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Note from the Editor

Happy Spring everyone and welcome to the Spring 2024 issue! What a different winter compared to last year here in Buchanan! Now I am waiting for some crocuses, daffodils, and tulips to sprout up and bloom so I can capture them on my camera and enjoy those pops of color.



Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

As weather changes, so do things in Buchanan like new businesses are in the middle of construction and others are opening. We hope that you will be able to visit these places and encourage them in their success as well as still frequenting current businesses here in town. Also, don't forget you can check out items from the Buchanan District Library "Library of Things" like yard tools, kitchen accessories, games, etc..... You can also rent items from Redbud Hardware. The Buchanan Chronicle is also a business you can still support as you are reading this issue by sharing it with your family, friends and neighbor. Just visit our website: www.thebuchananchronicle.com!

We have a special and fun Easter/Spring section in the middle of this issue. See if you can find a certain item, and the first person to call us before April 5, 2024 will win a \$10 gift card to Union Coffee House & Cafe. We will send out an email to our subscriber list as well as announcing the winner on our Facebook page in a Facebook LIVE video.

Also, I wanted to let you know that due to monetary funds, this printed issue will be the LAST ONE you will be reading from us. This was not a decision we took lightly. As of today, we are ceasing publication of The Buchanan Chronicle. Our last online issue is March 23, 2024.

Subscribers who have paid subscriptions for the June and September 2024 issues will get

a refund, as well as our sponsors who are amid their sponsor packages. We will be keeping our website up and available at www.thebuchananchronicle.com for some time if you want to peruse it and catch up on past articles/events. We may also occasionally highlight an event or something that is coming up locally on our Facebook page/website.

I would like to thank you for your support and reading this issue and all the other ones before it, all 72 of them. However, the time has come for us to be open to newer things in our lives as we go about in the future.

Again, thank you to our readers and our all-volunteer team from the bottom of our hearts. Also, thank you to Eco Owl Press for producing great printed issues and labels for us. If you need any printing needs, reach out to them as they are a great husband and wife team! If you happen to see us out and about in Buchanan, feel free to come up and say "Hi!"

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A Note from the Publisher

By Jen Garry, Publisher



Note from the Publisher

Yes, its true!!! After three years of bringing Buchanan's local news to our community, The Buchanan Chronicle is ceasing publication after our final Online Issue 72 – March 23, 2024 and this final Printed Edition - Spring 2024!

It has been our pleasure getting to know all of you through interviews, public interactions at events, communications from our readers far and wide, comments on Facebook, and so so much more! We had an amazing run and accomplished all we set out to achieve – and now we're so excited to be moving forward with new chapters in each of our lives!

We had a bittersweet realization recently that its time to move on to new things; financially our business was at a turning point, either we find significant funding to continue our work (and pay ourselves to support our families) or we find what new endeavors are in store for each of us as we explore our career and family options. These three years our leadership and team have worked hard without pay, selflessly volunteering their time and talents to benefit their community, funding our efforts with our own money and giving up time with our families – absolutely well worth doing, but after a time as life goes on, the ebb and flow of life takes us in new directions.



Jen Garry, Publisher

We appreciate our readers so much, thank you for following our publications and reading all about Buchanan's latest news with us these three years! We will have published 72 issues online and 4 printed editions, completing 3 years in business as The Buchanan Chronicle – and we're so proud of all we have accomplished! Thank you for

reading along and for all the support we have received from our Buchanan Community! And please make sure to say hi to any of our team when you see us around town, and fill us in on your news – we're still personally interested, and we won't be publishing it to the public anymore so you can tell us all the details!

It has been our absolute pleasure and privilege to bring you Buchanan's latest news and local stories for these last three years! Thank you to each and every reader, all those who sponsored, donated, and advertised with us, and to everyone who shared and talked about our stories and articles – together all of you have made our efforts possible, without you we could not accomplished all we have, THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH, EVERYONE!!!! 🍀

