions that can aid in our children growing into productive citizens. Safely. In that collaboration, I would like to accomplish: Developing stronger mental health programs. Creating a culture that provides safe spaces to have hard conversations, where transparency and accountability live. Analyzing and implementing a more inclusive learning style, one that accommodates students who are more auditory, visual or tactile learners.

Thank you for being part of the community of Buchanan, and I appreciate you voting.



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ELECTIONS 2022 – Proposals on the Ballot



VOTE ~ VOTE ~ VOTE

* The Buchanan Chronicle DOES NOT take any political positions nor does it support any particular candidate. We strive to present each candidate or proposal fairly and evenly, so as to facilitate informed voting for all. *

* The Buchanan Chronicle DOES deeply encourage every eligible voter to cast their vote this year on Election Day: Tuesday, November 08, 2022. *

~ No matter your opinion, it is important we all participate in the election process, this way it can most accurately reflect our community and our collective opinions, whatever they may be. ~

View the Ballot – Link HERE – Click this link to view the Ballot for this upcoming Election Day!

According to the State of Michigan, the following are the Proposals that you can expect to see on your November 08, 2022 ballot:

~ State of Michigan : Proposals ~

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Proposal 22-1 : A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Require Annual Public Financial Disclosure Reports By Legislators And Other State Officers And Change State Legislator

Term Limit To 12 Total Years In Legislature

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations.
- Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.
- Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.

Should this proposal be adopted? ~ YES or NO

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Proposal 22-2 : A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Add Provisions Regarding Elections

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
- Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day;
- Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
- Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections;
- Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
- Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits;
- Require nine days of early in-person voting;
- Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed;
- Require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

Should this proposal be adopted? ~ YES or NO

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Proposal 22-3 : A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Establish New Individual Right To Reproductive Freedom, Including Right To Make All Decisions About Pregnancy And Abortion; Allow State To Regulate Abortion In Some Cases; And Forbid Prosecution Of Individuals Exercising Established Right

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;
- Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;
- Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;
- Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.

Should this proposal be adopted? ~ YES or NO

~ Berrien County : Proposals ~

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BERRIEN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the County of Berrien repeal the existing Public Safety Millage that will expire with the December 1, 2024 tax levy and replace it with a new annual Public Safety Millage, which will be increased by up to 0.45 Mills

(\$0.45 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all taxable property within the County for a period of five (5) years beginning with the December 1, 2022 tax levy (to expire after December 1, 2026 tax levy) to provide funds to pay the operating and capital improvement costs of providing Public Safety services within the County? If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$3,992,955 in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. ~ YES or NO

~ Buchanan Community School District : Proposals ~

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BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Buchanan Community Schools, Berrien County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Four Million Nine Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$34,970,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

- erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to Moccasin Elementary School;
- remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings;
- acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings;
- erecting, furnishing, and equipping a bus garage;
- and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping athletic fields, athletic facilities, playgrounds, and sites? ~ YES or NO

The following is for informational purposes only:

- The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2023, under current law, is 3.50 mills (\$3.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-eight (28) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.43 mills (\$3.43 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).
- The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$11,755,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.
- (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)



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Upcoming Event – Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations



Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations Fall 2022

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



SUPERINTENDENT & BUCK PARENT CONVERSATIONS



JOIN US!

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MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

4:45-5:30pm

BHS Auditorium

Please use entrances 1, 2, or 3

Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations flyer

- *Who:* Buchanan Community Schools
- *What:* Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations
- *When:* **Wednesday, November 16, 2022 from 4:45-5:30pm**
- *Where:* BHS Auditorium



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

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Upcoming Event – Flowers by Anna Grand Opening



Grand Opening of Dowagiac Location of Flowers by Anna

- *Who:* Flowers by Anna – Dowagiac
- *What:* Grand Opening of NEW Dowagiac Location
- *When:* **Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 9am-3pm**
- *Where:* Flowers by Anna – Dowagiac
 - 111 Commercial St, Dowagiac MI 49047



Grand Opening of Dowagiac Location of Flower by Anna graphic

It's FINALLY time for our Dowagiac location GRAND OPENING!!! Join us for a celebration reveal of our newly remodeled flower and gift shop on November 12th from 9am-3pm.

With the Holidays right around the corner, you will be able to browse and shop from the many beautiful Christmas displays our team has created!

Also offered in our gift shop, you will find a unique selection of gifts for all ages, home decor, grab and go

flower arrangements, as well as a “flower bar” for a DIY experience!

With any purchase, your name will be entered into our drawing for a \$50 gift card.

We will also have giveaways, drinks, and appetizers!

Come join the Holiday fun as all of downtown Dowagiac will be having their Open Houses as well! We will be one of the businesses that has a hiding elf, so make sure to stop in to find him! 😊

We look forward to meeting new faces and FINALLY being open to the public!!!!

Please SHARE to get the word out! 😊



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Upcoming Event – Flowers by Anna Holiday Open House



Annual Holiday Open House at Buchanan Flowers by Anna

- *Who:* Flowers by Anna – Buchanan
- *What:* Annual Holiday Open House
- *When:* **Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9am-3pm**
- *Where:* Flowers by Anna – Buchanan
 - 4796 Niles-Buchanan Rd, Buchanan MI 49107



Annual Holiday Open House at Buchanan Flowers by Anna graphic

It's that time to mark your calendar for our Annual Holiday Open House!! Join us to kick off the holiday season. We will have AMAZING sales and specials!! Lots of new Christmas decor and gifts will now be available and on display throughout the whole store.

This will be one day only!

Saturday, Nov 19th: 9am-3pm

This event will be at our Buchanan location:

4796 Niles Buchanan Rd.

Buchanan, MI 49107

Enjoy delicious refreshments (including mimosas!!!), appetizers, and desserts! We will have lots of our products available for you to sample as well.

Not to mention fun door prizes and giveaways all day long!!

Please join us to celebrate the holiday season, and come see what we have to offer!

Remember to SHOP LOCAL ❤️

Hope to see you there!!



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Upcoming Event – Bucktown Christmas November 26 2022



Bucktown Christmas 2022

Join us in downtown Buchanan on Saturday, November 26, 2022 to kick off the Christmas season with shopping, Santa, a parade, lights, a Holiday Market, and so much more!



Bucktown Christmas 2022 Info:



Photo and Info from Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce [Event on Facebook](#)

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Buchanan
- *What:* [Bucktown Christmas 2022](#)
- *When:* **Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 1-7pm**
- *Where:* Downtown Buchanan, MI and Buchanan Common

1-5pm

Downtown Shopping

Storefront Decorating Contest

Santa and Reindeer

Holiday Market

Events for Kids at the Library

Make-and-Take Crafts at the Art Center

3:30-5:30pm

First Annual Downtown Cookie Walk

5:30pm

Christmas Parade on Front Street

6pm

Holiday Lighting Ceremony at The Common and Pictures with Santa

For more info (updates added frequently), visit buchananareachamber.com/events/bucktown-christmas.

