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Thank you so much for reading all about
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Night of Worship at The Well Who: The Well featuring
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Upcoming Event – Safety Talk at BASC

Safety Talk at the Buchanan Area Senior Center
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Who: BCPD Officer Brianna Schmitz Where: Buchanan Area Senior Center What: Safety Talk When: Thursday,...

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Upcoming Event – R.A.D. Program

Women's Self Defense R.A.D. Program * UPDATED 3/23/22* This course is currently full, but please feel free to email me and put your name on the waiting list. We do...

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BCS School Spotlight – BHS April 2022

April at Buchanan High School by BHS Principal Stacey DeMaio Talent Show Buchanan High School is hosting a Talent Show. Auditions are open to any BHS student (8-12), and will...

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Community Press Release – City of Buchanan Spring Announcements

City of Buchanan Spring Announcements – Brush Pick-Up Buchanan, MI – April 04, 2022 Brush & Yard Waste Pick-Up is going on now! The City of Buchanan has resumed Yard...

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Upcoming Event – Spring Clean-Up Days

Buchanan's Annual Spring Clean-Up Days Who: City of Buchanan Where: River Street Parking Lot What: Spring Clean-Up Days 2022 When: Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30, 2022 ~ 8am-5pm...

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25th Annual Plow Day at Buchanan School Farm by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer Come One, Come All, to the 25th Annual Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast at...

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Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet/Crossover Ceremony Submitted by Lonnie Moore, Pack Master, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer Pack 541 Blue and Gold banquet/ crossover ceremony was held Saturday April...

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Cub Scout Pack 541 Pinewood Derby Write-up submitted by Lonnie Moore, Pack Master, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer The Pinewood Derby for Cub Scout Pack 541 was held on Tuesday...

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Local Opinion – MI Budget

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Community Press Release – DAR Awards

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Local Faith – BAMA Meeting April 2022

BAMA April 5, 2022 Meeting Written by Pastor Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church We had a great meeting this morning at St. Paul Lutheran. Thank you Dan for your hospitality...

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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor Happy Easter (a day early)! Are you getting ready to go to the Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Common at 11am this morning or attending...

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Mary Marlene...

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by Julie Hoyt * In this article, we will use fictional names to protect the innocent. So in my class, things can get into

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Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston Please note that the City Commission Meeting Agenda is posted below. At the end of the agenda, click on the link to take you...

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National Music Week will be May 1-8, 2022 Submitted by Carol Kent National Music Week is sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs and celebrates American music, performers and...

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Honor Credit Union Buchanan Shred Day Submitted by Kayla Smith, Honor Credit Union Brand Specialist Berrien Springs, MI – March 02, 2022 Join Team Honor at Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse...

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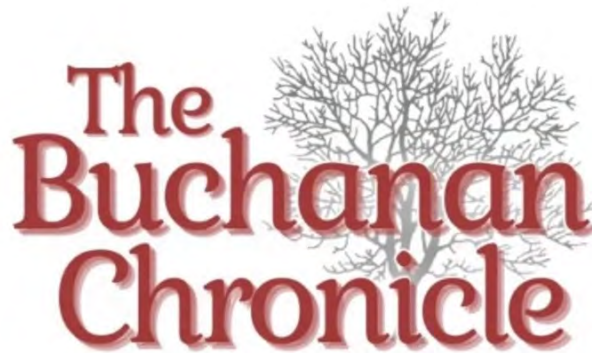
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Upcoming Event – Night of Worship



Friday April 22nd @ 7pm

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Featuring:
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**395 Jakway Ave
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Night of Worship at The Well

- *Who:* The Well featuring Markus Wolf
- *Where:* The Well, 395 Jakway Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
- *What:* ***Intimate Night of Worship with Our Lord***
- *When:* **Friday, April 22, 2022 at 7pm**



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Upcoming Event – Buchanan Township Fire Dept. Benefit Dinner



AYCE
Spaghetti Dinner
Garlic Bread, Salad,
Dessert & Beverage
Dinner

April 16 4pm-7pm
At The Buchanan Twp Fire
Department
15301 Main St.
Buchanan

Advanced Tickets \$10.00
At the door \$12.00
Dine in or Take out

AYCE Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser flyer

Benefit Dinner for Safety Officer Kyle Mullen of Buchanan Township Fire Department

- *Who:* Buchanan Township Fire Department
- *Where:* BTFD 15301 Main St.
- *What:* **AYCE Spaghetti Dinner Benefit & Raffle**
- *When:* **Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 4-7pm**
- *Details:*
 - Advanced Tickets \$10, At the door \$12
 - Dine in or Take out
 - With the help of Hilltop Restaurant

TODAY is the Big Day to come out and support Safety Officer Kyle Mullen. We have great items up for silent auction. Purchase raffle tickets to win fantastic items donated by local businesses and independent merchants.

On January 31, Safety Officer Kyle Mullen suffered a stroke and was hospitalized in Grand Rapids. March 16 suffered a second stroke and was hospitalized in St Joe. Kyle is unable to work and has limited insurance. Kyle has served and helped citizens in the Buchanan and the surrounding area for 30 Years.

Buchanan Twp. Firefighters, with the help of Hilltop Restaurant, is hosting a benefit Spaghetti Dinner and raffle to help Kyle. Advanced tickets can be purchased from a Buchanan Twp. Firefighter or at the Buchanan Twp Hall Offices and Hilltop Restaurant...Thank You for your Support of our area first responder.

If you're unable to attend the benefit dinner and want to contribute we have a gofund.me page set up also...
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Mayor's Memo – Marijuana Revenue



Marijuana Revenue

by Mayor Sean Denison

This past January I had written in my Mayor's Memo about how we were spending the revenue that we received from Marijuana excise taxes in 2021. I explained some of the economic development incentives that we introduced and what their goal was. This month, the city received another \$282 thousand dollars in marijuana revenue. Again, the city commission has decided to use this money to reinvest in our community. We will be using half of the funds on economic development grants and incentives, and the other half we will be using towards quality-of-life initiatives. Namely, park upgrades throughout the city. Our parks have been neglected and require significant investment. Our hope is to create outdoor spaces that will be fun, safe and beautiful. By doing so, we will also be creating a community where more people will want to visit, live and invest. We believe that the investments in our parks can also be considered economic development.

That being said, it is important to remember that upgrades of the scope we are considering do not happen overnight. Planning and designing takes time, and we will need to be patient – understanding that safe and fun playground equipment is very expensive. The funds we have available will have to be used along side grant opportunities, and the completion of all of our parks will more than likely take a few years to come to fruition. But we are making progress and we have already started making changes at Victory Park on the northside. We are just getting started – and we are excited for the future Buchanan has in front of it!

Thank you, see you around town,
Sean Denison, Mayor

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

Community Press Release – Speaker Knight at American Legion

AMERICAN LEGION

Granddaughter of Jack Knight to speak on May 31st and June 1st

Submitted by Mary Lister & Robert Brown

James H. (Jack) Knight, a former Buchanan, Michigan, resident, and Buchanan High School student, flew for the U.S. airmail starting in 1919. Patricia Lammersfeld has collected cherished memorabilia about her famous grandfather, and will offer a slide presentation about his life and place in our country's aviation history.

The first presentation will be held at the Buchanan American Legion, 403 E. Front Street, on Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00pm. In addition, Lammersfeld will offer the same presentation at the Buchanan District Library, 128 E. Front Street, on Wednesday, June 1st at 6:00pm. Also, the Buchanan District Library will house a Knight exhibit from May 17 through June 12, 2022. These events are free of charge and open to the public.

On February 22, 1921, Knight started on the flight for which he became famous, as part of a coast to coast airmail experiment to prove that airmail could include night flying. As one of seven pilots in this experiment, his flight was scheduled from North Platte, Nebraska, to Omaha, but circumstances spurred him to continue on to the next relay location in Chicago, thus bestowing him a place in historic flights in the U.S.

In 1978 the Knight Chapel at Oak Ridge Cemetery was built and named in Knight's honor. The Centennial year of Knight's flight was 2021, however, the Covid19 pandemic has delayed the celebration.

These events are sponsored by Friends of the Oak Ridge Cemetery, and co-sponsored by Buchanan District Library, and American Legion Ralph Rumbaugh Post 51 in Buchanan, Michigan. For more information, contact Robert Brown at RobtDBrown@aol.com or Mary Lister at mary.lister522@gmail.com.





About American Legion Ralph Rumbaugh Post 51: Buchanan Auxiliary is a volunteer program, gives back hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises dollars to support its own programs, as well as other worthwhile charities. The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

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Local Business – Raw Oats

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Raw Oats Skincare

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor; Photos submitted by Kelly Bailey

Recently our Publisher discovered a local gem, a Buchanan home-based business called Raw Oats Skincare. Kelly Bailey who owns Raw Oats sat down with me and gave me the scoop.



Raw Oats Skincare, Photos provided by Kelly Bailey

Raw Oats was started as a way to make gifts as it would be better for others without chemicals, being eco-friendly by eliminating packaging and reuse boxes for shipping. Kelly has lived in Buchanan for the past seven years with her boyfriend and their three dogs, and works part-time at Apothica Teas in Niles where her products are also sold at. She loves the restaurant River St. Joe, and Union Coffee House and Cafe. She likes to read in the cold season, and does disc golf and kayaking when it gets warmer out.



Raw Oats Skincare, Photos provided by Kelly Bailey

You can find Raw Oats on Instagram & Facebook or at her website: www.rawoatsskincare.com There are products for skin care, hair, body with new and uncommon scents, eco-home macrame plant hangers. Product reviews are there to help you make your decision on what to purchase. Raw Oats also does philanthropy. Kelly's most recent one is a donation from certain products that would go to Fernwood Botanical Garden, Midwest Vizsla Rescue, and Relay for Life Walk in the South Bend/Mishawaka area that are important to her. Kelly will be having a Make and Take event at Fernwood Botanical Garden, use this link to learn more information on Facebook on Saturday, June 11 2022 from 1pm – 2pm and “you can make your own clay mask and botanical soak,” which is stated on the event page.