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Remembering

Recently gone from our Community



Name	Age	Born	Died
Doris Lauricella	95	Mar 11, 1929	Mar 12
Bonita June Lollar Howard	74	May 1, 1949	Mar 7
Robert Werntz	67	Nov 7, 1956	Mar 7
Richard Lee "Rich" Sailliez	60	Oct 20, 1963	Mar 2
Annie M. Cashier	84	May 25, 1939	Mar 1
Joyce Grant	85	Dec 22, 1938	Feb 29
Dianna Sue Kalus	81	Nov 20, 1942	Feb 29
Susan Carol Roberts-Schrumpf	51	Apr 26, 1972	Feb 29
James Harvey Vander Kolk	81	Dec 31, 1942	Feb 28
Elaine J. Mills	83	Sep 13, 1940	Feb 27
Claude Simpson Jr.	71	Apr 23, 1952	Feb 27
Brad Lintz	45	Aug 19, 1978	Feb 25
Sara E. Jeffery	38	Apr 9, 1985	Feb 24
Richard F. "Dick" Hickok	83	Aug 7, 1940	Feb 21
Michael Grimes	71	Jun 26, 1952	Feb 20
Venita C. Bishop	73	Jan 21, 1951	Feb 17
Lillian "Moonyeen" Lincoln	83	May 31, 1940	Feb 17
Barbara Jean Young	83	Jun 5, 1940	Feb 17
Richard Findley	73	Mar 27, 1950	Feb 15
Charles Leonard Hall	76	May 16, 1947	Feb 15
Donald L. Colpetzer	75	July 17, 1948	Feb 14
Esther Pauline (Deckard) Walters	87	Jan 9, 1937	Feb 14
Alfred "Al" Unger	83	Apr 6, 1940	Feb 11
Doren Preston	72	Jul 15, 1951	Feb 10
Nancy J. Jervis	71	Aug 21, 1952	Feb 6
Barbara Eichorst	64	Oct 17, 1959	Feb 5
Annette O. Shaw	94	Apr 6, 1929	Feb 2
Richard Allen Ladonski	74	Mar 11, 1949	Feb 2
Willard "Bill" Friend	81	Feb 10, 1942	Feb 1
Talitha C. "Tilly" Mark	73	Mar 25, 1950	Feb 1
Kenneth Ralph Schaber	85	Jan 26, 1939	Feb 1
Glenda Lee Weaver	59	Jul 7, 1964	Jan 29
Lillie Bell	91	May 3, 1932	Jan 28
Helen Lucille VanLoon	85	Mar 27, 1938	Jan 27
Debra Matthews	62	Jul 13, 1961	Jan 26
Joyce Carpenter	89	Apr 9, 1934	Jan 25
Robert J. Chase	67	Feb 27, 1956	Jan 24
Roberta Lou Patterson	67	Jan 22, 1957	Jan 24
B. Charlotte Stephenson	94	Aug 19, 1927	Jan 24
James L. "Jim" Faulkner	68	Jun 12, 1955	Jan 22
Floyd E. "Gene" Lockamy Jr.	82	Oct 6, 1941	Jan 21
Elizabeth "Betty" Cornwell	93	Jun 30, 1930	Jan 20

Name	Age	Born	Died
Patricia K. Mrozek	72	Sep 17, 1951	Jan 20
Nancy Lee Ritchie	83	Nov 3, 1940	Jan 20
Harry Edward Ritter	86	Nov 12, 1937	Jan 20
Brett Eric Pointer	55	May 15, 1968	Jan 18
Taylor Oren Johnson	84	Jan 2, 1940	Jan 16
Martha Katherine Blevins	99	Aug 24, 1924	Jan 10
Stanley Kucharski	80	Apr 15, 1943	Jan 10
Michelle Marie Zebell	52	Sep 2, 1971	Jan 8
Harry Robert Trescher	95	Nov 22, 1928	Jan 7
Patricia Lynn Havard	68	Mar 14, 1955	Jan 4
Susan Lynn Weikel	70	Jul 21, 1953	Jan 4
Jeanie Kaye Burns	60	Nov 13, 1963	Jan 3
Jimmie Ray Lawson	80	Mar 11, 1943	Jan 3
Mildred Alice Klug	88	Nov 15, 1935	Jan 2
Sharon Stella	83	Jan 7, 1940	Jan 2
Craig Erikson	75	Jan 7, 1948	Dec 27
Waneeta Marie Ott	86	Apr 20, 1937	Dec 27
Quentin Eugene Lowe	84	Dec 17, 1939	Dec 25
Olga Ann Townsend	93	Apr 8, 1930	Dec 23
Wade Cole	57	Oct 10, 1966	Dec 21
Shirley Kerlikowske	88	Feb 6, 1935	Dec 20
Freda Belle Marks	83	Aug 20, 1940	Dec 19
Micky Keith Snook	73	Oct 24, 1950	Dec 19
Frankie Louise (Lowery) Shirley	91	Nov 8, 1932	Dec 16
Marlin R. Turbett	73	Nov 27, 1950	Dec 14
Robert M. Scroggins Jr.	66	Jan 18, 1957	Dec 13
Kelly Burrell	60	Dec 12, 1963	Dec 12
Donald Richard Harvlie	77	Apr 22, 1946	Dec 12
Henry James Mayo	81	Nov 15, 1942	Dec 12
Kenneth J. "Santa" Przystup	75	Jan 3, 1948	Dec 11
Samella Harper-Jones	79	Oct 10, 1944	Dec 10
Christie Sue Ripley	68	Feb 8, 1955	Dec 10
Richard Forest Scott	81	Jun 1, 1942	Dec 8
Charles Leonard Lewis	57	Aug 16, 1966	Dec 6
Rodney Lee Jacoby	58	Mar 7, 1965	Dec 2
Aaron Arthur Six	67	Jan 20, 1956	Dec 1
Thomas Wayne "Tom" Castle	71	Sep 4, 1952	Dec 1
Angela J. "Angie" Parquette	43	Jul 19, 1980	Dec 1
Yvonne D. Hansel	60	Oct 12, 1963	Nov 29
Susan Theresa McNew	77	Mar 11, 1946	Nov 28
Donn Edwards	90	Dec 4, 1932	Nov 23
Samantha Jayne Whitney	28	Sep 26, 1995	Nov 21