*Opportunities for local businesses to sponsor

*Link to sign up your business for the Storefront Decorating Contest: <https://forms.gle/6PRcwq5Yw3jzDsJH8>

Holiday Market 2022 Info:



Photo and Info from Buchanan Farmers' Market [Event on Facebook](#)

- *Who:* Buchanan Farmer's Market
- *What:* 2nd Annual Holiday Market
- *When:* **Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 1-5pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Common

Second annual Holiday Market brought to you by Buchanan Farmers' Market. An added event to the traditional small business, shop local Saturday. It was a great event last year that provided a wonderful array of local made crafts in perfect time for the holidays. Make sure you check out all the local vendors that will be set up through the Common, from the blue permanent booths to Pears Mill to Redbud City Center. Come for the shopping, stay for the tree lighting. Check out the [event page](#) for more happening throughout town.

Library Holiday 2022 Info:



BUCKTOWN CHRISTMAS

AT THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 1:00–2:30pm: Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus
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Photo and Info from Buchanan District Library [Event on Facebook](#)

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- *Where:* Buchanan District Library

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

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Upcoming Event – Shop ‘Til You Drop 2022

Buchanan College Club's 7th Annual
SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP
Holiday Market

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12pm-4pm
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collegeclubbuchanan@gmail.com



Shop 'Til You Drop Holiday Market 2022 flyer

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- *What:* Shop 'Til You Drop Holiday Market 2022
- *When:* **Sunday, November 6, 2022 from 12-4pm**
- *Where:* Lehman's Farmhouse
 - 204 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:* for more information contact CollegeClubBuchanan@Gmail.com.



About Buchanan College Club: The mission of the Buchanan College Club is to bring scholarships and interest free loans to Buchanan graduates.

For More Info: Jennie Brackett, Club Contact – jennie.brackett@gmail.com.



LEHMAN'S

ORCHARD BREWERY &

FARMHOUSE

About Lehman's Farmhouse: What began as an inquiry into a run down Buchanan City owned Clark building, Lehman's "Farmhouse" store opened in April of 2017. Featuring our own craft made beers, wines, ciders, whiskey, gin and brandies along with other items brought over from Lehman's "Orchard" in Niles, Michigan. It has been a dream come true, developing products which come from our orchard or the Southwest Michigan area. In re-purposing the "Clark" building, we have an onsite drink menu including fruit or session beers, IPA's, porters, and stouts. Using Lehman's own Apple Brandy as a base, our cocktail selection includes an apple fizz, an old fashion and a hot toddy. Look for new beer and cider flavors and other in-house developed products weekly. Also, we have a Taproom open daily featuring appetizers, sandwiches, pizzas, salads and desserts that accompany our drink menu. Come check us out and let us know what you think. Thank you for your support of local, sustainable agriculture!

www.lehmansfarmhouse.com

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- Typical Hours:

- Sun-Thurs ~ 1130am-8pm
- Fri-Sat ~ 1130am-9pm

Local Clubs – Megahurtz Robotics Team 2023 Fundraiser



Megahurtz Robotics 2023 Season Fundraiser



BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL MEGAHURTZ ROBOTICS

401 West Chicago St • Buchanan Michigan 49107 • (269) 695-8400
www.MegaHurtzRobotics.org

2023 SEASON FUNDRAISER

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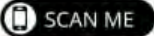


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We have already raised \$8,000 towards our 2023 season, but need your help for the remaining **\$12,000**. We apply for public and private grants each year, but our major funding source is sponsorships from people, organizations and companies like you. Please consider supporting tomorrow's leaders in STEM by sponsoring us today!



**SPONSOR US ONLINE!
SCAN THE CODE OR GO
TO OUR WEBSITE**





Want to send a check instead? Send your sponsorship in the included envelope.

Please make checks payable to:

MegaHurtz Robotics
401 W. Chicago St, Buchanan MI 49107

FIRST participation is proven to encourage students to pursue education and careers in STEM related fields, inspire them to become leaders and innovators and enhance their 21st century work-life skills. With YOUR sponsorship, WE can make it happen!

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About MegaHurtz Robotics: Formed in 2013, the Tech Club helped to raise interest in starting a robotics team at Buchanan High School. The cost of starting a team is substantial, however the State of Michigan had made available a huge grant to new teams. This grant combined with a FIRST Rookie grant provided us with the funds needed to get off the ground. While we didn't make it to the state championships our first year, we did win the Rookie Inspiration Award highlighting our team as an inspiration to other start-up teams what is possible with a dedicated group of students and mentors.

Team Lead: Philip Place, with Buchanan High School

www.megahurtzrobotics.org

NEW Location Coming Soon:

606 Carrol St, Suite B

Buchanan, MI 49107

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Travel Journal – Hot Air Balloon Fiesta



Hot Air Balloons Take Flight at Balloon Fiesta

by Jill McDonald, Writer & Photographer

Have you ever looked up at the sky and watched a hot air balloon float by? It seems so peaceful and magical to see the world from a bird's eye view!



Balloons Galore at Balloon Fiesta, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

Have you ever seen a hot air balloon up-close glowing in a field at dawn or dusk? Well here's an event definitely worth adding to your bucket list – Albuquerque's International Balloon Fiesta!

The first weekend of every October kicks off nine days of breathtaking views and events! There's no other event of its kind!



Balloons Galore at Balloon Fiesta, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

As stated on the event's website, www.balloonfiesta.com, "With over 500 balloons, it is the largest ballooning event on earth, the most photographed event on earth, and the largest annual international event held in the United States."

To accommodate this glorious gathering of hot air balloons and attendees, Balloon Fiesta Park is a custom-designed 365-acre park. The launch field alone is 78-acres, the size of 54 football fields put together!



Balloons Galore at Balloon Fiesta, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

This year my dream of attending Balloon Fiesta became a reality. It had been on my bucket list for many years. Nonetheless, it happened to be the 50th Anniversary of the event!

I'm not sure how I first learned of it, but I've always scoured travel articles seeking unique places to explore. When I first caught a glimpse of images of Albuquerque's sky filled en masse with hot air balloons, I knew I had to witness it at some point in my life. If a small picture can captivate and move you, then you know it's something that you should experience first hand.



Balloons Galore at Balloon Fiesta, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

Let me share with you a few things I personally loved about this amazing event. Perhaps you too will be inspired to make plans to go to Albuquerque in an upcoming October for Balloon Fiesta!

Highlights of Balloon Fiesta:

- **Absolutely breathtaking to witness a mass of hot air balloons!**

There are morning and evening Glow events where balloons are tethered and stationary on the ground, the Special Shape Rodeo where unique and fun character shaped balloons are highlighted, and Mass Ascensions where all participating balloons launch in waves. Everytime a balloon launches, people nearby cheer with delight as they lift off into the sky!

- **Unique variety of entertainment!**

Throughout the week, there are chainsaw carving exhibitions to enjoy, skydiving shows, a handcrafted artisans tent, a hands-on children's tent for all ages, and live concerts including well-known featured music artists.

- **Spectacular fireworks and aerial drone light show!**

I was in absolute awe of the festival-themed aerial drone light shows and the firework shows were spectacular! Need I say more?



Balloons Aglow at Balloon Fiesta, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

So if you're looking for an experience of a lifetime, why not start planning ahead to make Albuquerque, New Mexico's Balloon Fiesta a reality for you as well.