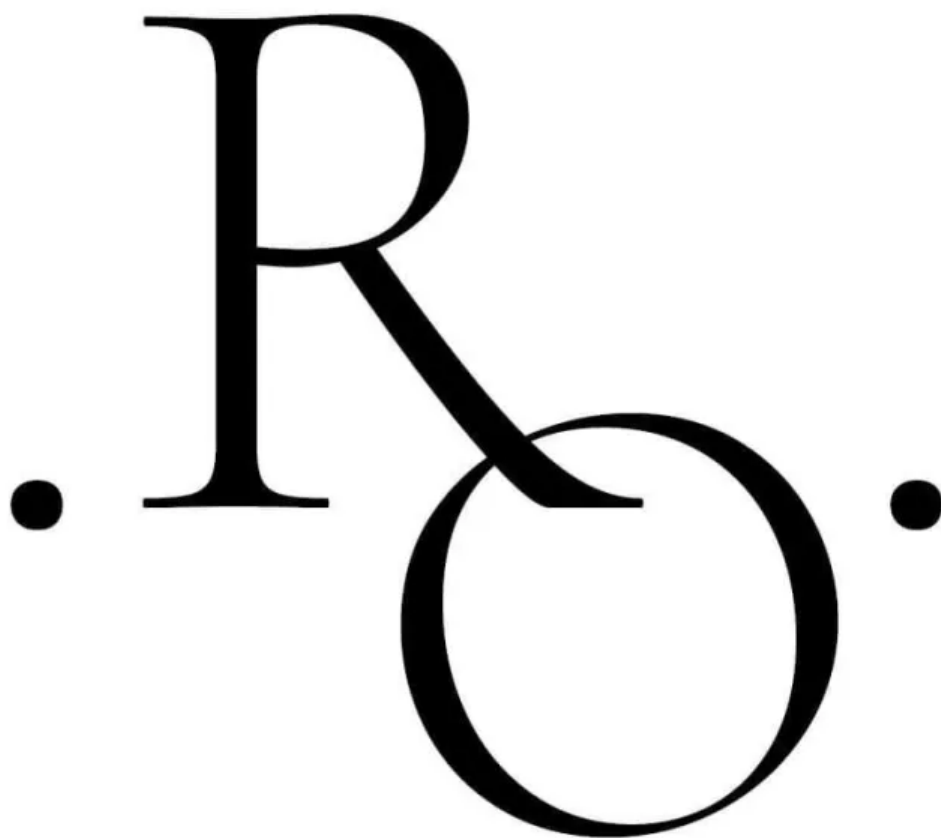
Raw Oats Skincare, Photos provided by Kelly Bailey

Some favorites of Raw Oats is the Michigan Lakeshore Soap Bar that has scents of cedarwood, lavender, orange, ylang ylang and a hint of grapefruit essential oils. "It is made of shea butter, sunflower and coconut oil and other nourishing ingredients," which is stated on the website of the description of this bar. Cool Mint Soap is one that I was able to try. This one wakes you up and is gentle on my skin. I highly recommend it! Sunny and Bright is a citrusy blend which is also a popular one. Kelly said, "That others request a face bar rather than using a pump soap bottle!"



Raw Oats Skincare, Photos provided by Kelly Bailey

Kelly has her Raw Oats at the Farmers' Markets in New Buffalo and Kalamazoo to expand her customer base. On the 23rd of April she will be at Potawatomi Park in South Bend for Earth Day. Follow her on social media to stay up-to-date on where she will be. Her prices range from \$6 and up for deodorants, lip balms, soaps, daily routines, and holiday gift baskets. Gifts are great for teachers, bridesmaid boxes, moms and best of all they are usable gifts. Orders can be placed through the Raw Oats website or by messaging her. They can be available in one day if it's ready to go or up to 1 week as it is just her making the products and packing them up. Pickup can also be at her home when you finalize your order at checkout.



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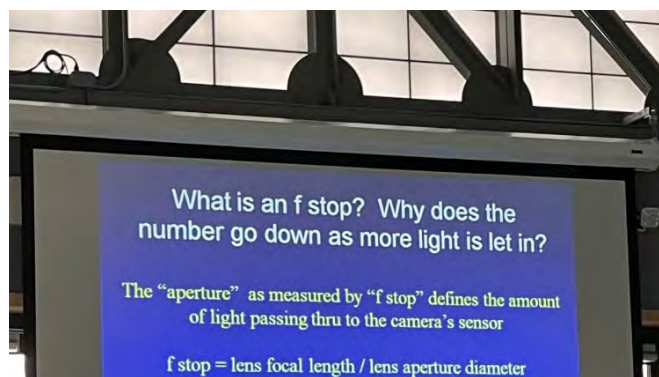
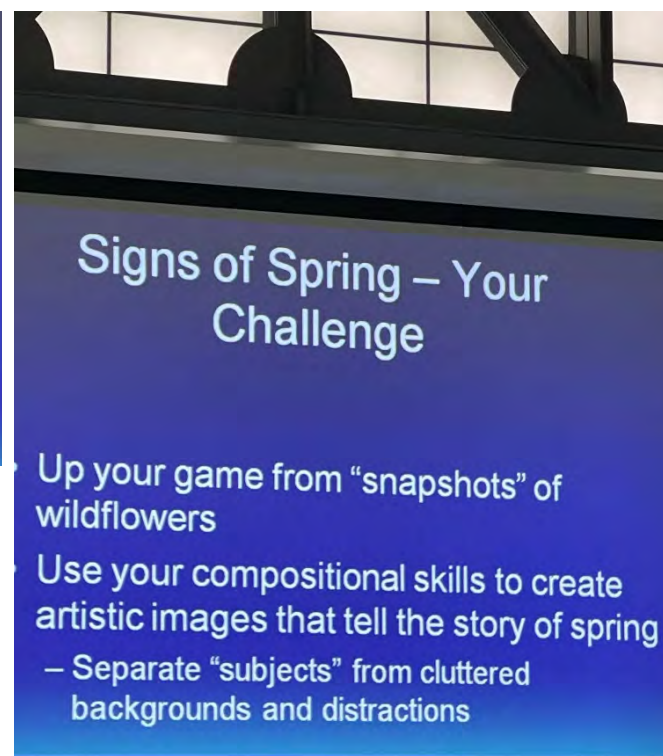
Local Clubs – Fernwood Photography Club



Fernwood Photography Club

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Did you know that Fernwood Botanical Garden has a photography club? Yes they do! I have known about it for quite some time, I just never attended a meeting of theirs until their most recent one on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 2pm. I guess you could say, I never made the time to attend and finally decided to go and I am glad that I did. Hopefully I will be able to go to more meetings, come join me! Read on to learn more.



Fernwood Photography Club meets on the first Sunday of each month in the Sims Education Center. There is no fee to join the club, just the price to go into Fernwood Botanical Garden or if you're a member. For each meeting, approximately 25-30 members submit a few photos based on a certain subject that Bob Denny, club leader assigns. They start with a slideshow of great photos related to indoor objects, nature, barns, lighthouses and Lake Michigan waves, pets, etc... Bob then chooses some photos that he likes and they talk about them and ask questions about the “Lighting, was anything photoshopped or did you create the photo shoot to make it look like that?” He will also give some insight if “you could crop the photo a certain way or leave it the way it is.”

How did this club start? It was one more way to capture the beauty of Fernwood Botanical Garden, volunteer and bring value to the community. Bob has had many years of using different kinds of cameras, developing photos himself in a darkroom, and he is also an engineer. “People join us as far as St. Joseph, MI and Elkhart, IN/a 50-mile

radius,” states Bob.



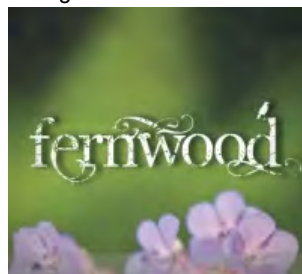
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



Photo at Fernwood Botanical Garden by Rebecka Hoyt

You do not have to be an expert in photography to join or have a top-of-the-line camera. Your camera on your phone will do just as well. The club is fun, laid back and there is plenty of time for questions. At this meeting Bob went over some common questions such as: “What is an f stop? Why does the number go down as more light is let in? Why aren’t my images sharp?” Members of the club contribute answers/questions to the discussion and also give advice, which is very helpful!

The next Fernwood Photography Club meeting is May 1st at 2pm with photos of “Signs of Spring” and “Up your game from “snapshots” of wildflowers, use your compositional skills to create artistic images that tell the story of spring: separate “subjects” from cluttered backgrounds and distractions.”



About Fernwood Botanical Garden: Fernwood is committed to providing a safe place to enjoy the outdoors. Take a moment to find peace and inspiration at Fernwood today.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

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Past Event – BASC Hosts Meg Paulette



Meg Paulette, Director of Buchanan District Library, Photo by BDL

Coffee Chat with Buchanan District Library Director Meg Paulette

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan Area Senior Center is the place to be on the first Wednesday of each month to learn a little bit more about someone, a business, or an organization. April 6, 2022 at 9:00am was the Coffee Chat to get to know Meg Paulette, Director of Buchanan District Library.

Meg has been the Director since 2019. She grew up here in Buchanan, has worked with Center for the Homeless Ministries in South Bend, worked at Ottawa Elementary School for four years, did marketing at Fernwood Botanical Garden with her Graphic Design degree and also worked for some time at the library in the past. She has always wanted to work at a place that gives back to the community and gives to others. Meg has always been a reader and would check out as many books she could and bring them home. One of the things she loves about our library is eliminating fines. "And Buchanan District Library accomplished that before the Chicago library implemented it. This allows for many people in our community to use the library," stated Meg. However, please do your best to return your books as someone could be waiting for that book.

A some-what new thing they have at the library is: Library of Things! You can check out things that range from an air fryer, inflatable kayaks, a single person tent as well as a family size tent, tools, etc.. Other libraries have started doing this. Director Meg Paulette says, "Why not share things and not buy things which is also wasteful and we can share them and most items are loaned out for a week." Other libraries have started this as well. You can [click on this link that will take you to the](#) Library of Things catalog and see what is available. Buchanan District Library has purchased these items as well as receiving donations from the community in order to have this great resource.

Others from surrounding areas who attended the Coffee Chat asked if they could partake in the library's activities. You can and if you don't live in the district it's \$25/year to have a library card with them. Some other libraries are reciprocal in the area such as: Three Oaks, New Buffalo and other libraries as well and you can ask the library staff for the list. Buchanan District Library will be having a more of a digital presence as an app will be coming out to where you can see all that the library has in one place. The MEL CAT and a favorite author list will also be available.

How does the library get their books and do away with other ones? The library purchases about \$40,000/ year for books in many categories. For books that leave the shelves, they are run through usage reports, placed on the used book sale racks, and go to the better loan books (green box in their parking lot).

Have you been in their Local History room on the 2nd floor? You can look up the past history of Buchanan, newspaper articles on the website and on film still, and photos with Peter Lysy, the Historian. Schedule an appointment with Peter to do some exploring! Would you like to volunteer at the library? Some of the volunteer duties are: the shiny book covers, watering plants, programs, if you have a special skill you can teach it like quilting.