It's been a great time with The Buchanan Chronicle for three years and four Printed Editions! Thank you from the bottom of my favorite bunny and squirrel toys for reading these publications. It is sad to say goodbye, but I am now retiring as I'm a senior dog. I long for more play times and walks outside as I won't be writing anymore. Instead I can chase and hunt for bunnies and squirrels!

Lastly I'd like to remind you that when you are walking your pooch, to always have a waste bag or a plastic grocery bag with you to pick up after the dog does its business and put it in the trash can when you get home. Thank you! Woof - woof!

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Elevating Community Spirit: The Cultural Arts Everywhere Journey Through Creativity

Cultural Arts Everywhere continues to stand as a dynamic force in Buchanan MI, championing the transformative influence of the arts.

Rooted in the belief that art has the power to empower, uplift, and unite, this organization has swiftly become a vital part of the community fabric. With a mission to showcase, educate, and advocate for the arts, Cultural Arts Everywhere unlocks the boundless potential within individuals, fostering creativity and self-trust. Through diverse artistic experiences, they enrich lives, fostering a future filled with purpose and possibility for residents of all ages.

Over the past year, Cultural Arts Everywhere has made a significant impact in Buchanan, Michigan, with a series of engaging events and activities tailored to diverse audiences. These events have brought together community members of all ages to celebrate the arts and explore their creative potential. Some notable past events include:

- *Sing! Sing! Sing! for Kids* at The Buchanan Library: A delightful and interactive musical experience designed to ignite the passion for singing in the youngest of our community.
- *Sing! Sing! Sing! for Seniors* at The Buchanan Area Senior Center: An inclusive program bridging generations through the joy of song, bringing smiles and harmony to our seniors.
- *The Many Health Benefits of Singing Masterclass* at The Buchanan Area Senior Center: Exploring the physical, mental, and emotional wellness that singing can bring into the community.

- *MOTOWN Pride of the Motor City Concert* at Buchanan Common: Where audiences enjoy the soulful melodies of Motown as they pay tribute to the Motor City's musical legacy.
- *Christmas in Buchanan Song*: A heartwarming celebration of the holiday spirit, uniting the Buchanan community through the joy of song. Cultural Arts Everywhere donated the musical arrangement for the Buchanan High School Marching Band to play as they marched in Buchanan's Holiday Parade.
- *Holiday Sing!* at The Buchanan Area Senior Center (December 5, 6, 7): Celebrated the magic of the holiday season through song, spreading warmth and cheer to all.
- *"Patience and Persistence"* presentation for the faculty and student body at Buchanan High School, designed to encourage students to pursue their interests, while understanding that success takes time. Anything worth having is worth working hard for.

As Cultural Arts Everywhere looks ahead to 2024, they have an exciting lineup of events planned to continue enriching the community with art and creativity. Here are some of the upcoming events:

- *Female Composers, Band Leaders and Songwriters of the 20th Century!* (Women's History Month Programming throughout March 2024): Celebrating the contributions of women in music and honoring their legacy. Online access for schools, colleges, and organizations.
- *The Many Health Benefits of Singing* (June 12, 2024, Buchanan MI): Exploring the therapeutic effects of singing on physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
- *Tell Your Own Story* (June 19, 2024, Buchanan MI): Empowering individuals to share their unique narratives through creative expression.