For all your FAQs about the event, including tickets, parking, free bicycle valet, lodging options, and balloon rides, check out the wealth of latest information on the festival's website: www.balloonfiesta.com.



Balloons Aglow at Balloon Fiesta, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

As with any outdoor event, weather conditions play a key role in safety. Before every morning and evening session, the balloon pilots gather for a weather briefing. This year was an unseasonably wet year, so planning to enjoy the festival for several days will allow the best chance to fully experience the events.

Wishing you, my readers, many great adventures! Safe and happy travels! 😊



Jill (elated, viewing the inflated) at the 50th Balloon Fiesta, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

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About Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta: The 50th Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, powered by ExxonMobil, took place October 1-9, 2022 in Albuquerque, NM. Learn more online at www.balloonfiesta.com.
[4401 Alameda Blvd NE](http://www.balloonfiesta.com)
[Albuquerque, NM 87113](http://www.balloonfiesta.com)
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[505-821-1000](http://www.balloonfiesta.com)
balloons@balloonfiesta.com
www.balloonfiesta.com

From time to time, we will be showcasing places of interest and locations where some of our team members have traveled. If you have a place that you would like to share, email us [here](#).

The Buchanan Chronicle

Local Business – Flowers By Anna Grows



A Blessing in Disguise for Flowers by Anna Second Location

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

As some of you have heard, the flower and gift shop just on the east side of town when you come into Buchanan, Flowers by Anna, now has a second location which will be opening up very soon at a time to be determined in the near future in Dowagiac, MI. Jen and I recently sat down with Anna Gordon, owner of Flowers by Anna to ask about this new location.



Buchanan Location of Flowers by Anna, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

It all started when the plans were put into place to build a "Wedding Floral Shop" just on the south side of their current parking lot. Unfortunately, construction came to an unexpected halt. On the same day, Anna received a postcard in the mail about Booth's Country Florist in Dowagiac, MI for sale. That day she just left the postcard on her desk, and would see it as a reminder throughout the week. After much consideration as the space in the floral shop is limited and makes it more hectic when weddings happen, she decided to take a chance, buy the shop and turn the Dowagiac location to be more geared towards weddings.



Inside the Buchanan Location of Flowers by Anna, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

She has been here in Buchanan for six years, but “Want to keep growing, and reach more people. They have more gift shops in Dowagiac, and we do different things here. This was a blessing in disguise.” stated Anna Gordon. She is proud to go into a new community and be the only florist in Dowagiac. Remodeling has been going on to bring new life into the floral shop in the style of the black and white modern design. They will offer some of the same things that are in Buchanan, but not everything. Flowers by Anna – Dowagiac, will still take flower orders and finish them up at the Buchanan location until they fully open up. Also, a “Flower Bar” will be put into place for the summer like they have a “Succulent Bar” in Buchanan, and then a “Dried Flower Bar” in the fall.

A red ribbon cutting ceremony is hoping to be planned just before mid-November and have a Grand Opening downtown Dowagiac at 111 Commercial Street on November 12 at 9am – 3pm. “I am excited for it, and I finally get to have my own downtown storefront window to decorate!” Anna said excitedly. Typical hours of the second

location will be the same as her Buchanan location, it's a 25-minute drive. You can see more information on the Flowers by Anna Facebook and Instagram pages as well as their website: www.freshflowersbyanna.com. You can reach them by phone 269-409-6090 or email: flowers_by_anna@yahoo.com.

Flowers By Anna

UNIQUE & CREATIVE FLORAL DESIGNS

About Flowers by Anna: More than a flower shop, Flowers by Anna is most certainly not just floral. We have a large assortment of unique gift items for all occasions, as well as home decor, sympathy keepsakes, plants, herbs, hanging baskets, candles, body products, jewelry, canned jams & more, birdhouses, balloons, handmade baked goods, and SO much more. We cannot express enough that we are more than just a flower shop! Come and see what we have in store for you!

www.freshflowersbyanna.com

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Buchanan: [269.409.6090](tel:269.409.6090)

Buchanan Location:

4796 Niles-Buchanan Rd

Buchanan, MI 49107

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Dowagiac: [269.782.9100](tel:269.782.9100)

Dowagiac Location:

111 Commercial St

Dowagiac, MI 49047

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- Typical Hours: (Both locations)
 - Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm
 - Sat: 9am-3pm
 - Sun: Closed

Past Event – Local Author Book Signing



Local Buchanan Science Fiction Author and Book Signing

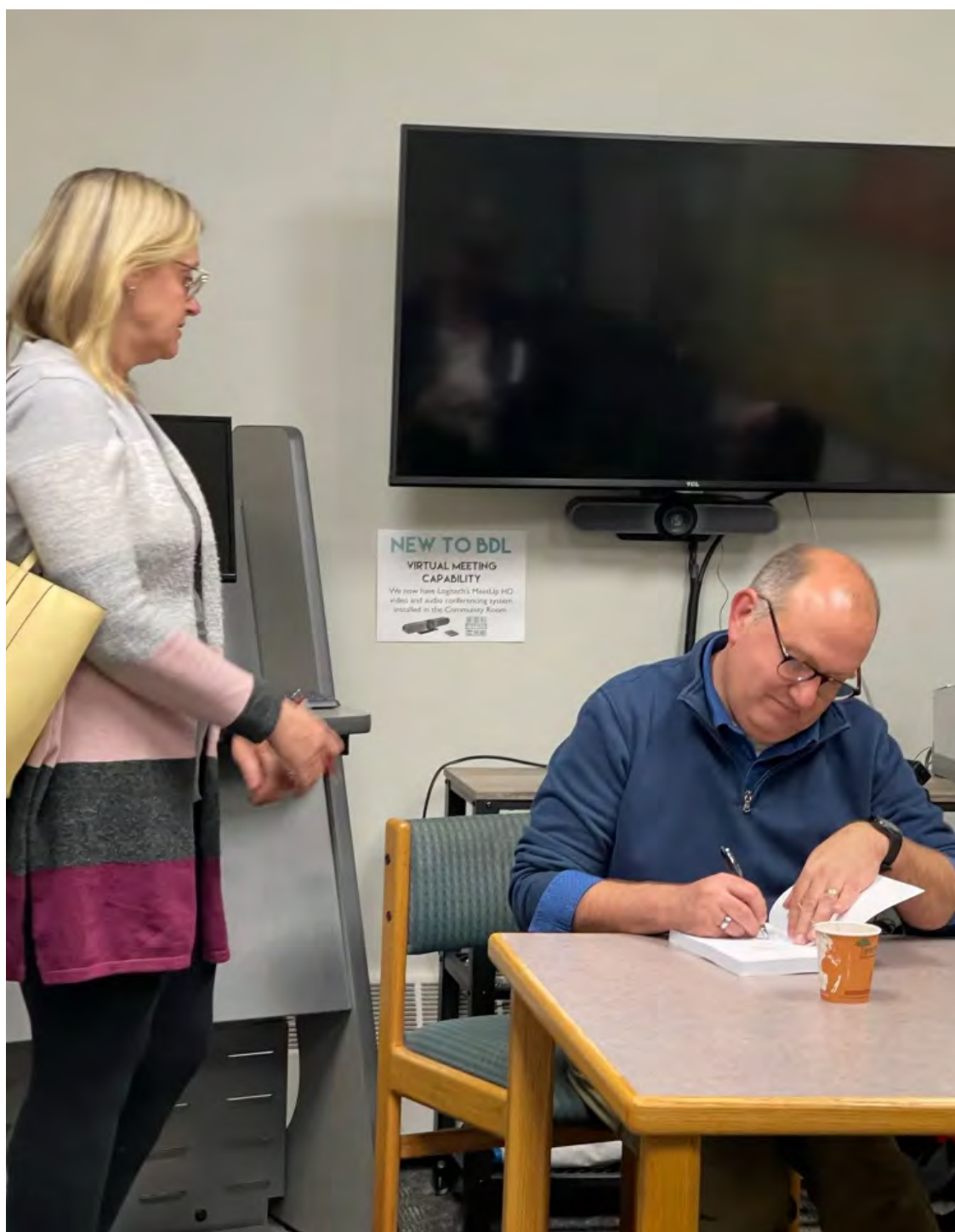
by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan has gained another new author of a science fiction novel, *The Man in Room 204* written by Phil Brackett. Buchanan District Library fittingly hosted the book signing on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 from 6 – 7pm to a group of 31 attendees while Phil and the artist of the book cover, Rob White II, talked and answered questions.