Right now, the library has a Spring Reading Program and you can be entered to win a \$25 gift card from Wonderland Cinema! Check out their website <https://www.buchananlibrary.org> for more information and on Children's Programming like Pajama Storytime, Meet the Author, Book Clubs, and Adult Crafts/Knitting!

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

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



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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 – Buchanan’s Chili-Walk Cook-Off Photos



Buchanan's Chili-Walk 2022, Photos by Rebecca Hoyt

14th Annual Chili-Walk Cook-Off

Write-Up by Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

This year's Chili Challenge was held downtown in a progressive fashion with the Lehman's Farmhouse being the start and endpoint. Thursday, April 7, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Each contestant was matched up with a local business to showcase both the chili and their place of business. Visitors went door-to-door to sample and mingle. Downtown Buchanan businesses were invited to share their spaces and give the community a chance to get to know them better.





Buchanan's 14th Annual Chili-Walk flyer

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact the Buchanan Area Chamber (269-695-3291 or bacc@buchanan.mius) or contact the Chili Walk's Chairman, Kyle Zelmer, (kzelmer@dmottirealty.com or 574-302-7111).



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 – Safety Talk at BASC



Safety Talk at the Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

- *Who:* BCPD Officer Brianna Schmitz
- *Where:* Buchanan Area Senior Center
- *What:* **Safety Talk**
- *When:* **Thursday, April 21, 2022 – 2pm**
- *Details:* Sponsored by Honor Credit Union

Join Officer Brianna Schmitz to learn more on home safety, personal safety, and financial safety. With scams and fraud increasing it is important to be more aware of our surroundings in all areas of your life.

Honor Credit Union is sponsoring the Safety Talk program and will be providing a light snack.

Registration is Required.

Please call 695-7119 to reserve your space.

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BCS School Spotlight – BHS April 2022



Buchanan High School

April at Buchanan High School

by BHS Principal Stacey DeMaio

Talent Show

Buchanan High School is hosting a Talent Show. Auditions are open to any BHS student (8-12), and will be held on Friday, April 15th from 11 – 12:30, and on Monday, April 18th from 2:00 – 3:30 (with teacher permission during ICE). The Talent Show will be held on Friday, April 22 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Doors are open to the public. Donations accepted will be given to Hannah Blumka.

Science Olympiad Heads to State!

Buchanan High School competed in Berrien County's 35th Annual Science Olympiad Regional competition on March 11, 2022. Buchanan was well represented by 8th through 12th grade students on two teams. Our middle school team, consisting of 8th and 9th graders placed 3rd in the regional competition. Our high school team, consisting of 9th -12th grade students, also placed 3rd in the county. Our students left the event celebrating their achievements and feeling proud of how they performed against schools in our neighboring communities. We thought that would be the end of the season for the Science Olympiad. However, we were pleasantly surprised to learn later that we were invited to compete in the state competition due to a scheduling conflict with the 2nd place team. We are busy preparing to represent Buchanan High school at the State Science Olympiad event to be held April 30th on the campus of Michigan State University. Wish us luck as we learn as much as we can about science in preparation for the competition.



BHS Science Olympiad, Photo submitted by Stacey DeMaio

Bucks Saving Lives

BHS hosted a blood drive early in March. Our Bucks are always generous in donating their time and their blood. We wouldn't be able to hold these events without the support from our student council coordinators and leaders. The blood donations collected at our drives are crucial to maintaining a stable supply of blood for life-threatening emergencies and illnesses.

The following are the results of our Blood Drive:

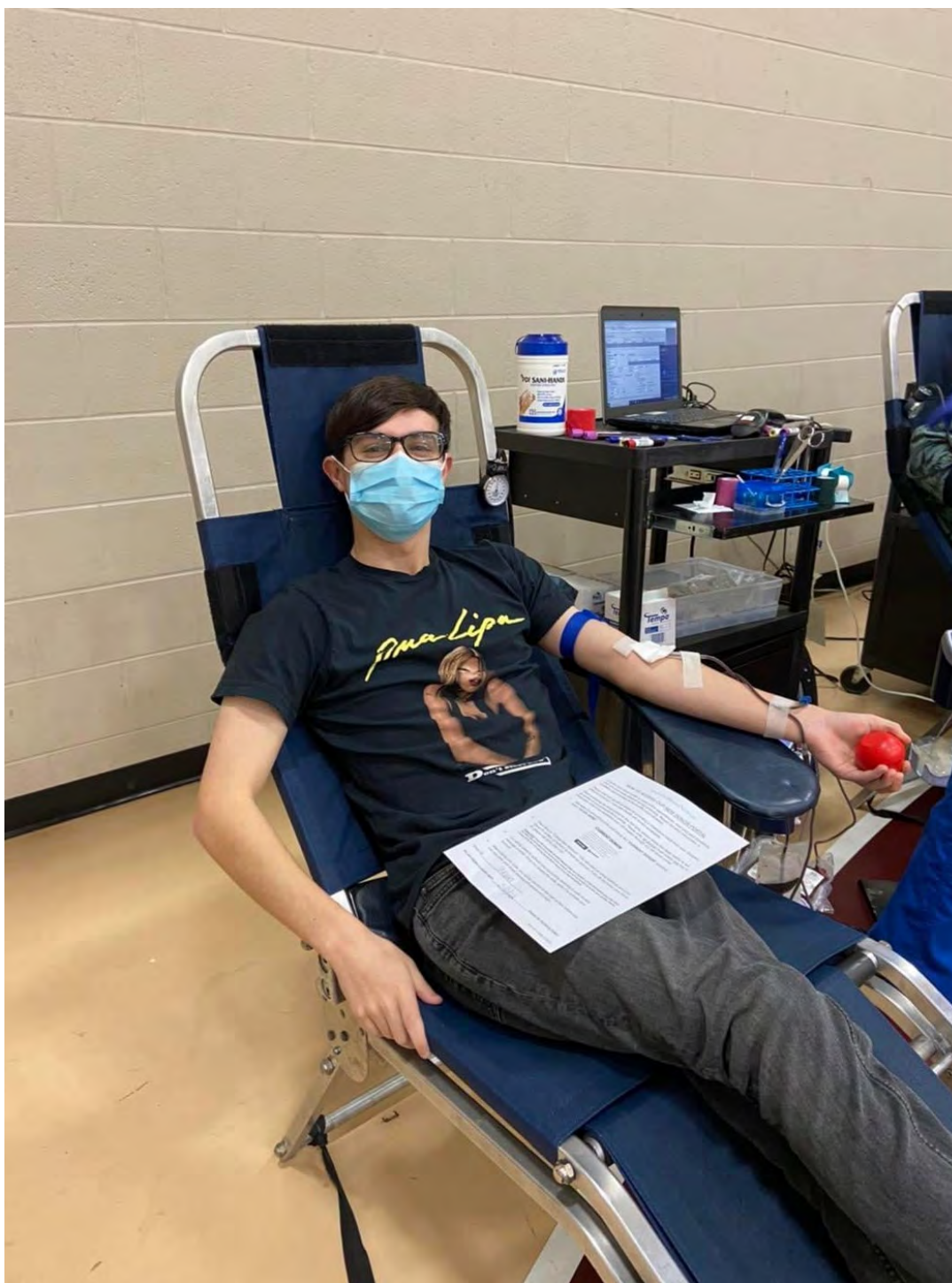
Total Number of Successful Drive Units: 45

Total Number of Deferrals: 9

One unit of blood can save the lives of up to 3 people; a total of 129 people could potentially benefit from our drive. What an amazing impact our drive will have on patients in our community. The blood collected will go to help recipients suffering from cancer, trauma, blood disorders, surgery, pregnancy complications, or several other medical emergencies.



Blood Drive participants, Photo submitted by Stacey DeMaio



Blood Drive participant, Photo submitted by Stacey DeMaio



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MegaHurtz Robotics

Our Robotics team took second place at the St. Joseph district event earlier this month. Taking home 2nd place is the highest our team has ever achieved at this event. The St. Joseph District event is an extremely competitive event and a go-to destination for the top teams of the state. The popularity of this event is such that ESPN has featured the playoffs live for the last few years!

The following week, MegaHurtz made it to the Quarter-Finals at the Muskegon event, taking double elimination to three matches before being knocked out by the #2 alliance. Sadly, this ends the 2022 competition

season, but they have a lot to be proud of. Congrats team!!

Our team is looking forward to the next phase of moving to a new workshop! Be sure to checkout all the photos and the season video (coming soon) on the blog page at <https://www.megahurtzrobotics.org/blog>



MegaHurtz Robotics Team, Photo submitted by Stacey DeMaio



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Local Clubs – Cub Scout Pack 541 Banquet Ceremony



Cub Scouts Ceremony, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet/Crossover Ceremony

Submitted by Lonnie Moore, Pack Master, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer

Pack 541 Blue and Gold banquet/ crossover ceremony was held Saturday April 2nd 3:00 to 6:00pm at the First United Methodist Church in Buchanan.

The Blue and Gold Banquet is a celebration of the Cub Scout anniversary of 112 years. It is also a formal event to acknowledge the scouts achievements. The cub scout ranks are kindergarten Lions, first grade Tigers, second grade Wolf, third grade Bear and fourth and fifth grade Webelos.



In conjunction with the Blue and Gold we are doing a crossover ceremony for five Webelo scouts. They have reached the age to say goodbye to cub scouts, cross over the bridge and be welcomed into Boy Scout Troop 541.

Webelos crossing over from Pack 579 are Jake "JT" Shroder, Devin Lawson and Evalyn Spell. Their den leader is Rob Shroder.

Webelos crossing over from Pack 541 are Wyatt York and Degan Green. Their den leader is Wendy Chapman.

These five Webelos will also be awarded the highest award in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light. The Cub Scout Arrow of Light is equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Scout award. It is the only award from Cub Scouts that is worn on the Boy Scout uniform and adult uniform.

First United Methodist church is the sponsor for both Cub Scout Pack 541 and Boy Scout Troop 541.

Buchanan Cub Pack 541

Pack Master Lonnie Moore

Pack Chairman Chris Patton

Webelos Den Leader Wendy Chapman

Tigers Den Leader Jessica Browning

Buchanan Scout Troop 541

Scout Master Bill Blumka

Asst. Scout Master Dave Guisbert

Niles Pack 579

Sponsored by St. Mary's church

Webelo Den Leader Rob Shroder

Pack 541 and Troop 541 meet on Tuesday nights 6:30 to 8:00pm at First United Methodist Church.