- *Creative Writing for Kids* (June 19, 2024, Buchanan MI): Inspiring young writers to explore their imagination and develop their storytelling skills.
- *Sing Sing Sing for Kids* (June 25-27, 2024, Buchanan MI): A fun and interactive singing workshop for children, fostering a love for music from an early age.
- *Sing Sing Sing for Seniors: Salute to the Stars and Stripes* (June 25-27, 2024, Buchanan MI): Honoring veterans and celebrating patriotic songs with our senior community members.
- *Blooming in Miniature* (July 7, 2024, Buchanan MI): A hands-on workshop exploring the art of miniature gardening and floral design.
- *Smart Phone Film Making* (July 23-25, 2024, Buchanan MI): A creative workshop teaching participants how to tell compelling stories through smartphone film making.
- *MOTOWN...Pride of the Motor City* (July 6, 2024, Buchanan MI): A musical tribute to the legendary Motown sound, celebrating the rich musical heritage of Detroit.
- *Mock Trial for Teens* (July 2024, Buchanan MI): An interactive educational experience to introduce teens to the legal system through a simulated trial.
- *Sing Sing Sing for Seniors ... Great American Songbook* (August 13-15, 2024, Buchanan MI): A nostalgic journey through classic American songs, bringing joy to seniors in our community.
- *Samba Basics 101 for Seniors* (August 19, 2024, Buchanan MI): An introduction to the vibrant rhythms and movements of Brazilian samba dance for seniors.
- *Samba on the Common* (August 20, 2024, Buchanan Common, Buchanan MI): A lively outdoor dance event celebrating the spirit of samba with the entire community.

- *Dueling Generations Music Slam* (October 5, 2024, Buchanan MI): A unique musical showcase featuring performers from different age groups, bridging generational divides through music.
- *Holiday Sing for Seniors* (December 3-5, 2024, Buchanan MI): Spreading holiday cheer with festive songs and performances for seniors in our community.

"As we enter a new year, we look forward to the many events in Buchanan and are thrilled to continue our mission of empowering individuals through the transformative power of the arts. Each event represents a unique opportunity to foster greater creativity, connection, and community engagement, furthering our commitment to enriching lives and unlocking potential." - Dr. Greta Pope, CAE Executive Director.

Cultural Arts Everywhere extends its reach beyond Buchanan, MI, with events like the "Celebration of The Arts" at the Orlando Museum of Art, highlighting regional artistic talent. Additionally, they present "Mr. Kelly's with the Marshall Vente Trio" at the Newberry Library in Chicago, a musical homage to the famed Chicago jazz club. These endeavors demonstrate the organization's commitment to promoting creativity and cultural enrichment on a broader scale, fostering connections, and celebrating artistic expression across different communities.

This last Fall, Cultural Arts Everywhere received a grant from The Michigan Gateway Community Foundation to support their work with Youth and Seniors in south Berrien and Cass Counties. With the invaluable support of The Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, Cultural Arts Everywhere aims to expand its reach, enrich lives, and foster a deep appreciation for the arts among youth and seniors in south Berrien and Cass Counties.

Let's celebrate the arts, embracing creativity, and building a brighter future for all through Cultural Arts Everywhere. For more information and to stay updated on Cultural Arts Everywhere upcoming events, visit www.culturalartseverywhere.org and follow them on social media. 

A Spring Wonderland Awaits You

Get ready to mark your calendars! You won't want to miss some phenomenal events in the great outdoors this spring! Some events may be once in a lifetime and others once a decade or so. However, other notable events are annual and can often be overlooked due to their normalcy.

Let's dive in and put some things on your radar so you are in the know. You can create memories this spring to last a lifetime!

1 - Tuesday, March 19 Spring Begins!

Officially at 11:06 pm EDT the season of spring begins! Since it's a leap year, it begins early this year. Celebrate and enjoy the day! Actor Robin Williams even stated, "Spring is nature's way of saying, Let's party!"



Crocus - Photo by Jill K. McDonald

2 - Monday, April 8

"The Great North American Eclipse"

A total solar eclipse will cross North America, hence its nickname. To find out where and what time to view this spectacle, check out NASA's 2024 guided video map at their website: science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when.



2024 Eclipse Map - Image from NASA.gov

Be prepared with eclipse glasses, as safety is priority. For some additional fun and a great science experiment, put on some red and green clothing. According to an article in Florida Today¹, "You can compare how the red clothing seems to fade to a shade of gray as the green clothing seems to get brighter." It's a natural phenomenon of how change in lighting affects our perception due to the different rod and cone cells in our eyes.

Enjoy the total eclipse! According to www.nasa.gov, "the next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the contiguous United States will be on Aug. 23, 2044."

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3 - Mid April

Hummingbirds Return to Michiana

"Tax Day to Halloween," as stated by Allen Chartier. Chartier is the founder of Great Lakes Hummer Net in southern MI. He says Tax Day to Halloween is the time to have your hummingbird feeders out and ready.

Enjoy witnessing and observing these tiny marvels! To track their migration progression and for more great resources, check out journeynorth.org/hummingbirds.