Phil Brackett Book Signing Event at BDL, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

How does Phil get ideas to write a book or create a character? His inspiration came from the late poet & author, Maya Angelou with her quote: "If you grab the inspiration into the butterfly net before it flew off and if you didn't grab it, it was gone." So he writes down ideas in sketchbooks, as well as sending emails to himself and jokes about how he's probably the only person that has many emails from himself.



Phil Brackets Book Signing Event at BDL, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

He also has been reading science fiction novels that have won the Hugo Award since 1954 and he calls that the "Hugo Pile" that's in his bookcase. And reading all of Stephen King's books has inspired him as well for this book. You will see references made to Buchanan, but they are also referencing Phil's favorite author, Stephen King, living in Bangor, Maine. The Man in Room 204 is filled with many characters, the suspense will keep you hooked and wonder what is going to happen next, and not put the book down.



Phil Brackett (author) & Rob White II (book cover artist) Book Signing Event at BDL , Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

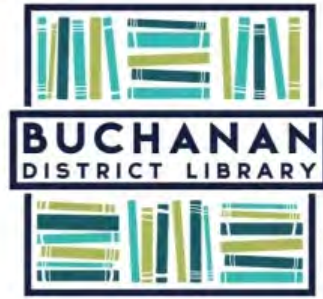
How did Rob White II come up with the front and back cover? Phil sent him a certain part of the book and had said that he would like him to be the artist for it. Rob and Phil went to Grand Valley State University and Rob was immersed in the art department. So, after a few weeks, Rob sent him the artwork and immediately Phil knew Rob was the one. "How did he do that? He pulled it out of my head. How did you draw what was in my head? For the artist to envision what a writer puts into words, it's very flattering. This guy is special (pointing to the character on the back of the book). You will see this guy on the back of the book while you are reading." For the back cover, Rob did some research on barns and how to paint it.



Phil Brackett Book Signing Event at BDL, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

I asked Phil how long it took for him to write the book, and he stated "1-and-a-half years to write and the idea stayed for quite a while in my head." He left the group with these encouraging words: "Find somebody to encourage and push them into their dream."

Books were also available to purchase for \$15. If you haven't purchased it and you feel so inclined to do so in support of a Buchanan author, you may email Phil Brackett at philbrackett75@gmail.com to buy a copy or use this link as well: [Amazon.com/author/philbrackett](https://www.amazon.com/author/philbrackett).



About Buchanan District Library: Our mission is to provide quality material, superior programming and exceptional services delivered with care and integrity to meet the needs of our diverse community.

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Past Event – Trek-or-Treat 2022



17th Annual Trek-or-Treat 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

978 kids and 905 adults made their way along McCoy Creek Trail for the 17th annual Trek-or-Treat on Saturday, October 29 at 12:30pm – 2pm. The weather was perfect with blue skies and plenty of sun shining through

orange leaves.



Trek-or-Treat 2022, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

29 characters lined the trail to hand out candy, in addition to some football players from Buchanan's JV and Varsity football teams, Leo's Club, and the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities ladies.



Trek-or-Treat 2022, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Attendees parked in the Clark Labs parking lot off of Front Street. Then made their way to the gate of the Schirmer Parkway entrance, to check in and then enjoy the one-way loop along the trail. Cash donations were also accepted to help keep the trail a "gem of our city" as stated on the Trek-or-Treat Facebook event page.



Trek-or-Treat 2022 graphic



About Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail: The Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail was established by Resolution of the City of Buchanan in April 2004 as a subcommittee of the Buchanan Area Recreation Board. Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail have gathered in unity to develop and pursue a trail through the City of Buchanan. They have developed pathways through E. B. Clark Woods on the south side of McCoy Creek and have continued the trail to downtown Buchanan along the Creek. They host events such as a 5k Extreme held in August and Trek-or-Treat for Halloween. Public can walk, run or just enjoy a stroll through the woods.

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Homeschooling Spotlight – November 2022



Local Homeschooling Fall 2022

Text and Photos Shared with Permission from Posts by Ashley Hanson

Yesterday's lessons had some cool by-products. More kombucha fermenting with new flavors that add even more health benefits...Pomegranate and pineapple. Also made aloe vera soap from aloe we grew, calendula oil and marigold oil we made from our flowers, topped with dried calendula and scented orange with essential oils and sweet orange body oil from River Bend Outpost...its still curing. Perfecting salted caramels. Will be trying to perfect 12 candies before Christmas for a sweet gift for some peeps.



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Anyone who wonders....

Math...we used digital scales, ratios, multiplying, dividing

Science...health benefits, chemical reactions, knowing your ingredients, "how poisoned foods are now a days" conversation, growing and processing food, fermentation

Reading...everything we did involved research and alot of reading...which was followed up by videos to ensure we knew our processes

Writing...transferring recipes, noting things that did or didn't work and how to do better next time

History...extensive history surrounding all 3 things we made, learning "lost skills", sharing his knowledge with others willing to listen(that's how the "old ways" use to live on...teaching the methods to others), waste not want not methods (you know we thought grandma was crazy for saving the foil...nah not so much...she had a good point)

This is just from one day...with knowledge he has been acquiring for months. Knowledge he will pass on and skills he will use his entire life.

* The above discussed is independent homeschooling and is not associated with Buchanan Community Schools.

If there are other homeschoolers in Buchanan, please send a message through our [Facebook page](#) or [an email to The Buchanan Chronicle](#) as we would like to include you in our schools rotation!