Thanks for your support!

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

Troop 541 Facebook Page

Bill Blumka, Scoutmaster

Meets at:

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Local Clubs – Cub Scout Pack 541 Pinewood Derby



Winners of the Pinewood Derby from Left to Right: Alex Bertham 2nd place, Brooks Desenberg 1st place, and Eli Pew 3rd place and voters favorite car. Photo submitted by Wendy Chapman.

Cub Scout Pack 541 Pinewood Derby

Write-up submitted by Lonnie Moore, Pack Master, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Photographer

The Pinewood Derby for Cub Scout Pack 541 was held on Tuesday April 5th 6:30 to 8:00pm at the First United Methodist Church. Cub scouts receive a block of wood, four wheels and four nails for axles. Scouts and parents work together to create a pinewood race car. Cars race down an aluminum track for the fastest time. Awards were given for 1st place: Brooks Desenberg; 2nd place: Alex Bertham; 3rd place and voters favorite car: Eli Plew. You may have also seen the cars displayed in Redbud Hardware's windows this past week!



Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt



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Community Press Release – DAR Awards



Community Service, Neighbor by Neighbor, RedBud Area Ministries; Photos submitted by Priscilla Lee Hellenga

Rebecca Dewey Chapter Good Citizen's and Community Service Awards

Three Oaks, MI – April 15, 2022

Our Good Citizen's and Community Service Awards reception was a success!

The Rebecca Dewey Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, held its annual Good Citizen even on Sunday April 3 at the Three Oaks United Methodist Church.

Three of the six local high schools submitted a Good Citizen essay, and three of the winners were able to come to our Sunday event, the other two were on Spring Break this week. The students are:



Women in History – Mrs. Sarah Lee passed down to Priscilla Lee Hellenga, Photos submitted by Priscilla Lee Hellenga

Lillian Moore – River Valley High Schools and is anticipating going to the University of Northwestern Ohio for Agribusiness and Marketing; Karla Avina-Rios – Brandywine High School has future plans to work in Physical Therapy; Marika Ruppert – Niles High School and anticipates to graduate with an Associates in General Studies from Lake Michigan College Andrews University; Jane Kaspar – Bridgman High School looking into study neuroscience and then attend medical school; Georgia Arvanitis – New Buffalo High School and is looking to pursue a career in Kinesiology, in either athletic training or Physical Therapy.

We found out that Nancy Zilke Seldomridge is a past winner herself.

Community Service Committee Chair, Michelle Heit, presented community service awards for two organizations, Neighbor by Neighbor, Linnea Berg, Executive Director from Buchanan, and Red Bud Area

Ministries, Jan Nowak Walters. Their President Darlene Clevenger was not able to attend. The groups assist in food, relocation, job, and housing assistance, and anywhere else there is a need.



Good Citizen, Students; Photos submitted by Priscilla Lee Hellenga

Our "Woman in History" award was given to Mrs. Sarah Lee, a past Chapter Regent and great-grandmother to Chaplain, Priscilla Lee Hellenga. Mrs. Lee was known as the Bonnet Lady but also made hoods or dresses for twins, triplets, quadruplets and special babies.

The 2021 Outstanding Chapter Member is Teri Showalter. Teri has been a member of this chapter for 2 years and the DAR for 7 years. She serves as the Chapter Treasurer, American250! and American History Chairwoman.



About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter: The Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR, Three Oaks, Michigan, was organized July 9, 1909, with a membership of seventeen. It was chartered December 21, 1909, with fourteen members. Since Three Oaks had secured the Dewey Cannon at the close of the Spanish-American War, it was decided to name the Chapter after Admiral Dewey's great grandmother. Rebecca Dewey Chapter NSDAR currently has 30 Members.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter

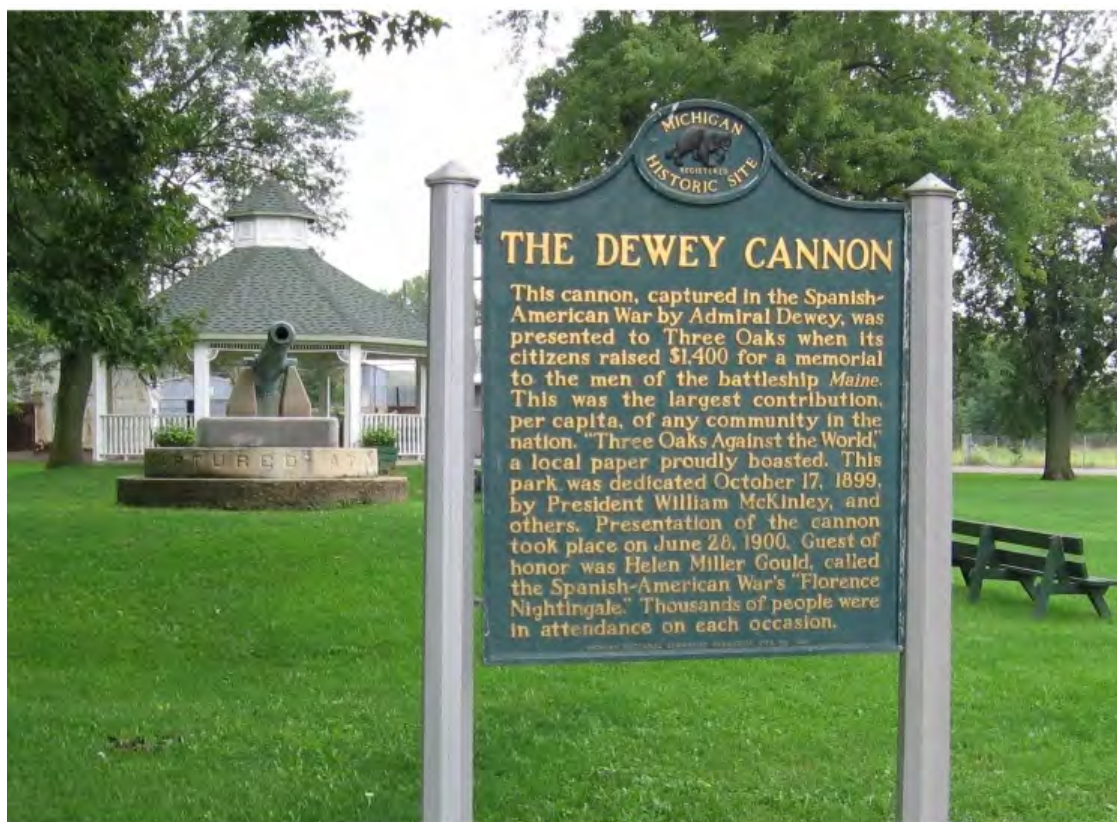
Contact: Kathleen Avery Alton, Chapter Regent

www.dar.org

www.dewey.michdar.net

rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com

Three Oaks, MI 49128



Historic Marker "The Dewey Cannon", Three Oaks, MI

BCS Sports Scores – BHS April 2022

SPORTS



BHS Track Scores April 14 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan vs South Haven			
Buchanan High School			
2022 - 4/14/2022			
COMBINED TEAM SCORES			
PLACE	TEAM	INITIALS	SCORE
1	BUCHANAN	BUCH	159.000
2	SOUTH HAVEN	SOHA	106.000
Total Points			265.00
MALE TEAM SCORES			
Through Event: All Events			
PLACE	TEAM	INITIALS	SCORE
1	SOUTH HAVEN	SOHA	69.000
2	BUCHANAN	BUCH	66.000
Total Points			135.00
FEMALE TEAM SCORES			
Through Event: All Events			
PLACE	TEAM	INITIALS	SCORE
1	BUCHANAN	BUCH	93.000
2	SOUTH HAVEN	SOHA	37.000
Total Points			130.00

BHS Track Scores sheet April 14 2022, Photo from Buchanan Athletics

Buchanan vs South Haven at Buchanan High School

Buchanan Athletics
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GO BUCKS!

Upcoming Event – R.A.D. Program



WOMENS SELF DEFENSE

Buchanan City Police Department is offering
R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Systems classes.

Our goal is empowering women through self defense with simple, but effective techniques. **R.A.D.** is not a martial arts program. It is a basic self defense program that any woman, regardless of age or physical ability can learn.

Classes are **FREE** and involve three evening classes totalling 9 hours (5:30pm to 8:30pm). All sessions have to be completed to receive an official **R.A.D.** Certification. Classes are open to females ages 16 or older. (Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and a waiver must be signed.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

(Name, phone number, email, date of birth, and class attending are required for registration)

To register, or for more information, please contact **Officer Brianna Schmitz**
(269) 695-5120 or email at bschmitz@cityofbuchanan.com

May 2nd, 3rd, and 5th, 2022

RED BUD CITY CENTER
131 S. Oak St Buchanan, MI
Classes from 5:30p - 8:30p

BUCHANAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

720 E. Front St Buchanan, MI 49107
Office: (269) 695-5120
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Chief Tim Ganus

R.A.D. Program flyer

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Women's Self Defense R.A.D. Program

* UPDATED 3/23/22

* This course is currently full, but please feel free to email me and put your name on the waiting list. We do have cancellations that happen, so there is always a good chance you will make it into the course!

R.A.D. IS BACK AT BUCHANAN PD!

We are starting with a May course this year (2022) and will most likely open a fall class as well. Please read

the flyer for the date of the May course and instructions on how to sign up. This course is FREE for women!!

* If the class fills up, make sure you put your name on reserve, we will contact you if spots open up*



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Community Press Release – City of Buchanan Spring Announcements



City of Buchanan Spring Announcements – Brush Pick-Up

Buchanan, MI – April 04, 2022

Brush & Yard Waste Pick-Up is going on now!

The City of Buchanan has resumed Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up April 4 – October 2, 2022. Grass clippings, leaves, hedge trimmings, and/or garden waste must be in 30 gallon brown recyclable paper bags that can be purchased from the store of our choice. Residents must call the Cemetery by Sunday evening at 695-3971 (24hr answering machine) to request pick-up.

Additionally, the City will pick up brush and limbs on the FIRST and THIRD Monday of each month. Brush and limbs must be neatly stacked and laying in one direction on the tree lawn area, between the curb and sidewalk. Items will NOT be accepted if tied in bundles or if it exceeds 10ft in length. No branches or tree trunks with a diameter greater than 4in will be collected. Tree stumps are NOT acceptable.