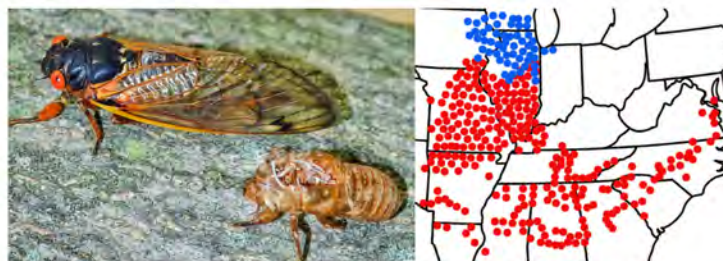
Hummingbird - Photo by Jill K. McDonald

To make homemade nectar: 1 part White Granulated Sugar to 4 parts boiling water. Tips: Allow to cool in a refrigerator before using. Do not substitute anything for sugar and do not add red food coloring. Keep your feeders clean.

4 - Late April to Early May

Periodical Cicadas Dual Emergence

These fascinating insects create beautiful buzzing songs high up in trees, have a 13 or 17-year life cycle, and are a sure sign of spring! This year, two broods will emerge and you have the chance to be a witness to both!



Adult Cicada with Nymphal Skin & Map of Broods XIII (Blue) and XIX (Red) - Photo & Map by Gene Kritsky

According to Dr. Gene Kristy of Mount St. Joseph University, "It is not common to have a dual emergence between Broods XIII and XIX. They occur once every 221 years and the last time these two broods emerged together was in 1803. Thomas Jefferson was President."

If you'd like to participate in a fun citizen science project, download the free Cicada Safari app created by Dr. Kristy to help track and map their emergence. You can use the app to see when sightings start to occur and then enjoy a day trip to nearby Illinois or Indiana to enjoy!

For more great info on periodical cicadas, check out cicadasafari.org.

Roger Tory Peterson, ornithologist, so greatly stated, "Nature has provided us with so much great beauty that its only limitation is our capacity to appreciate it."

If we take time to slow down, even for a few moments here and there, we can better tune in and notice the simple joys and beauty that can be found in the great outdoors. May the season of spring be filled with great adventures and abundant blessings!

*Source¹: www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2024/02/22/solar-eclipse-april-florida-path-totality-fun-science-experiments-eclipses/72668228007



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Local Business - Bebop's Plant Shop

By Rebecka Hoyt, Editor, and Jen Garry, Publisher

Bebop's Plant Shop Brings Nature Into The Hometown & Co

Step into The Hometown & Co business incubator on 101 Days Ave in downtown Buchanan, MI, as Bebop's Plant Shop welcomes you with their bright green plants from succulents to hanging baskets. Owner, Jessica Ortiz is sharing her calling of plants with those who want a new plant, asking questions about how to care for an ill plant at home, to making terrariums, and even kids activities like paint a pot.

The Hometown & Co incubator is not the first incubator-style setting she has tested for her business. Her first one was in Quad Cities, in the Iowa area. Since being here at 101 Days, even after just a short time (since February 6, 2024), she has a sense that there is much more of a community feeling here, has felt very welcomed, and is happy about that.



Jessica Ortiz, Owner of *Bebop's Plant Shop* inside Buchanan's *The Hometown & Co*, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

You will find what has been described as the best local variety of plants at Bebop's Plant Shop; from snake plants, kokedamas (moss balls), to peperomia, many succulents which are very easy to care for, air plants that need very little water, hanging baskets, as well as all manner of items to fulfill your plant needs. Jessica hand-picks her plants at the nearby wholesaler in Grand Rapids, MI and she also partners with *Atonix Prints* in Benton Harbor, MI to provide 3D-printed brightly-colored planters.

She stocks her all-time favorite brand of potting soil, charcoal to help prevent fungus, drainage rocks, and many planters of all sizes with such fun colors and designs to choose from. You can also assemble your very own terrarium with her *Succulent and Terrarium Bar* where you choose a vessel, plants, and pick a top dressing! These can be gifts for any plant lover in your life, special occasions like administrative assistant's day, or just something for your own home or desk to bring some more fresh greenery into your life.



Lush Greenery inside Bebop's Plant Shop, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

101 Days Ave, Buchanan MI

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Kids and adults alike can participate in regular "Paint a Pot" sessions, that include a small pot with a succulent, and paint and brushes are provided for decorating. It could be great for Mother's Day, for Grandma, a fun activity for the kids and time together, not to mention the experience of learning to care for a small plant after you take your creation home with you.