Buchanan Area Senior Center – November 2022



November Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, December 3 ~ 9am-2pm

The BASC Annual Holiday Bazaar gives artists and crafters a chance to rent tables, show off their arts and crafts for the community to admire and purchase. Support your local makers while doing your holiday shopping and find one-of-a-kind gifts for your holiday shopping list. The bazaar is held either in November or December. Be sure to check our newsletter or Facebook page for the BASC Holiday Bazaar date.



The BASC has a couple of Holiday Bazaar Booths available to rent at our bazaar on Saturday, December 3. For more information, please email Diana at diana@thebasc.org with your name, what craft/art you sell, and your telephone number.

Mark your calendars for the BASC Holiday Bazaar!

- Grab your family/friends and come on by to shop for the holiday and make sure you get something special for you!
- Buy your door prize tickets for a chance to win! There will be over 15 prizes!
- BASC will be selling one of a kind ornaments that represent our building and Scarecrow Charities!
- BASC will be selling yummy baked goods!
- On your way out pick up a boxed sloppy joe lunch!
- See you on December 3!



OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

Thursday, November 17 ~ 4-6pm

We are so pleased to announce the completion of the Russ Stephens Memorial Sunroom at the BASC. To celebrate the completion, we are holding an Open House and Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, November 17th, from 4 to 6 p.m. This beautiful addition to our facility turned out even better than we expected, and we encourage you to stop by and see for yourself. We will have a brief presentation and ribbon cutting followed by mixing and mingling with light refreshments. We hope you can join us. RSVPs are encouraged so we can prepare properly. Call us at 269-695-7119 or email caryn@thebasc.org.

We thank all those who have generously contributed to our Annual Appeal to raise the funds to pay for the addition. We still need to raise more funds, and you can send donations to the BASC, 810 Rynearson Street, Buchanan, MI 49107 or in person at our facility.

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

Read the full BASC Newsletter for November 2022 [HERE](#).

Buchanan Area Senior Center - November 2022 Calendar

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Holiday Luncheon Papa Vito's Mishawaka Tuesday, December 6, 12:00 pm	¹ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 11:00 Pinochle 11:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 House of David—Baseball Teams 6:00 Aging Mastery Program	² 9:00 Fasting Blood Sgar Testing 9:00 Coffee Chat 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Hand & Foot Cards 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	³ 11:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 11:00 Mah Jongg 11:00 Game Day	⁴ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Fiber Friends
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About Buchanan Area Senior Center: Buchanan Area Senior Center provides a complete facility, a friendly and efficient staff, and active volunteers that enhance the quality of life of seniors in our community. We offer programs and services designed to promote physical, social, and mental well-being, including exercise, recreation, and crafts, as well as Senior Nutrition Services, food commodities, and a Senior Community Garden.

diana@thebasc.org, Diana Smuda – Program Coordinator

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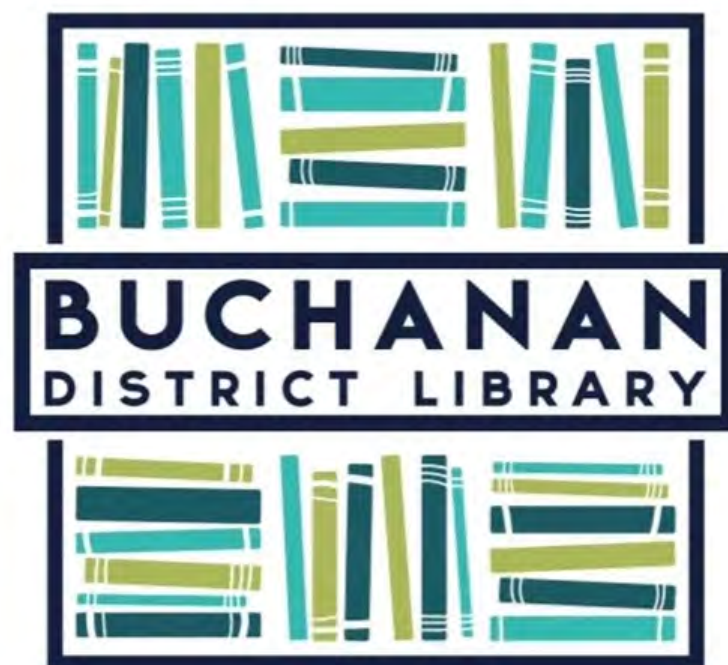
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Buchanan District Library – November 2022



November at Buchanan District Library

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"Let's be reasonable and add an eighth day to the week that is devoted exclusively to reading."

Lena Dunham



BUCKTOWN CHRISTMAS AT THE LIBRARY

The Saturday After Thanksgiving, November 26

Bucktown Christmas is annual downtown event in Buchanan to kick off the holiday season with shopping, Santa, a parade, and lights! Make sure to stop by the library for these fun events while you're enjoying all the festivities around town.

1:00–2:30pm: Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus

1:00–1:30pm: Storytime with Santa & Mrs. Claus

1:00-5:00pm: Write letters to Santa & make a craft

1:00-5:00pm: Drop-in craft for adults

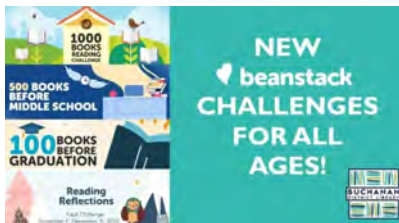
4:00-5:00pm: Visit the LIVE REINDEER

PARADE STARTS DOWNTOWN AT 5:30, FOLLOWED BY THE
HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE COMMON

New Beanstack Challenges for All Ages!

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

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



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

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

Reading Reflections 2022: Calling all adults! The end of the year marks a wonderful time to reflect on all that you've experienced and learned over the past 12 months. Whether you're celebrating the holidays with friends and family or enjoying some quiet time alone, take a moment to cozy up with a good book and set an intention for the coming year. Log your reading and activities to earn badges during the months of November and December.

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

ADULT PROGRAMS:



ADULT CRAFT CLASSES
ALCOHOL INK COASTERS
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17
 11am-12pm &
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18
 5:30-6:30pm

ADULT CRAFT CLASSES:

ALCOHOL INK COASTERS

Thursday, November 17, 11am-12pm

Friday, November 18, 5:30-6:30pm

Join Jen to make a coaster using ceramic tile and alcohol ink. Makes a great gift! All materials provided. Sign-up is required, call the library at 269.695.3681 to reserve your spot!



SIT & KNIT

Friday, November 11 ~ 6-7pm

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



A NOT-SO-SILENT NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY!

Saturday, December 10 ~ 6-8pm

Buchanan District Library's popular holiday event is back IN-PERSON this year at the Library! Combining the best of live and virtual events, this fundraiser features a week-long online silent auction that will end at our festive holiday party on December 10! Anyone can participate in the auction, even if they are unable to attend the event. The silent auction starts December 2 and runs through December 10. This year's event will be better than ever, featuring LIVE music from The Erly! <https://theerlyband.com/>

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS:



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, through December 21 ~ 10:30-11:30am

Storytime with Ms. Julie continues every Wednesday through December 21! Join us for music, songs, dance, stories, and crafts. Recommended for ages 2-6 but families with children of all ages are welcome.