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Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up notices, Spring 2022, City of Buchanan



2020 Nicest City in America – Buchanan, MI!

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Upcoming Event – Spring Clean-Up Days



Buchanan's Annual Spring Clean-Up

April 29th & 30th

8am – 5pm

River Street Parking Lot

405 River Street

Refrigerators with freon, tires,
or paint cannot be accepted.

This service is offered to
City residents at **NO CHARGE**.
(ID's will be checked)

For more information call the
Police Department at 695-5120

Buchanan Spring Clean-Up 2022 flyer

Buchanan's Annual Spring Clean-Up Days

- *Who:* City of Buchanan
- *Where:* River Street Parking Lot
- *What:* **Spring Clean-Up Days 2022**

- **When: Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30, 2022 ~ 8am-5pm**
- **Details:**
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Upcoming Event – BCS Plow Day





**Come One, Come All, to the 25th Annual
Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast**
Buchanan School Farm
3588 Andrews Road, Buchanan, Michigan
Saturday, April 23, 2022

ANNUAL PLOW DAY ACTIVITIES:

- **Pancake Breakfast** - available from 8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. (In the Barn)
- **ANTIQUA TRACTORS and PLOWING** - Come see these amazing early tractors in action! (For plowing info contact Melissa Frost at 269-332-8724)
- **Plowing from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- **Lunch available from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (In the Sugar "Snack" Shack)
- **Tour Historic Gardner School & Stroll our Tree Plantation & Prairie**
- **Modern Farm Equipment Display** - provided by Masten Farms
- **Memorial Tree Planting** - Ray Weinberg
- **Dedication Ceremony** - Recognizing 50th Anniversary & Sugar Shack

AND MUCH MORE...

• Hiles-Buchanan FFA • Buchanan Scarecrow Charities • Buchanan District Library • Antique Vehicle Display - with Bob Krouse • Ice Cream Making - with Scott Marsh • Michigan Beekeepers Association • Fishing Tackle - with AJ Whittey	• Hooking Demonstration - with Fiber Friends • Children's Hands-on Wood Working - with Davidson Sawmill • Fort St. Joseph Archeology Group - with WMU Students • Fernwood Interactive Display - with Fernwood Staff • Hay Rides - with Andrew Ott • Wood Carving Demonstration - with Wendy's Sales • Robot/Drone Demonstration - with Megafuirtz Robotics - Team 5058 • Barren County Conservation District - with Lisa Kuntz
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Plow Day 2022 Generously Supported by:
 Buchanan Community Schools, Buchanan School Farm Board, Plow Day Volunteers, Masten Farms, Friends of The School Farm, Davidson Sawmill, Pam's Signs, Honor Credit Union, State Food Service, Co-Alliance and Country Heritage Credit Union.

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FARM DEVELOPMENT.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM AND THE 25TH ANNUAL PLOW DAY!

For additional information, contact Melissa Frost at 269-332-8724 or Kelly Loesch at 269-876-7235

Buchanan School Farm Plow Day 2022 flyer

25th Annual Plow Day at Buchanan School Farm

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Come One, Come All, to the 25th Annual Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast at Buchanan School Farm

- **Who:** Buchanan Community Schools
- **Where:** Buchanan School Farm, 3588 Andrews Rd
- **What:** **25th Annual Old-Fashioned Plow Day 2022**
- **When:** **Saturday, April 23, 2022 ~ 8am through the afternoon**
- **Details:**
 - Buchanan School Farm celebrates 50th Year
 - Pancake Breakfast – available from 8:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. (In the Barn)
 - ANTIQUA TRACTORS and PLOWING – Come see these amazing early tractors in action! (For plowing info contact Melissa Frost at 269-332-8724)
 - Plowing from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - Lunch available from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (In the Sugar “Snack” Shack)
 - Tour Historic Gardner School & Stroll our Tree Plantation & Prairie
 - Modern Farm Equipment Display – provided by Masten Farms
 - Memorial Tree Planting – Ray Weinberg
 - Dedication Ceremony – Recognizing 50th Anniversary & Sugar Shack

- And Much More...
 - Niles-Buchanan FFA
 - Buchanan Scarecrow Charities
 - Buchanan District Library
 - Antique Vehicle Display – with Bob Krauss
 - Ice Cream Making – with Scott Marsh
 - Michigan Beekeepers Association
 - Fishing Tackle – with Al Whitfield
 - Hooking Demonstration – with Fiber Friends
 - Children's Hands-on Wood Working – with Davidson Sawmill
 - Fort St. Joseph Archeology Group – with WMU Students
 - Fernwood Interactive Display – with Fernwood Staff
 - Hay Rides – with Andrew Ott
 - Wood Carving Demonstration – with Weldy's Sales
 - Robot/Drone Demonstration – with MegaHurtz Robotics – Team 5056
 - Berrien County Conservation District – with Lisa Kuntz
- Plow Day 2022 Generously Supported by:
 - Buchanan Community Schools
 - Buchanan School Farm Board
 - Plow Day Volunteers
 - Masten Farms
 - Friends of The School Farm
 - Davidson Sawmill
 - Pam's Signs
 - Honor Credit Union
 - Stanz Food Service
 - Co-Alliance
 - Country Heritage Credit Union.

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FARM DEVELOPMENT

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM AND THE 25TH ANNUAL PLOW DAY!

For additional information, contact Melissa Frost at 269-332-8724 or Kelly Laesch at 269-876-7235



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Local Opinion – MI Budget



What is the best use of Michigan's current \$20-billion budget surplus?

Submitted by Kenneth Peterson

Editor,

Governor Whitmer is supporting Michigan families by proposing a budget that will:

1. Roll back the tax on retirement income for seniors, a tax that was put in place by former Governor Snyder and the Republican-controlled state legislature. This rollback will save seniors an average of \$1000 a year.
2. Provide a \$400 refund to all drivers of Michigan-insured vehicles from a current \$5-billion Michigan Insurance surplus.
3. Triple the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for working families to pull 22,000 Michiganders out of poverty and deliver 730,000 households an average additional refund of \$350/yr. Former Governor Snyder and the Republican legislature previously slashed the EITC benefit for families in 2011 to cut taxes on big corporations.
4. Provide additional funds for SNAP food recipients. This assistance will provide at least an addition \$95/mo. to help approximately 700,000 Michigan households.

Republican Legislators, on the other hand, have advanced a budget with huge tax breaks for the wealthy and a 2-billion-dollar giveaway to rich corporations while making painful cuts to public schools, leaving holes in our road repair budget, and cutting community revenue sharing, which supports our local police departments. Small businesses would get virtually nothing.

Michigan is sitting on a tax surplus while average people are struggling to get by. Governor Whitmer and Democratic legislators are pushing to put money back into the pockets of the hardworking taxpayers who earned it. Please remember this when you cast your votes this fall.

Kenneth Peterson

MAJ USA (Ret.)
Buchanan, MI

The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for public opinion to be heard. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submitted opinions as received.

Police Points – Call Log Issue 26



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 3/21 – 4/04

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	0
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	3
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
Fraud	1
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	0
Aggravated Assault	1
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	4
Family/Other	0
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	0
Intimidation/Stalking	0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	1
Damage to Property	0
Liquor Violations	0
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	2
Disorderly Conduct	0
Weapons Offense	0
Public Peace / Other	7
OUIL	0
Driving Law Violations	4
Health and Safety	4
Trespass	0
Juvenile Complaints	4
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	2
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Property Checks	4
Alarms	6

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	2
Suspicious Situations	14
Lost/Found Property	4
Natural Death	0
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	15
General Assist	23
Ordinance Violations	10
Missing Person	0
VCSA	0

Total Calls 3/21 – 4/04 : 112



Police Points

Local Faith – BAMA Meeting April 2022



BAMA April 5, 2022 Meeting

Written by Pastor Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church

We had a great meeting this morning at St. Paul Lutheran. Thank you Dan for your hospitality (and Dan and Ellen for blessing us with the beautiful hymn).

Those present were: Father Leo, Patti Mitchell, Aron Crews, David Habicht, Ellen Bierlein, Dan Barz, Carol McKean, Judy Earnst, Brendan Shea, Jan Mitchell, Dave Mitchell, Kevin Haislip, Tim Douglas, Rebecka Hoyt, Lyndon Azcuna, and Nate Babcock. We had a great turnout!

We also had a guest – Heidi Hanley from the Caring Circle, which is an organization affiliated with Spectrum Health Lakeland. Heidi shared with us about the many services Caring Circle provides, including Hospice, palliative care, grief support, and so much more. If you would like to contact Heidi, you can email her at heidi.Hanley@spectrumhealth.org.

Following the leadership of Pastor Bryan Watkins, BAMA churches coordinated to donate more than 4,000 bottles of water to three Benton Harbor elementary schools on Thursday April 7th.

Tim Douglass shared about the Salvation Army's program of feeding children and also about their upcoming Golf Outing which will be Monday June 27th at Orchard Hills Country Club.

Upcoming Events:

- Community Prayer for Ukraine: Tuesday April 19 @ 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church

- National Day of Prayer: Noon on Thursday May 5th @ Buchanan Common or First United Methodist Church. Still waiting for confirmation of location.
- Baccalaureate Service: Sunday May 22nd @ 2:00 pm at Faith United Methodist Church. Brendan Shea will be the speaker

Also, Judy Earnst and Carol McKean formally stepped down from organizing the annual Community Christmas Concert – after 48 years(!!) of providing leadership for that important community event. Thank you so much Judy and Carol for your decades of faithful service!

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

A Note from the Editor – Issue 26



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Happy Easter (a day early)! Are you getting ready to go to the Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Common at 11am this morning or attending an Easter service at one of our local churches this weekend? This question may sound familiar as I would like to remind you on our Facebook page, we have "Take-A-Poll Tuesday." Whichever Easter tradition you do, I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Buchanan has had crazy weather/temperatures, and I heard from meteorologist Matt Rudkin that some cold is coming or is already here. Hopefully it will be short-lived and we all can get out more, tend to our yards and enjoy the warmth from the sun. Earlier this week, my husband and I enjoyed some Gary Z's for lunch at the duck pond. However it was quite windy, but plenty of sunshine and getting some Vitamin D!