A peek in the windows of The Hometown & Co along Front Street will reveal a new bit of heaven, a green haven lush with plant life and unique home items. If you are looking for a great gift, something fresh to do, or if you happen by the store, make sure you stop in to see all the amazing things they have to offer. Welcome to Buchanan, Bebop's Plant Shop!



Succulent Varieties inside Bebop's Plant Shop,
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

If you're interested in learning more about *The Hometown & Co Mercantile & Food Market*, the small business incubator program, or to apply to be part of this exciting venture, please visit our website at www.livebuchanan.com/business-incubator. 🌱

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Olympian Hannah Roberts is going to the 2024 Paris Olympics, competing in BMX Freestyle! You have Silver from 2020, now get the GOLD!!



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Jen Garry, Publisher

Being Publisher of The Buchanan Chronicle has been such a wonderful experience: meeting new friends and community members, hearing all your heart-warming stories, and discovering the gem that is Buchanan MI! We've had the privilege of attending and covering so many events, interviewing so many amazing people in and around our town, and being a part of the way Buchanan's news is shared with everyone, local and otherwise. What a treat you've all given us by supporting our efforts and reading our publications!! Each memory has a special place in my heart, but here are just a few stand-out highlights (and others mention many more):

The opening of *The Hometown & Co Business Incubator* and those inside like *Bebop's Plant Shop* and *Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks*, the story of *Glendora Bookshop* opening, volunteering at *Thrill on the Hill*, interviewing locals like *Maya Schuhknecht* and *Kyle Zelmer*, creating ads for local businesses, and our booth at *Buchanan Farmers' Market* year after year! Your readership and support has made these three years volunteering our time and talents a joy and a rewarding experience! 🍀

Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

How can I pick a favorite of all we've done?! There are so many to pick from that I have really enjoyed during these past three years, here are just a few:

Evelyn's Mae's BBQ restaurant opening on Redbud Trail in the fall of 2022; *Olympian Hannah Roberts* watch party for the Tokyo Summer Olympics 2022, as well as a *meet and greet with Hannah Roberts*; "a vacation to remember" of a family renting a house on Clear Lake where their dad used to stay at in the summer with his family many years ago; Miss Buchanan Lilly Waggoner becoming *Miss Blossomtime 2022*; Buchanan's Maya Schuhknecht is *Miss Michigan 2023*, and the Facebook LIVES of BHS sports teams going to district/finals games! Lastly, I cannot forget about our great team of volunteers and guest writers we have had join us. The fun we had in our team meetings, whether at a local restaurant/coffee shop, Thrill on the Hill, our booth at the Buchanan Farmers' Market, attending interviews/local events with each other, and the ideas that everyone came up with.

Once again, thank you to Buchanan, MI and others in the surrounding communities for allowing us to showcase this great city that has great people with many interesting stories to tell. Everyone has a story and I am thankful for all of those who have shared! I leave this last paragraph some words of advice that I hope you take to heart with the lyrics from the song, Be A Light by Thomas Rhett with Reba McEntire & Chris Tomlin: "In a world full of hate, be a light." Also, don't forget to take pictures to capture those memories and write names and dates on the back of them whether they are family or not, and especially get photos of the photographer who normally does not have many photos of themselves. Thank you for the memories Buchanan and I will see you around town. 🍀

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Team Memories These Three Years

By The Buchanan Chronicle Team



Miranda Barger, Writer

In quiet reflection of my time writing for The Buchanan Chronicle, I can't help but fondly recall the tales of my favorite rediscoveries that have graced the pages.

From the charming delights of *The Sweet Shop* Italian restaurant and café to the heartwarming stories of *Little Bucks Daycare Center* nurturing the town's youngest residents, and not to forget the fabulous downtown - you have left an indelible mark on my soul. Alongside these cherished thoughts are the lifelong friendships forged with the remarkable team.

As we close this chapter of our current collaboration, I extend my heartfelt wishes for success and happiness to all while embracing Taylor Swift's penchant for subtle allusions as to what or who currently inspires me. And to the wonderful town of Buchanan, thank you for embracing our words and stories, for indulging in our humor, the challenge of puzzles, and the beauty of captivating photos. Though my path leads me back to Sister Lakes, Buchanan will always hold a piece of my heart weaving itself into the eternal fabric of my memories with every visit.

Heather Foster, Writer

Even though my time with The Buchanan Chronicle has been short, I've been honored to be a part of the team. Joining this group of amazing people who puts so much time and energy into the success of the paper has truly been inspiring.

Over the course of the last few months I've been able to see a different side to the City of Buchanan that I won't forget. My favorite memory was joining the Buchanan Police Department at their holiday shopping session with kids from different schools: *Shop With a Cop 2023*. I was honored to be able to witness some truly wonderful spirits right before the holidays.