TEEN SCENE

Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30pm

November 16 & 30

December 7, 14, & 21

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



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Tutors & Coaches are available online 9am-12am.
Video lessons, quizzes & test prep, and drop off reviews are available 24/7.
Tutor.com is accessible with your library card number or using a library computer or wifi.

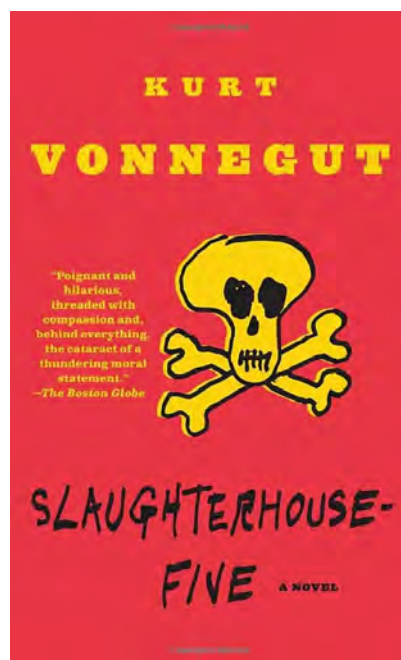
NEW! Tutor.com Now Available with your library card or in the library!

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

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

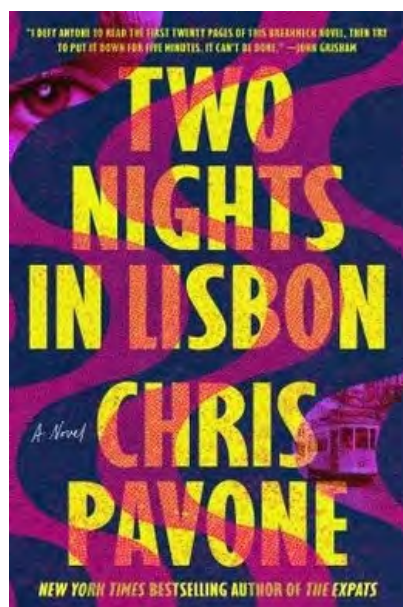
WHAT WE'RE READING:



MEG IS READING... SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE KURT VONNEGUT

Slaughterhouse-Five, an American classic, is one of the world's great antiwar books. Centering on the infamous World War II firebombing of Dresden, the novel is the result of what Kurt Vonnegut described as a twenty-three-year struggle to write a book about what he had witnessed as an American prisoner of war. It combines historical fiction, science fiction, autobiography, and satire in an account of the life of Billy Pilgrim, a barber's son turned draftee turned optometrist turned alien abductee. As Vonnegut had, Billy experiences the destruction of Dresden as a POW. Unlike Vonnegut, he experiences time travel, or coming "unstuck in time."

An instant bestseller, Slaughterhouse-Five made Kurt Vonnegut a cult hero in American literature, a reputation that only strengthened over time, despite his being banned and censored by some libraries and schools for content and language.



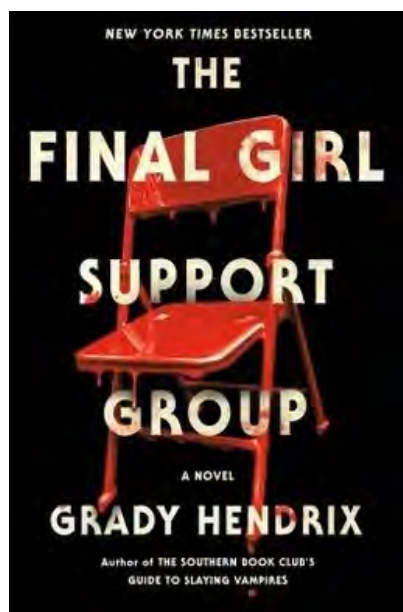
THELMA IS READING...

TWO NIGHTS IN LISBON
CHRIS PAVONE

You think you know a person . . .

Ariel Pryce wakes up in Lisbon, alone. Her husband is gone—no warning, no note, not answering his phone. Something is wrong. She starts with hotel security, then the police, then the American embassy, at each confronting questions she can't fully answer: What exactly is John doing in Lisbon? Why would he drag her along on his business trip? Who would want to harm him? And why does Ariel know so little about her new—much younger—husband? The clock is ticking. Ariel is increasingly frustrated and desperate, running out of time, and the one person in the world who can help is the one person she least wants to ask.

With sparkling prose and razor-sharp insights, bestselling author Chris Pavone delivers a stunning and sophisticated international thriller that will linger long after the surprising final page.



MINDI IS READING...

THE FINAL GIRL SUPPORT GROUP
GRADY HENDRIX

A fast-paced, thrilling horror novel that follows a group of heroines to die for, from the brilliant New York Times bestselling author of *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires*. In horror movies, the final girl is the one who's left standing when the credits roll. The one who fought back, defeated the killer, and avenged her friends. The one who emerges bloodied but victorious, a victim and a hero. But after the sirens fade and the audience moves on, what happens to her? Lynnette Tarkington is a real-life final girl who survived a massacre twenty-two years ago, and it has defined every day of her life since. And she's not alone. For more than a decade she's been meeting with five other actual final girls and their therapist in a support group for those who survived the unthinkable, putting their lives back together, piece by piece. That is until one of the women misses a meeting and Lynnette's worst fears are realized—someone knows about the group and is determined to take their lives apart again.

LOT LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEM



GREENWORKS 8" EDGER

This item was added thanks to a patron suggestion! The Greenworks 24V Edger will run for up to 45 minutes on 2 fully charged 4.0Ah batteries. The 8" edger blade with curb wheel guarantees the perfect edging every time. The tool-less depth adjustment allows added control over cutting depth. This edger is lightweight, easy to use along with superior ergonomics to allow for reduced user fatigue.

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

ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

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

NEW! myLIBRO App

Buchanan District Library now has an app!

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

Download the myLIBRO app

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

Set up your account

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

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

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

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

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



Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



About Buchanan District Library: Our mission is to provide quality material, superior programming and exceptional services delivered with care and integrity to meet the needs of our diverse community.

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BCS Superintendent's Note – November 2022





Superintendent of Schools

Phone: 269-695-8401 Fax: 269-695-8450

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

A November Note from our BCS Superintendent

by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent

We recently ended our first quarter and Parent-Teacher Conferences which were held November 2nd and 3rd were a great way for parents to communicate with their child's teacher to receive a report on their child's progress. Parent-Teacher Conferences are also a great way to build relationships with the teacher and offer personal insights which may support a child's achievement. If you were not able to attend conferences, please connect with your child's teacher so you are informed about your child's progress.

Vote on November 8th!

Voters in our school district will head to the polls on November 8, 2022, to vote on a bond proposal for Buchanan Community Schools. This bond will open access for our district to address facility improvements at our school buildings. Based on results from the survey and priorities developed by the school district, below is the list of improvements and additions the bond will fund. Note that all projects have been approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Some Key Projects:

Moccasin Elementary School building renovation and expansion.

- Renovate and Expand Moccasin Elementary:
 - Security Enhancements
 - Infrastructure Upgrades throughout the existing building
 - Building expansion
 - New bus pickup and drop-off location
 - New playground equipment

High School Projects – Our facility study also identified areas at our high school building. We studied building a new school. However, at the cost of \$55 million, this was deemed to be too expensive. Therefore, we are proposing the following updates to this building at the cost of \$14.7 million.