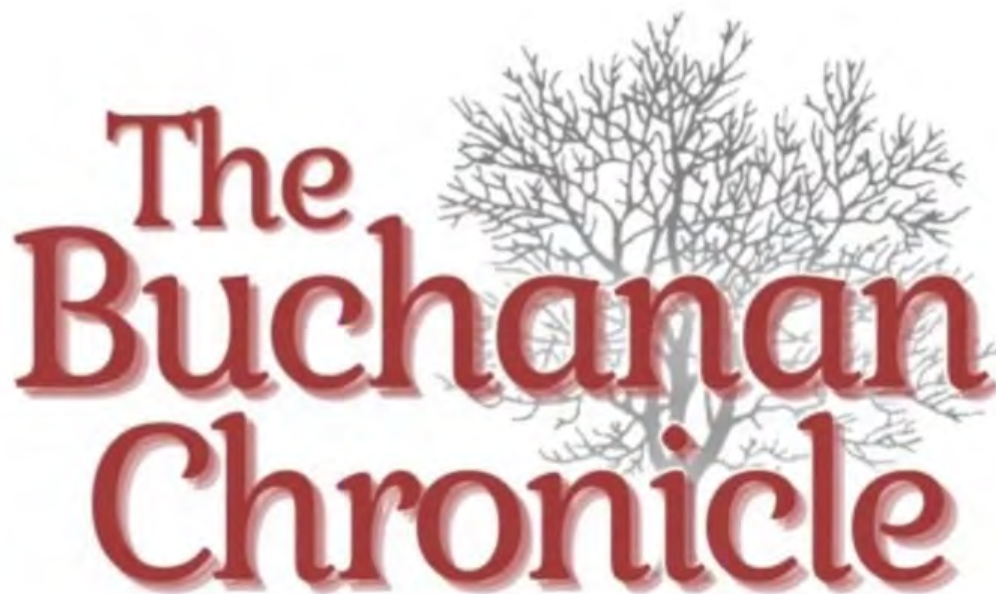
In this issue, you will see more articles compared to our last issue. As it gets warmer, you will see our team out and about more often. I attended the Buchanan City Commission Meeting this past Monday evening. It was a long meeting (some meetings have been known to only last 30 minutes!) however, during the closed session, community members had a great talk of reminiscing Buchanan with Police Chief Tim Ganus. This was one meeting

where I felt we all came together and learned a little bit more about each other, another reason why Buchanan is the “Nicest Place in America!” This may not happen at every meeting, however I encourage everyone to attend them. I can’t tell you enough how much you learn when you attend just one meeting. They are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at City Hall on N. Redbud Trail at 7:00pm. You can also view the meetings on Comcast Channel 17 or on the City’s YouTube Channel. [For more information click on this link for the City of Buchanan’s website.](#)

The Buchanan Chronicle team really appreciates the many events/submissions that we receive from clubs, organizations and businesses. If you have a business that you really like or you own, and would like to be showcased in some future issues, send us an email to: buchananchronicle@att.net or a message on our Facebook page. We also have some competitive advertising available so we can raise our funds to have some printed issues for our community who rely on the “newspaper type” as well, and we would be glad to email that to you.

Lastly, I would like to give credit where credit is due to our current team of GREAT volunteers as next week is “Volunteer Appreciation Week”: Jen Garry, Tom Hoyt, Kelly Brown, Nik Sanchez, Jill McDonald, Garrick Stubblefield, Madelyn Kitchell, Miranda Barger, and Tracie Crenshaw. We would not be able to put this publication together without you. We appreciate all that you do. THANK YOU! ❤️

Happy Readings,
Rebecka Hoyt



The Clark Barker – Issue 26



Volunteer with The Buchanan Chronicle

The Editor of this publication has told me that we are looking for a couple of reporters to volunteer their time in covering some events for us. So, if these events interest you, please email us your resume to:

buchananchronicle@att.net

Buchanan Middle/High School Sports Reporter: attend home games and write a recap along with some photos of that sport.

Community Events Reporter: some of our volunteers do this, but everyone may not always be available. Events can range from summer concerts at the Common, parades, ribbon cutting ceremonies, Thrill on the Hill in the summer, and Buchanan Farmers' Market, etc... Write a recap along with some photos of the event.

Woof-Woof!

Now That's Funny! – Issue 26



by Julie Hoyt

* In this article, we will use fictional names to protect the innocent.

So in my class, things can get into some weird stuff. On April 11th, 2022, in band we were practicing Alien's Landing (In Your Backyard!!) and then we had a face break. During that face break, we talked about having some kind of theatrical movement at our concert on May 10th, 2022. The crazy lady suggested that her dad should dress up as an alien and then run across the stage when finished with that piece. Then, later on in the class, Alex said that Paul should get taken off the stage by that same person dressed up as an alien! 🤪 Of course I laughed my guts out and nearly choked! 🤪🤪🤪 We then reeled it back in and did a full run-through of that piece.

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Local Arts – National Music Week 2022



National Music Week 2022 flyer

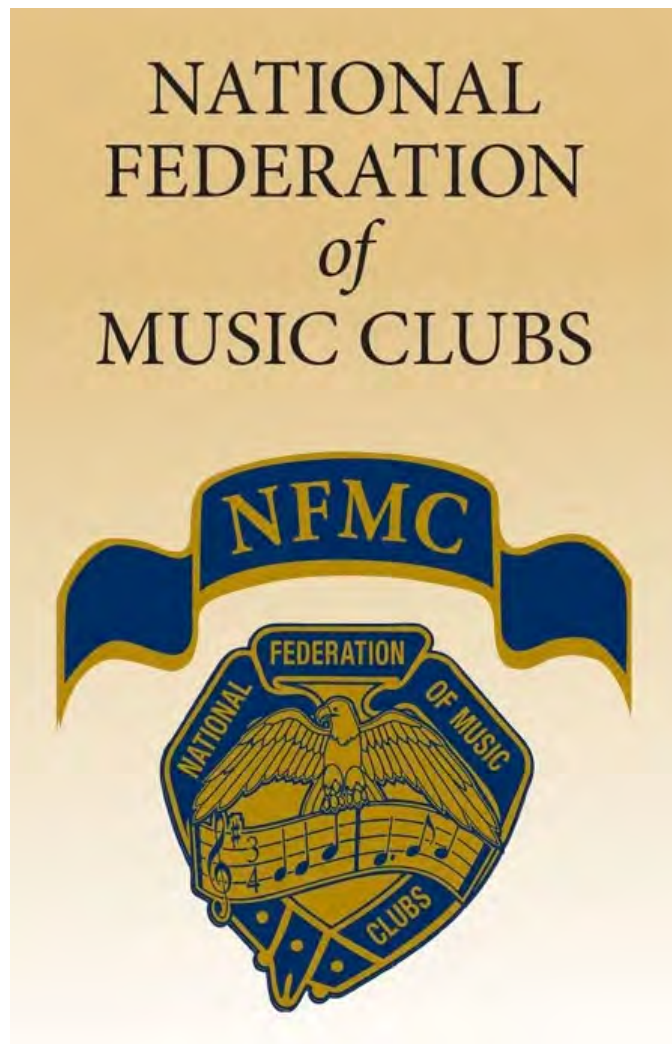
National Music Week will be May 1-8, 2022

Submitted by Carol Kent

National Music Week is sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs and celebrates American music, performers and composers while encouraging education and appreciation of the arts. During National Music Week, take time to explore the many genres of music. Listen to a different type of music by exploring what YouTube, iTunes, Amazon Music, and others have to offer. The possibilities are endless. Don't forget to listen to

Buchanan's very own song!

You can view our last year's article on [Music Week here](#).



National Music Week has as its objective "to create an understanding and appreciation of the value of music in the home, the community, the nation, and the world." National Music Week is sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC).

Additional information on the history of National Music Week may be obtained in the book "National Music Week" by Charles M. Tremaine.



Community Press Release – Honor Credit Union Shred Day



HCU Buchanan Shred Day April 23 2022

Honor Credit Union Buchanan Shred Day

Submitted by Kayla Smith, Honor Credit Union Brand Specialist

Berrien Springs, MI – March 02, 2022

Join Team Honor at Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse for a FREE Community Shred Day! Bring all of your old personal sensitive documents and simply drive up to the designated area. Team members will take your sensitive documents from your car straight to the shred truck.

- *Who:* Honor Credit Union
- *Where:* Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse
- *What:* **Shred Day in Buchanan**
- *When:* **Saturday, April 23, 2022 ~ 12-2pm**

****Please Note:** Date and time subject to change. The event will run until the scheduled time, or until the shred trucks reach capacity.

In partnership with Data Guardian, Honor Credit Union announce its 2022 Free Community Shred Day schedule across its 25-member center communities.

Free Community Shred Days are the perfect opportunity to safely dispose of all sensitive documents you no longer need, such as tax forms or any document with your social security number or personal information.

Honor has partnered with its valued business members to co-host the 2022 shred events at the businesses' locations, except for Decatur and South Haven, which will be held at the member centers. The partnership provides an opportunity to promote each business as well as an enhanced space to hold the event.

Honor's Community Shred Days will be held via a drive-thru service. Those attending the event are asked to drive up alongside the designated area, and a team member will be ready to take documents from your car straight to the shred truck on site. Please limit your shred to ten boxes or bags per business or household. The events will run during scheduled times or until the shred trucks have met capacity and are subject to change.

Locally owned and operated in Kalamazoo since 2004, Data Guardian is certified in Paper Records Destruction, Micro-Media Destruction, Non-Paper Media Destruction, Hard Drive Destruction, and Scanning and Imaging. Learn more about Data Guardian by visiting www.dataguardianmi.com.

For more information on Honor's 2022 Free Community Shred Day schedule, visit www.honorcu.com/community-shred-days/ or visit Honor Credit Union on Facebook for full event details. To locate a member center near you, visit www.honorcu.com/locations/.



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is proud to serve more than 91,000 members across the state of Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities it serves remains the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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

Remembering – Issue 26



Buchanan Losses • 02/22-04/11

Name	Age	Born	Died
George Burl Naragon	60	March 12, 1962	April 11, 2022
Earl Eugene Harrison	72	March 1, 1950	April 7, 2022
Mary Marlene Smith	64	July 15, 1957	April 6, 2022
Lorene Dickson	98	April 28, 1923	April 5, 2022
Beverly Jean Inkton Miller	73	January 16, 1949	February 22, 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.

Hoven Funeral Home <http://www.hovenfunerals.com> info@hovenfunerals.com
[269-695-2363](tel:269-695-2363)
[414 E Front St](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
[USA](#)

Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem Chapel <http://www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel>
[269-695-6881](tel:269-695-6881)
[301 W Front St](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
[USA](#)

City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • March 28 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

Please note that the City Commission Meeting Agenda is posted below. At the end of the agenda, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of the meeting. Also, the meeting minutes may not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle (probably once a month) due to rules that minutes are approved at the next City Commission meeting.

THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN in compliance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act, as amended, B2103192 of 2021, hereby gives notice of a regular meeting of the Buchanan City Commission to be held in the Chamber of Buchanan City Hall, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan MI.

- *Requests to be added to the agenda as a "Scheduled Matter from the Floor" should be submitted in writing to the City Clerk at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled meeting during which the speaker wishes to appear, and the approval of such requests remain within the discretion of the Mayor. If denied, the speaker may nonetheless speak during the "non-agenda items only" public comments section of the agenda.*
- *Those who are unable to appear during a meeting but who still wish to share public comment may submit such comments in written form to the City Clerk at least 4 hours in advance of the meeting.*
- *Individuals with disabilities may request necessary reasonable accommodations by submitting requests to the City Clerk, preferably at least 24 hours in advance.*
- *Written requests and comments may be submitted to the City Clerk either in person or via mail to Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107, or via email to clerk@cityofbuchanan.com*

The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, March 28th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, March 28, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Approve Agenda

V. Open Public Hearing 1

V.A. [Public Hearing and Public Comment Period on the Approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation \(OPRA\) Exemption Certificate for Rowlands Property Group LLC 101-103 Days Ave. Buchanan, MI 49107.](#)

VI. Close Public Hearing 1

VII. Open Public Hearing 2

VII.A. [Public Hearing and Public Comment Period on the Approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation \(OPRA\) Exemption Certificate for Claremont Stark LLC, 502 Claremont St., Buchanan, MI 49107.](#)

VIII. Close Public Hearing 2

IX. Public Comment

Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

X. Recognition

X.A. Recognition of Dave Capron – The City Commission would like to recognize Dave Capron of the Buchanan City Police Department for his 26 years of service to our community.

X.B. Vietnam War Commemoration Proclamation.

XI. Consent Agenda

(can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)

IX.A. Consider Approving Special Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2022.

IX.B. Consider Approving Special Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2022.

IX.C. Consider Approving Expenditures for March 28, 2022, in the amount of \$ 144,721.34.

IX.D. Bank Account Changes- Consider authorizing bank account changes to remove Stephanie Powers from all City bank accounts, with Courtney Baham replacing her on all City bank accounts.

IX.E. Street Closure for Chili Walk Cook-Off on April 7, 2022- Front St. blocking off Red Bud, Days, Main, and Oak.

XII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

XII.A. DPW Construction Update– Barton Group & AVB will brief the Commission regarding the DPW Construction Project.

XII.B. 302 Main St. Garden Presentation by Tony Houser.

XIII. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

XIII.A. Community Development Report – Richard Murphy has several items to be considered by the City Commission.

XI.A.1. Consider Resolution 2022.03/427- Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Rowland Property Group LLC 101/103 Days Ave, Buchanan, MI 49107.

XI.A.2. Consider Resolution 2022.03/428- Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Claremont Stark LLC, 502 Claremont, Buchanan, MI 49107.

XI.A.3. Consider Renewal Application for Adult Use Marihuana Establishment Permit Retailer for QPS Michigan Holdings, LLC, High Profile Cannabis Shop.

XIII.B. Director of Public Safety – Chief Tim Ganus will give his 2021 Annual Report to the City Commission.

XIII.C. Public Services Report, Director Mike Baker & Sexton Klay Weaver

XIII.C.1. Baker will provide the Commission with brief updates regarding the Demo of the DPW building, the 3rd Street Sewer Project, and the DPW Bldg Construction.

XIII.C.2. Weaver will present 3 quotes to the Commission to consider the purchase of a new lawnmower for the Cemetery.

XIII.C.3. Weaver (along with Clerk Kalla Langston) will present proposed new rates and policies for the cemetery for the Commission to consider adopting via Resolution 2022.03/429.

XIV. Unfinished Business

XIV.A. Second reading and consideration of Ordinance 2022.03/430- IPMC Adoption Ordinance, Property Maintenance Code.

XV. New Business

XV.A. First reading of Ordinance 2022.03/431- Open Buring Ordinance

XV.B. First reading of Ordinance 2022.03/432- Revised Parking Ordinance

XV.C. Treasurer Position Opening

XV.C.1. Consider approving a separation agreement between the City of Buchanan and former Treasurer Stephanie Powers.

XV.C.2. Consider a proposal from GovHR to post an opening for the position of Buchanan City Treasurer, which is vacant as of 03/28/22.

XV.D. Closed Session

XV.D.1. Consider Entering Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(1)(d) to consider the purchase or lease of real property.

XV.D.2. Consider Re-Entering Open Session

XV.D.3. Consider Action based on Closes Session discussion

XVI. Communications

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

XIV.A. City Manager Goals Update – Manager Grace will present a brief update to the City Commission regarding progress towards the previously established City Manager Goals.

XV. Public Comment

Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

XVI. Executive Comments

XVI.A. City Manager Comments

XVI.B. Commissioner Comments

XVI.C. Mayor Comments

XVII. Adjourn

You may view this complete [Agenda for this meeting March 28, 2022 here](#).

You may view all completed City Commission Meeting Minutes on [the City of Buchanan Website](#).



Local Clubs – Megahurtz Robotics New Building



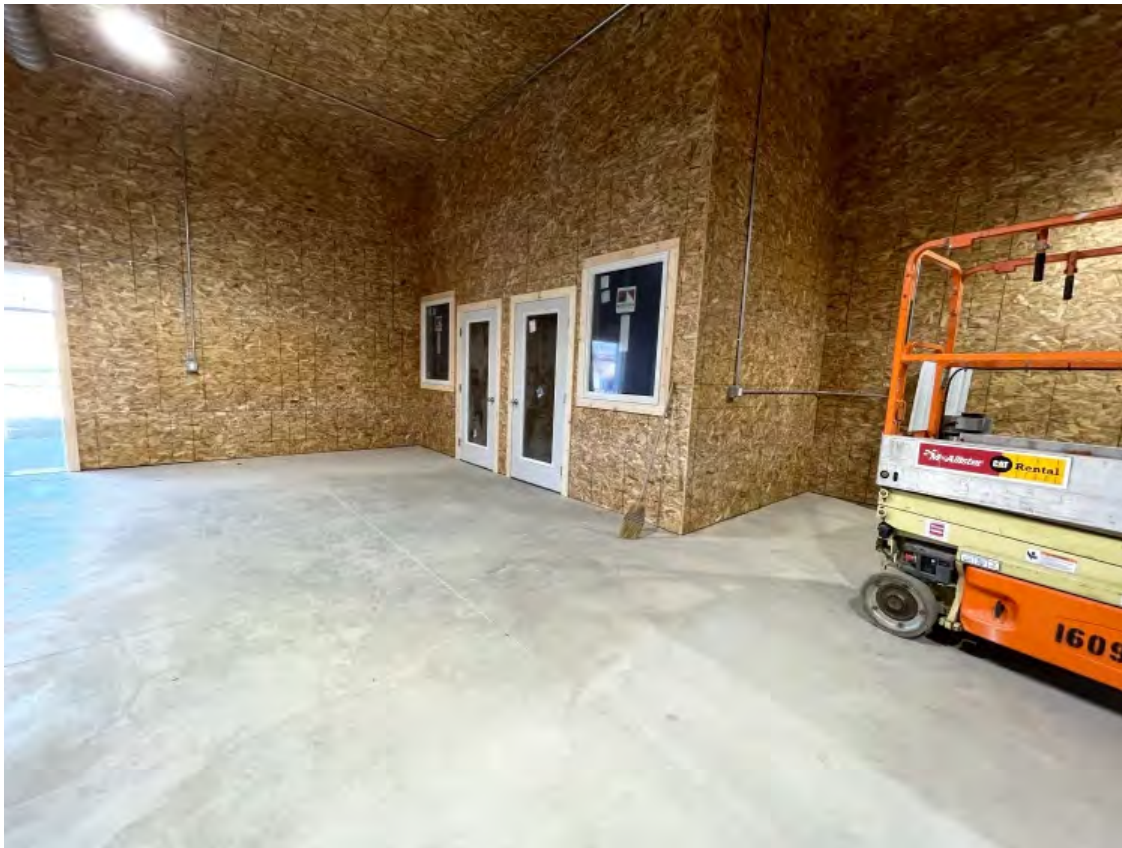


Megahurtz Robotics get Ready to Move Into new Building

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

The Buchanan Megahurtz FIRST Team 5056 has a new building! It is in the second suite of the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities building as the Fisher Rahiser Group donated the structure and they have a lease agreement with Buchanan Scarecrow Charities located at 606 Carrol Street in Buchanan. This new building will help them interact, learn and build their robot(s) in what would be a traditional workspace environment. Walls, doors, windows and rooms are up. They just need to be finished and are looking for volunteers who can lend a helping hand with these projects or also volunteer with the team.

On their Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS [website](#), you can see their workshop floor plan which is a 40' x 60' space. "The inside was completely up to students and mentors on how they wanted to design it. We wanted some quiet areas where things can be worked on without super overwhelming noise from a shop with a room dedicated to electronics and 3D printing, and another one dedicated to our programmers in CAD. A classroom that can fit up to 20 people will have magnetic white boards that will be on every wall to have videos & collaborate ideas with each other and make life-size drawings and windows will be above them, and will be used for planning, designing with no space being wasted. During their season they will be working for 3 hours, 5 days a week and all day on Saturdays with some parents and students," states Philip Place, Lead Mentor of MegaHurtz Robotics. Other rooms like a kitchen, utility room, and restroom are also in as well, but not completed yet.



Inside MegaHurtz new space, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

And they have added the “A” into STEM to be used for arts. Megahurtz supports the theater/drama with the technology side and that is what differentiates Megahurtz from STEAMWORKS. “The primary goal of STEAMWORKS is to explore “steam” through robotics and that’s K-12,” made known by Philip Place. It will start in the fall this year with a lego team through FIRST. There will also be competition with STEAMWORKS. They will be partnering with Buchanan District Library this summer as well. So stay tuned for more information.

They have been dreaming of this for the last nine years, but they didn’t have the adequate space. They are very appreciative of the high school space, but this building will fit their needs better. When the Fisher Raiser group heard about this, it started to get the ball rolling. “We are grateful for all of this, but it’s not a complete handout either, and we wanted to make sure that in our agreement with them that we hold our own and step up our game and we formed the nonprofit organization Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS a 501c3 will run and maintain this facility. And do the outreach and start other programs. Not every kid fits in sports, but if you put robots in there, then I’m in. Battlebots is not what we are doing. Our goal isn’t to compete and to trash our opponent, it’s to learn,” states lead mentor Philip Place. “FIRST (For Inspiration in Science and Technology) represents why our kids are in FIRST. It’s competition, but it’s not a competition like in a football or a basketball game. Your teammate could be an opponent in the next round, so you are looking out for everybody.” states mentor Jeremy Layne.



