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Buchanan's News – Issue 01

The Newspaper Lives On! By Rebecka Hoyt Welcome to our first online issue of The Buchanan Chronicle! We are so glad you decided to read it today. My name is Rebecka Hoyt, the Editor of The Buchanan Chronicle. When I heard The Paper (Buchanan's most recent print newspaper) ceased business this January, I was saddened....

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Local Tragedy – West Wind Apartment Fire

West Wind Apartment Fire By Nik Sanchez On March 15th, 2021, the Buchanan Township needed community strength, as West Wind Apartments caught fire. Building G (located in the back lot of the complex west of Buchanan on Front Street) caught fire from a blaze that seemed to have started from the first-floor level, according to...

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Local Business – Pinnacle Emporium

Pinnacle Emporium Opens Buchanan Shop By Nik Sanchez What does Pinnacle Emporium mean? Well, pinnacle is the most successful point or the culmination of something or business. Emporium means a wide variety of goods, put those words together and you have created a successful business in a growing market. Pinnacle Emporium offers a professional, sustainable,...

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Eating Well Buchanan – Restaurant Week 2021

Buchanan Restaurant Week: March 24-31, 2021 By Nik Sanchez Too many businesses, especially restaurants, have had a tough time staying afloat this year. Many families have had to stay inside, shut out from the world. Well, this year the Buchanan Area of Chamber Commerce is sponsoring a special treat for the people of the Buchanan...

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Health Huddle – COVID Vaccination Update

UPDATE from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS): Starting Monday, March 22, COVID-19 vaccination eligibility expands to:• Everyone 50 years and older• People 16 and older with disabilities or medical conditions that put them at high risk of negative COVID-19 outcomes and their caregiver family members and guardians Learn more at Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine

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BCS Superintendent's Note – March 2021

A Note from BCS Superintendent by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent There was no handbook on how to survive a pandemic available last March when our country shut down during the onset of the Coronavirus outbreak. Now, almost a year later we remain in the state of navigating through a time of uncertainty. Our...

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Buchanan Community Schools – Tapping Trees

Maple Syrup – A School and Family Tradition By Rebecka Hoyt Every school year the Buchanan 4th

graders and the virtual learning students get to tap the sugar maple trees at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, MI. They use special hand held tools to drill a little hole into the tree then hang a metal...

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Mayor's Memo – Spring in Buchanan

Spring in Buchanan! By Mayor Sean Denison It's an exciting time to live in Buchanan. The weather is changing of course, but there is so much more than that to look forward to this Spring. Vaccinations are being carried out in an attempt to end the pandemic, government restrictions are being relaxed, and all of...

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Tech Tips – Cleaning Electronics

Spring Clean Those Electronics By Kelly Brown Spring has officially arrived! And if you're anything like me, you have your list of spring cleaning chores all made up and are ready to start crossing off tasks one by one. Truthfully, I rarely make it through the whole list in any given year. Life just has...

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Nature Notes – Spring 2021

Spring is Upon Us! By Jill McDonald At last the season of spring has sprung! According to <http://www.earthsky.org>, spring officially began today, March 20th at 5:37am EDT! According to astronomers, the seasonal dates on our calendars are based on the position of the Earth in relation to the sun. These dates

therefore fluctuate slightly each...

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Buchanan Faith Bulletin – Spring 2021

In this section we've included as many area churches and their information as we could find. Please let us know anything we can add or update. Church Address Phone
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Buchanan Sports – Intro

Cook to Writer! By Nik Sanchez Hey welcome to the sports corner, my name is Nik Sanchez. I currently reside in the "Nicest Place in America" Buchanan, but I am originally from Chicago. I am a huge Chicago sports fan and can appreciate any type of memorabilia involving sports. The teams I support are the...

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Buchanan District Library – March 2021

March is Reading Month By Meg Paulette, Director, Buchanan District Library NEW! With Comics Plus®, Buchanan District Library patrons now have unlimited, simultaneous access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga! Unlimited, simultaneous access for every user means that your book club, class, family, etc., all can check out the same title at...

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Movie Showtimes – 03/25/21

Wonderland Cinema • 3/19-3/25 Movie Rating Times
Chaos Walking PG-13 1:15, 4:00, 7:00 Raya and the Last Dragon PG 12:45, 1:30, 3:30, 4:15, 6:30, 7:00 Tom & Jerry PG 1:15, 4:00, 6:45 The Father PG-13 1:30, 4:15, 7:15 The Courier PG-13 1:00, 3:45, 6:45 Moore Movie

Bucket Policy: Moore Movie Bucket Policy Monday-Wednesday each bucket...