- Renovate and improve our 100-year-old Buchanan High School:
 - Security Enhancements
 - Infrastructure Upgrades throughout the existing building
 - Renovation of Labs and existing classrooms
 - Reconfiguration of the Media center for better utilization
- Sports Complex Improvements:
 - Resurfacing of the track and new turf field for expanded utilization of the space for football, band practice, and competitions

Overall, our students are moving along and progressing academically, our student programs such as athletics and band continue to receive honors for their high performances and our staff continues to create a safe, supportive and welcoming environment for our students and their families.

Go Bucks!

Community Press Release – Walton Road Bridge Closure

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Educationally yours,

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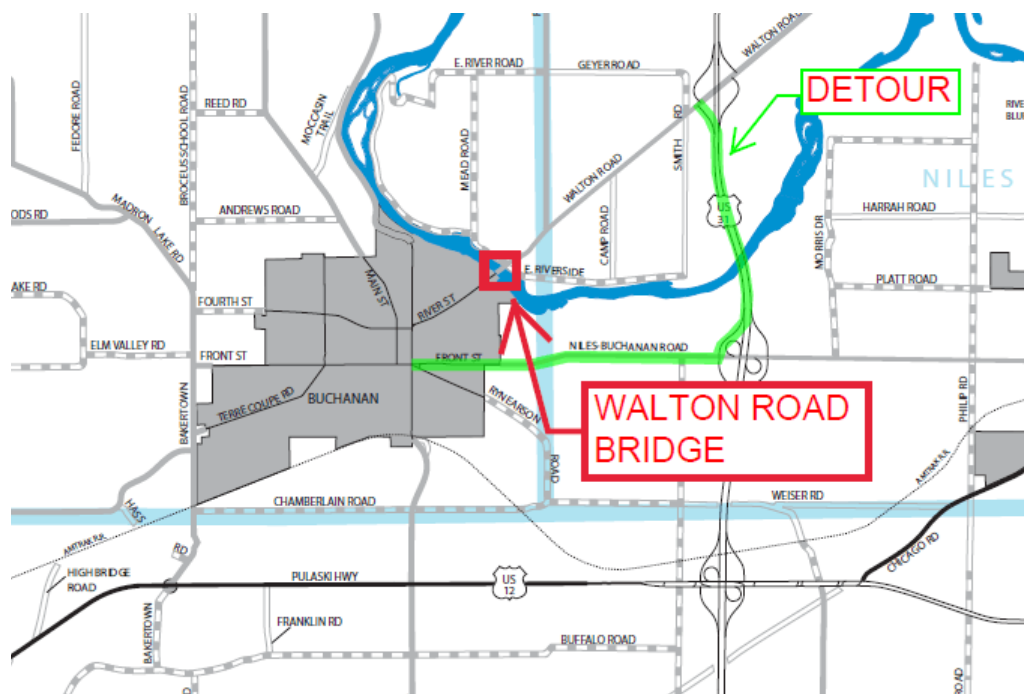
Photo from BCS

BCRD : Walton Road Bridge Closure Continues

Berrien County, MI – October 31, 2022

WORK PERMITTING, BRIDGE ANTICIPATED TO REOPEN PRIOR TO VETERANS DAY

- **TOWNSHIP:** Buchanan Township
- **LOCATION:** Walton Road Bridge over the St Joseph River
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Buchanan, Niles
- **PROJECT END DATE:** November 11, 2022 (work permitting)
- **PROJECT:** Walton Road Bridge 2022 rehabilitation project will continue with bridge deck maintenance. The bridge rehabilitation related activities will provide continued life and use of the Walton Road Bridge over the St Joseph River. For the safety of crews and the traveling public, the bridge will be closed for construction. The public is requested to seek alternative routes or utilize the official detour route during road closure/construction.
- **Traffic Restrictions:** Walton Road Bridge is closed to all thru traffic over the St Joseph River. Work is anticipated to be completed by November 11, 2022 (weather and work dependent.)
- **Detour Route During Closure:** Walton Road to US-31 to Niles-Buchanan Road.
- Please seek alternative routes or utilize the signed detour route until the bridge has been reopened to traffic.
- **CONTACT:** Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
 - aboone@bcroad.org – 269-925-1196 ext. 4410



BCRD Image – Walton Road Bridge Closure

[Link to BCRD Alert HERE](#)



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

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Community Press Release – School of American Music Succession



School of American Music Announces President-Elect

Submitted by G. Taylor, School of American Music Public Relations

The School of American Music (SAM) announced that local teacher and performer Ron Spears has been elected the next President of its Board of Directors.

"I am honored to accept the presidency of SAM and to lead the school into its second decade," said Ron. "My roots in the organization go deep. My wife Marge served as a founding board member. I have been a board member, music teacher and performer at SAM for several years. I look forward to reaching out to my friends and supporters in the community to champion the school's vision to be an inspired and inclusive community united and enriched by the joy and love of music."



School of American Music President-Elect Ron Spears in a familiar pose, Photo provided by School of American Music

SAM Executive Director Donna Mitchell said, "I have worked with Ron as a teacher, voice student, board member, committee member, fellow performer, festival organizer, policy examiner, sound technician and friend. His broad-based experience in all the reaches of SAM makes him well-qualified for the work as our President and future face of the organization. I look forward to continuing our mission under his leadership."

"Most of all, Ron has the passion, commitment, and heart that you want to see in a board leader," says Mary Wilson, SAM Vice President. We are so fortunate to have his talent, dedication, and his wit! He has the board's complete support."

Garth Taylor, SAM founder and outgoing Board President, outlined the succession process: "I've been at the helm for 10 years. Making a plan to pass the torch is now the responsible thing to do. The Music School was helped

by a planning retreat held last Autumn that was funded by The Pokagon Foundation. I will be staying involved with the school. I love the mission and the impact we have on the lives of the students and the economic and cultural value we bring to the community. I look forward to the transfer of the Presidency to my good friend Ron, which will allow me to dedicate full time to teaching, composing and other music projects." The School of American Music, located in Three Oaks Michigan, is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation. All donations and ticket purchases are tax deductible and matched by an anonymous donor. For more information, please go to Michiana's Musical Connection <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.

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Community Press Release – HCU New VP of Member Experience



Honor Credit Union Announces Hire of VP of Member Experience

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Berrien Springs, MI – October 24, 2022

Honor Credit Union is proud to announce the hire of Jennifer Patrick as VP of Member Experience. With 17 years in the credit union industry, Patrick is no stranger to the credit union, its values, and its mission to serve the community and its members.

Jennifer holds a Master's and Bachelor's in Business Administration, is a graduate of CUNA Management School and is nearing her completion of a Master's in Human Resources. She brings a wealth of experience with her, with previous positions held, including Executive Vice President, Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Human Resources, Branch Manager, Assistant Branch Manager, and most recently, Vice President of Branch Service Delivery, and Vice President of Branch Operations.