Inside MegaHurtz new space, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

“Disney+ has a documentary on the first robotics organization called “More Than Robots,”” suggested by parent Camila Layne. They have had influence from other automation/engineering companies on what their space should be like. “We have to come up with funds or sponsors to sponsor a room to help us finish what needs to be done in here. The bathroom is the first that has to be done, then the electronics, carpet the main room, tables, chairs, epoxy the floors and paint,” says Jeremy Layne.

“The cost for us is \$20,000 a season. All of that comes from donations, none of it comes from the school. Add in Covid and that takes away from fundraising as well. We are hoping to do a Pancake Breakfast that the kids put on and would like to have it in the new building so the public can come and see our space, see what we do or even go to a competition,” stated Philip Place. Everything for that is on hold, but when they get the permits then it will happen. They also have a garage door for large items to load in twice a year and park the trailer inside as well.



Inside MegaHurtz new space, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Being a part of FIRST (For Inspiration in Science and Technology) is the most inclusive. All kids of different abilities have grown from being in this program. Here's the game, now you have to design the robot. It's all hands on. Then you go to practice and competitions. Everything here will be on wheels, and it's carpeted just as in the competitions. You will be able to roll out carpet and leave it out compared to before. With 2-3 seasons on a roll of carpet, robot wheels can tear it up.

Kids learn so much in all areas that go into this: safety, business, cheer portions, do videos for the community outreach part of it. Philip, Camila and Jeremy state, "We need mentors to volunteer for all of those things to teach them these things, the biggest misconception is building robots. We need business people, website builders, and safety. We have to engineer game pieces every year, so general contracting work. There is probably not a single thing out there that doesn't touch on some of what we do already. We also have to write press releases to inform the public of what we are doing. Kids come and find their niche and so can you!"

"Other kids have never touched a tool, so they teach them to use hand/power tools and all that stuff," says Jeremy Layne.



Inside MegaHurtz new space, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

They would like to be in their new building in January of 2023 which is the start of the next season, and also this summer to get their fundraising going. You will be able to see them put on drone demonstrations at the Buchanan School Farm Plow Day on Saturday, April 23. As well as another demonstration at the Buchanan District Library in June. They do have a GO FUND ME account, but it sees very little activity. You can also donate funds, which will go towards an item that you pick on their website as well.

If this article gives you some interest, I suggest that you look into seeing how you can help whether it's volunteering your time or sponsoring them.

You can [contact them through STEAMWORKS website for more information](https://www.megahurtzrobotics.org). Megahurtz:
<https://www.megahurtzrobotics.org>



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.

MegaHurtz Robotics

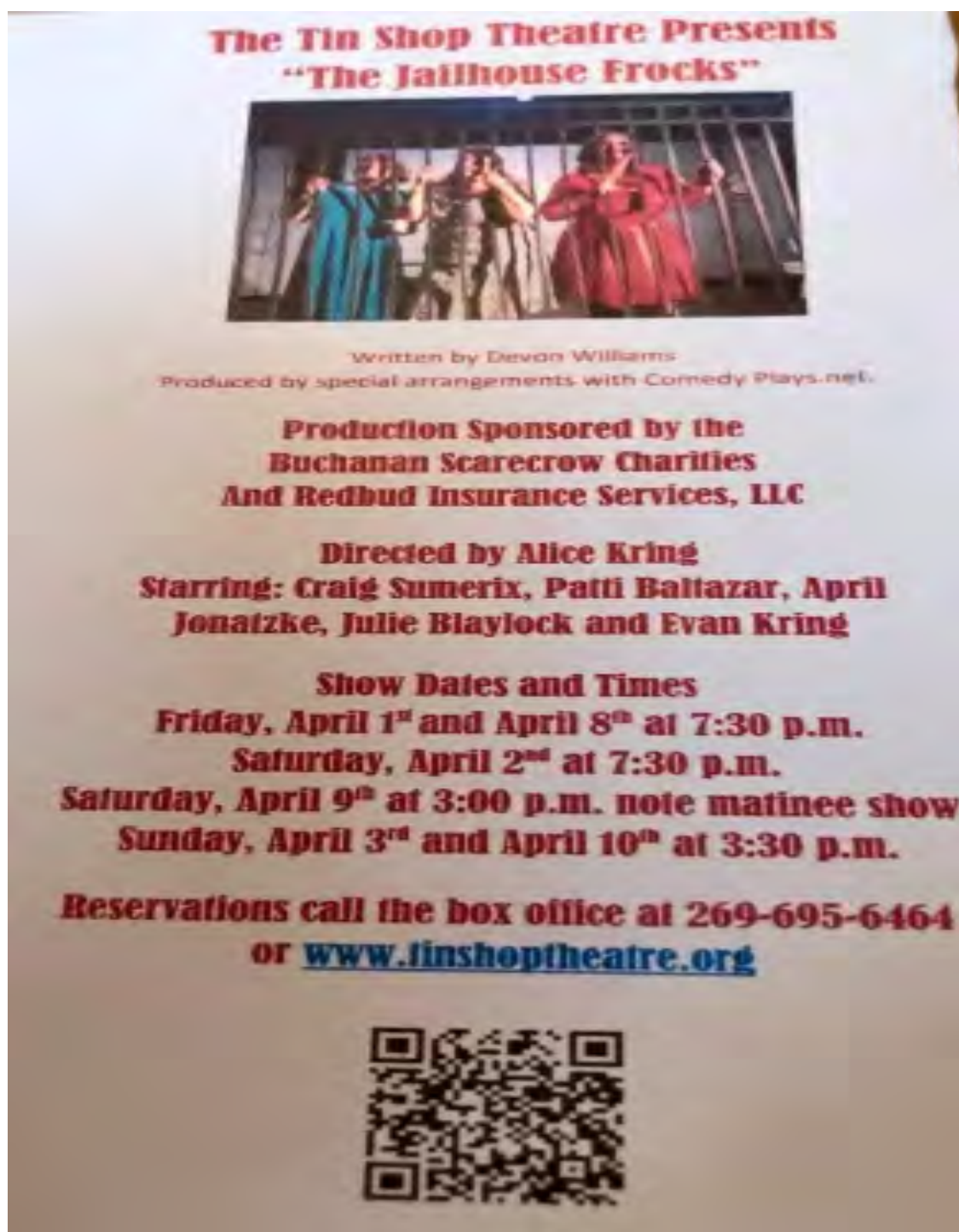
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Local Arts – The Tin Shop Theatre presents “Jailhouse Frocks”



"Jailhouse Frocks" at the Tin Shop Theatre flyer

The Show Goes On at the Tin Shop Theatre

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Just a little over two years ago, when everything came to a halt because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, including the Tin Shop Theatre production of "Jailhouse Frocks," that was supposed to happen on March 20, 2020, the show is back on! Director, Alice Kring who has directed and casted in 14 plays, invites you to come and enjoy this play as it is the first play to be held in the Tin Shop Theatre since that lockdown. I had the pleasure of attending their 5-cast

member production dress rehearsal. So, read on for my review, purchase some tickets and go enjoy the show!



Tin Shop Theatre presents "Jailhouse Frocks" with April Jonatzke left, Patty Baltazar right. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

"Jailhouse Frocks" is produced by special arrangements with Comedy Plays.net and is being sponsored by Buchanan Scarecrow Charities and Redbud Insurance Services, LLC. It has won quite a few awards in Australia, where it originated from. Director Alice received permission from the writer to adjust the wordings so it has the same lingo and some better language to rate it PG. They have been rehearsing since January. The play is set in a police station on a rainy Friday evening. You may also notice some recognizable fencing for the jail cell that Redbud Insurance Services donated. Three ladies end up getting in the jail cell throughout the evening and they try to come up with a plan to help one of them escape with the police officer that sometimes doesn't always get what they are saying. There is a very funny surprise in the play, so I am not going to spill the beans, and you will have to see it for yourself.



Tin Shop Theatre presents "Jailhouse Frocks" featuring Craig Sumerix. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Some good laughs will find you along with surprises with the "Humorous-zany, and surprising comedy acts that happen on the stage," stated by the cast. Alice Kring, the director pointed out, "It's been nice having a small show and getting back into the theatre, as well as scheduling the show with everyone's busy schedules."



Tin Shop Theatre presents "Jailhouse Frocks" 5 – member cast from left – right: Craig Sumerix, Evan Kring, Patty Baltazar, Julie Blaylock & April Jonatzke. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Tickets can be purchased up till the day of the 2-hour show with a 10 minute intermission for the "73-seat theatre and there are lots of open seats still, so reservations are welcome. This year we are having a Saturday matinee, people can go to that one and then go out for dinner," stated Director Alice Kring.



Tin Shop Theatre presents "Jailhouse Frocks", from left to right: Patty Baltazar, Julie Blaylock & April Jonatz Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

- You have six times to choose from:
 - Friday, April 1st at 7:30pm
 - Saturday, April 2nd at 7:30pm
 - Sunday, April 3rd at 3:30pm
 - Friday, April 8th at 7:30pm
 - Saturday, April 9th at 3:00pm *note matinee show
 - Sunday, April 10th at 3:30pm
- Reservations call the box office at: 269-695-6464 or at the website: www.tinshoptheatre.org
- Show Ticket Prices:
 - \$12 for adults
 - \$10 for seniors and students
 - \$5 for kids 12 years old and younger

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Directed by Alice Kring
Sound Effects provided by Andy Jonatzke
Set Construction
Craig Sumerix and Matt Remmo

Synopsis of Scenes

Location: Birchwood County Police Department Station

Time: One Rainy Friday evening

Cast of Characters

Officer Dwayne Pope.....Craig Sumerix
Cathy Monroe.....Patricia Baltazar
Elena Davidson.....April Jonatzke
Gloria Romano.....Julie Blaylock
Tony Romano.....Evan Kring
Voice of Chief Thomas.....Evan Kring

Act One

Scene 1: 5:00 p.m.
Scene 2: 6:00 p.m.
Scene 3: 7:00 p.m.
Scene 4: 8:00 p.m.

Act Two

Scene 1: Moments later
Scene 2: A little while later

About Tin Shop Theatre: In 1982 the Fine Arts Council began the task of turning the Tin Shop building into a fine arts center. It wasn't until the summer of 1984 that any shows were performed in the Tin Shop Theatre. We have staged over 100 productions. This is our 40th year of producing shows!

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