I've also brought around some awareness to bullying in our area. Originally I started out as a guest writer to try to bring forth the issues myself and many parents were facing: our children being bullied in our local schools. The more I wrote, the more I found I loved writing about this and researching it in many different ways. I've met some great people, heard some awful stories, and have found some hope in partnership with our local district. I'm now an advocate for other parents throughout the Berrien County area. My first article, *Bullying In Buchanan* began paving a new path for me and for the future of my writing.

I'm forever thankful to The Buchanan Chronicle for believing in my writing and for introducing me to this wonderful team. I will miss the opportunities I had these past few months and look forward to the future, whatever it may bring.

Thomas Hoyt, Writer

One of my favorite memories during these three years together happened at our Team Christmas Party for The Buchanan Chronicle back in 2021. We did a gift

exchange game, where if you rolled a 1 with the die you had to do this or that, and and so on and so forth. The team went around the room taking turns trading and selecting their white elephant gifts. Then when we got to the unwrapping part of the game once everyone's gift was chosen, our Publisher, Jen, ends up with this big box - what could it be? We didn't know but soon found out it was wrapped up as a prank gift, one that just keeps unwrapping, going and going, box inside box, layer after layer. When she got to the second to last box she found inside it a Starbucks gift card, but there was yet one more box to open. Turns out the very last inner box had a note inside that read, "*You went too far, go back one box.*" which was also filled with tiny styrofoam balls that spilled out all over the living room floor, adding to the crazy mess of wrappings, fillings, confetti, and paper. Not fun to clean, but hilarious to witness the chaos as this creative "gift" unfolded!

Jill McDonald, Writer

As The Buchanan Chronicle comes to a close, it's definitely bittersweet. Great memories have been created and will be cherished.

It's been such a joy to share my love of nature and travel with readers, through my Nature Notes column and Travel Journal articles. Upon recalling favorite articles I've written, here's sharing my top two nature and top two travel:

Nature Notes - Spring 2024: I absolutely love sharing the simple joys found in nature each season!

I could write a book on it. May you enjoy discovering the great outdoors!

Nature Notes - Affordable Fun in Michigan: Travel and exploring can be affordable! With your library card you can gain access to discounted and free opportunities, like partner passes to local spots.

Travel Journal - Hot Air Balloon Fiesta & Travel Journal - Oshkosh Air Show: Representing and writing for The Buchanan Chronicle at these two huge international events was an absolute honor and privilege!

Being part of The Buchanan Chronicle Team has been so rewarding! Editor Rebecka Hoyt and Publisher Jen Garry have wonderfully led our team. It's been an absolute pleasure to get to know them and their families, as well as the other team members that have joined. Friendships have been created and will continue, and for that I'm very grateful. Thank you Buchanan for allowing me to share my words and articles with you. I hope they've inspired you. Cheers to the next great chapter!



The Buchanan Chronicle FIRST Robotics Competition

By Thomas Hoyt, Writer



FIRST Robotics Competition 2024,
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Robotics: Now a Mainstream Thing

When I was a kid 30+ years ago robots were just emerging. Today, they are everywhere! There are now robot vacuum cleaners, robot lawnmowers, and even a “droid” at the grocery store to keep track of inventory. What I want to bring to your attention is FIRST, which is a global organization “that prepares young people for the future through a suite of inclusive, team-based robotics programs for ages 4-18 (PreK-12).” Scan QR code for more:



FIRST has teams all over the world! There are Lego Leagues for students from grades Pre-K through 5th. This allows students to learn about problem

solving, communication, time, and task management. I never had the opportunity to be a part of any FIRST Lego League, but if it is anything like the FIRST Tech Challenge or FIRST Robotics Competition, then it is certainly an exciting thing to be a part of. To read more information about FIRST Lego League, scan this QR code:



For middle school students from grades 6 through 8, in Michigan, there is FIRST Tech Challenge. FTC is when students get to design, build, test, and operate their robot in a game. FTC is not unlike FRC, where students get to operate a robot to play in matches at an event. I had the joy of being a volunteer at one of these events and it was very rewarding to see all these young people with some very clever and brilliant ideas put into action. The students learn and practice valuable life skills such as problem solving, communication, and simply how to work with others. Scan this QR code:



For the high school student, there is the FIRST Robotics Competition. FRC takes FTC to the next level. Students design, build, test, and operate a more complex robot to compete in matches. Being at an FRC event is not too unlike being at a high school basketball game. There’s so much shouting and cheering, and some of the team members serve as “cheerleaders” at events. Some teams even have mascots! The games can include anything from shooting game elements to carefully placing them in a precise location. Scan this QR code to read more:



Now that I’m an adult and a parent of a freshmen in high school, I am a mentor with a FIRST Robotics team here in southwest lower Michigan, the CW TECH Robotarians Team #2959. Being a mentor is very rewarding as I enjoy passing on knowledge and wisdom to the younger generations. I also get to see these students learn and practice such valuable life skills as mentioned earlier. To read more about the CW TECH Robotarians Team #2959 scan this QR code:



If you have never been to a FIRST event, I encourage you to do so. If you are a parent yourself and have children who show interest in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, then I encourage you to allow your child to be a part of a team. You can locate a team near you and find out more information about the program by scanning this QR code:



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* SPECIAL CONTEST: FIND THE GOLDEN EGG *

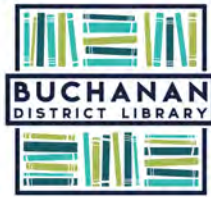
In this Spring Edition 2024 somewhere there is hidden a special golden egg! If you find it and you are the first to contact us and correctly identify the egg's location, then you can win a \$10 gift card to *Union Coffee House & Cafe* in Buchanan. As soon as you find it, be first to let us know where it is by calling 269-697-9874!

(The Buchanan Chronicle Team Members are ineligible to win.)

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Upcoming Events - Local Library:



Lego Club
4pm Tuesdays
Mar 26 & Apr 30
Join Ms. Jen to have fun building with Legos!



Preschool Storytime
11am Wednesdays
Mar 20 - Apr 24
Join us for music, songs, dance, and stories with Ms. Julie! For ages 2-6, all children welcome.



Teen Scene
2:30pm Wednesdays
Mar 20 - Apr 24
Come hang out, play games, do crafts, and just chillax with Ms. Jen and fellow teens at the library.



Kids Beginner Ukulele
4:30pm Wednesdays
Mar 20 & Mar 27
Elementary and middle school kids can join Meg to learn beginner ukulele.



Pajama Storytime
6pm Thursdays
Mar 21 & Apr 18
Join us for a special evening storytime once a month, pajamas encouraged!



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Spring Began ~ March 19, Tuesday

Ice Cream Social:
March 25, Monday ~ 12:30pm

Grand Pad Training:
March 26, Tuesday ~ 1pm

Spring Sewing Project - Egg Mug Rug:
March 26, Tuesday ~ 1-3pm

Birthday Bingo - March:
March 27, Wednesday ~ 1pm

Blood Pressure Checks:
March 28, Thursday ~ 10-10:30am

Fireside Chats with Gayla:
March 28, Thursday ~ 10:30-11:30am

Easter Egg Hunt with BHS Leos Club
March 30, Saturday ~ 11am
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Play at The Tin Shop Theatre "Spirit":
April 7, Sunday ~ 4pm

26th Annual Senior Expo:
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Puzzler Page

By Garrick Stubblefield

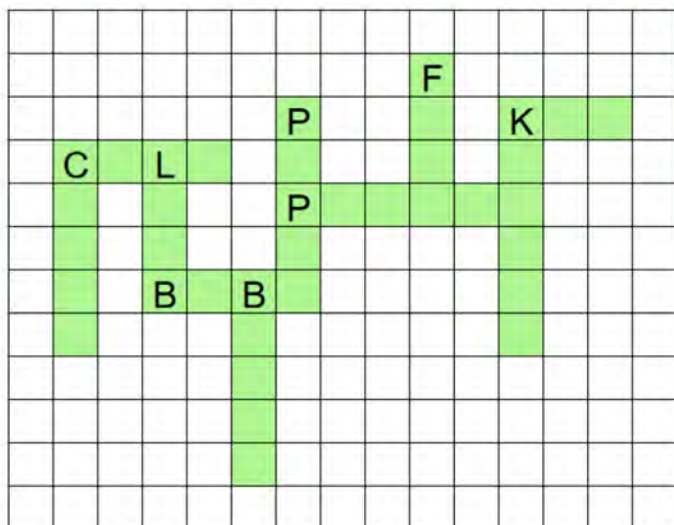
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2. Growing season begins on the _____.
3. "A _____ by any other name..."
4. Use a _____ to sweep the floor.
5. If you hear _____ a kitten is near.
6. Shoot with a bow and _____.
7. In the spring many _____ are born.

BOXGRAM:

SPRINGTIME - BABY ANIMALS. (find 10 words)



The Clark Barker

Woof-Woof!

We'd like to sincerely thank each and every reader of our publications in print and online for supporting our news efforts since 2021!

This is our FINAL print edition as we are ceasing all publication of The Buchanan Chronicle, we are on to new adventures!!

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