Jennifer Patrick, New VP of Member Experience, Photo provided by HCU

As VP of Member Experience, Jennifer will oversee Honor's 29 member centers across the state, including its Virtual Member Center, and ensure our members can interact with us how and where they want to.

"Our goal is to ensure a WOW experience, regardless of the channel our members utilize, and work with others across the organization to make that vision a reality," stated Patrick.

She will focus on the pillars of customer experience as she works to ensure it is easy to do business with Honor and that we can deliver on our promise of "Providing Solutions for Your Financial Success."

"I love the focus Honor places on employee and member experience. Coming to Honor was an easy decision because the organization's values are so aligned with my personal values. I could tell on day one that Honor lived the values as the team has been so open and welcoming," commented Patrick. "I am excited to work more closely with each of them."

Outside of Honor, Jennifer enjoys many hobbies, including reading, spending time with family, and hanging out at the beach. She resides in Stevensville, Michigan, with her husband, James. Together they have two daughters (Jasmine and Mia), two dogs (Sam and Milo), and four cats (Maxcito, Myrtle, Bailey, and Boo).



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution serving over 100,000 members in 27 member center communities throughout western and northern Michigan. Providing

solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities we serve remain the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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

Community Press Release – School of American Music After-School Guitar



After-School Guitar at Three Oaks Elementary is Back

Submitted by G. Taylor, School of American Music Public Relations

On Wednesday October 19 Tom Parisi, Guitar Instructor at the School of American Music made his debut as After-School Guitar Instructor at Three Oaks Elementary School.

The School of American Music has provided music lessons and enrichment to the local elementary schools for the past 5 years under the leadership of Executive Director Donna Mitchell who said, “We are so happy that Tom stepped up! He has proven himself as a private teacher at the Music School in this past year. We have enjoyed having him with us and admire his willingness to volunteer and to give back. Please say thank you to Tom when you see him.”

Tom, a retired college professor and long-time resident of South Bend, views an elementary classroom as a joy and a challenge. He tells his students, “There is a long and winding road ahead. Making music a part of your life will enrich the journey.” Tom performs many varieties of music and can be frequently heard on stage at sing-longs and other Music School events.

The School of American Music after-school programs are staffed by volunteers. To insure against the day when these positions might require compensation, the Music School has instituted a Future Fund endowment campaign. According to Garth Taylor, Board President, “The Future Fund is for the future – not for rent or heating bills. It is the community’s statement of support and hope for another 10 years of community benefit from the school — which was founded in 2012.”



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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 39



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by Jen Garry, Publisher

- Thank you for taking the time to read our publications a few times each month, we really appreciate our readership and love all your suggestions and story ideas!
- A very generous reader was kind enough to give us a video review of our publication; Ken Peterson gave us a great personal testimonial full of praise, and we so appreciate it! For his review he received one of our custom The Buchanan Chronicle coffee mugs. Thank you to Ken and all our readers for reading Buchanan's news with us! Watch it on our Facebook page [HERE](#).
- We will soon unveil our Merch Shop here on our website; there you'll be able to get custom items and merch to support our efforts, and with the Holidays right around the corner it'll be perfect timing when looking for unique gifts this year!
- **VOTE VOTE VOTE!!!** This year's Midterm Election is here! There are several articles in this issue highlighting different aspects of this year's ballot, please read them to be informed for when you **VOTE ON ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022!** Each individual able to vote *should* participate in the election process as this is the best way to ensure that the results (whatever they may be) accurately reflect our collective opinions.

As always, I'd like to remind you if you come across anything newsworthy, any announcements to share publicly, or anything you'd like your community to know about, please let us know by email (at buchananchronicle@att.net) or message us on [our Facebook page](#). We really appreciate any communication, we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community! We love to publish Opinion pieces from local contributors, feel free to write in if you have something to say to Buchanan!

Thanks again for reading and engaging in our Buchanan Community with us!

The Buchanan Chronicle

The Clark Barker – Issue 39



It's Raining Leaves!

We all know that it's leaf pick up time! However, when those leaves are wet, it's a pain and more and more comes down. How we long for drier days to come and move them to the tree lawn near the road to be picked up by the crews. I like to run through them and if you're a big kid at heart, jump in the piles that are in your yard, but not the piles next to the road. Remember to not include grass clippings or tree limbs in these piles. A big thanks goes out to the crews for handling this big task.

Woof-Woof!



Remembering – Issue 39

The word "Remembering" is written in a large, elegant, red cursive script. Above the word, there is a blue decorative element consisting of a curved line with a heart at the end and a small blue flower-like shape at the start.

Remembering

Remembering – Issue 39

Buchanan Losses • 10/17-10/30

Name	Age	Born	Died
Edna “Kaye” Johnson	78	November 7, 1943	October 30, 2022
Joe Henry James, Sr.	87	January 2, 1935	October 28, 2022
Judith “Judy” Ann (Probst) Stone	77	June 7, 1945	October 28, 2022
Lucky T. Carpenter, Sr.	73	July 22, 1949	October 26, 2022
Bruce J. Mather	84	October 11, 1938	October 25, 2022
Diane Lynette Smith	64	July 25, 1958	October 25, 2022
Carol “Coke” Marsh	76	April 22, 1946	October 24, 2022
Torriano Lavon Anderson Jr.	15	September 14, 2007	October 22, 2022
Robert Wayne “Bobby” Deeds	62	July 26, 1960	October 20, 2022
Toby Dornan	69	December 29, 1952	October 20, 2022
Yvonne “Bonnie” Adams	85	September 1, 1937	October 19, 2022
Mary Jane Fredricks	78	May 26, 1944	October 19, 2022
Margie L. Skinner	77	December 9, 1944	October 17, 2022

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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Now That's Funny! – Issue 39



Now That's Funny! – Issue 39

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

This year for Halloween, I have noticed a growing popularity for costumes that inflate. I am sure we have all seen the T-Rex costume being worn at one time or another. I even remember seeing a Baymax costume being worn. For those who don't know, Baymax is a character from the movie Big Hero 6. So while I was sitting outside passing out candy to all the kiddos, I happened to pass out candy to a fella who wasn't wearing his costume. I asked him what happened and was told that it deflated! 🤦

Here's a good dad joke. What do you call 100 rabbits hopping backwards?

A receding "hare"line. 🤪🤪🤪

Keep laughing folks! 😄

Police Points – Call Log Issue 39



Police Call Log : 10/03 – 10/16

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	5
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	1
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	1
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	8
Family/Other	0
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	1
Intimidation/Stalking	3
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	0
Damage to Property	2
Liquor Violations	0
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	3
Disorderly Conduct	1
Weapons Offense	4
Public Peace / Other	2
OUIL	0
Driving Law Violations	3
Health and Safety	0
Trespass	1
Juvenile Complaints	8
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	5
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Property Checks	1
Alarms	5

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	2
Suspicious Situations	10
Lost/Found Property	8
Natural Death	1
Accidental/Suicide	0
Medical Assist	22
General Assist	21
Ordinance Violations	14
Missing Person	0
VCSA	1

Total Calls 10/03 – 10/16 : 134

* 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.

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

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Police Points