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March 20 – April 3 : 2021 Date/Time Time Event
 Location Sponsor Event Link Wed March 24 10a Ukulele Club Online Buchanan District Library <https://fb.me/e/1kaCQ4r8S> Wed March 24 10:30a Story Time Online Buchanan District Library <https://fb.me/e/25K6eUFYK> Fri March 26 12p-6p Buchanan City Fire Dept. Blood Drive Buchanan City Fire Dept:105 W Front St Buchanan City...

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The Clark Barker – Issue 01

Out for Walks! Hi friends! I've been adopted and am loving it at The Buchanan Chronicle! While here I'll still be bringing you my friendly, neighborly tips in each issue. Spring is here and temperatures are getting warmer, woof-woof! People are out walking more and I have some tips that my walking partners want to...

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A Note from the Editor and Publisher – Issue 01



Jen and Rebecca, March 2021

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor, and Jen Garry, Publisher

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Here is a little about ourselves.



Editor Rebecka Hoyt

Rebecka grew up in Fruitport, Michigan (just south of Muskegon), and graduated from Fruitport High School in 1998, attended Muskegon Community College for a certificate in Early Childhood Education. Fast forward about 6 years, she met her future husband, Tom Hoyt at her sister's wedding. Tom lived here before they met, and Rebecka moved here after their wedding almost 15 years ago this June.

Rebecka has had a love of photography and writing, so she went back to school at Lake Michigan College and graduated with an Associates of Arts degree last spring of 2020. You can find a couple of her photos and small articles in the past issues of The Paper and her photography portfolio at <https://rebeckahoyt.smugmug.com>. Tom has been supportive of this new adventure while he works for Bosch, and will be a proof reader and writer from time-to-time.

Their family consists of their daughter Julie who goes to Buchanan Middle School, and their beloved pets: cat, Cupcake and dog, Lucy. They love this little town, the friendships they have made, along with some favorite eateries. One of their favorite places to go to is the Buchanan District Library for DVD rentals, the studying area, kids clubs like "Geeky Bits" and story time when Julie was in Preschool. Favorite eateries include: Union Coffee House, Lehman's Farmhouse, Bucktown Nutrition and Hilltop Cafe.

Rebecka's position with The Buchanan Chronicle is Editor. She will also be writing articles in the areas of Buchanan Community Schools, City Commission Meetings, Local Clubs/Restaurants/Businesses, Faith, and Health with the help of awesome volunteer writers and of course taking photos. If you see her in and around town with or without her camera, stop and say, "Hi" along with an article suggestion.



Publisher Jen Garry

Growing up in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, Jen's parents both taught in Central Michigan University's business department. She graduated from Great Lakes Adventist Academy in 2005, and then attended Andrews University 2005-2011, initially bringing her to Berrien County. After graduating with her Bachelor's and Master's in Architecture, Jen worked with Dr. Stanley M. Bell, Architect for a time while living in Berrien Springs.

Some occupational discovery time later she completed a Master of Urbanism Fellowship at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, graduating Spring 2017. During this time she met and married her husband, Dan, who was raised in nearby Kalamazoo. Their family first grew when they adopted their puppy DJ Spring 2015, and they welcomed their first child, their son Theo Fall 2017.

When it came time for Jen and Dan to purchase their first house, they naturally looked to Berrien County; and as Jen had a love of the City of Buchanan already, when the perfect property became available Summer 2020 in town they jumped on it. They've been loving Buchanan life ever since, and Dan's folks even bought a house in town too! All of the Garry family would enjoy reading The Paper and Jen felt a particular call to help when they found out about its discontinuation. Her design and visual background will be of great use to The Buchanan Chronicle, and she's very much looking forward to being a part of making it happen!

Jen would love to chat with you about any ideas you have, for The Buchanan Chronicle or even any personal projects or any way that her design background could be of help to you!

The Buchanan Chronicle

It is our hope that you will be an informed Buchanan, MI citizen, or if you do not live here, thank you for taking the time to read and we hope that you have a chance to visit "The Nicest Place in America!" While checking out [The Buchanan Chronicle Facebook Page](#), please share with your friends and family as well as suggestions you may have for some future stories!

BCS School Spotlight – Ottawa Elementary March 2021



Mrs. Holesinger's Preschool, March 2021, Photo provided by Ottawa Elementary School

Ottawa Elementary School Spotlight

By Rebecka Hoyt, Buchanan Chronicle Editor, and Stacey Denison, Ottawa Principal

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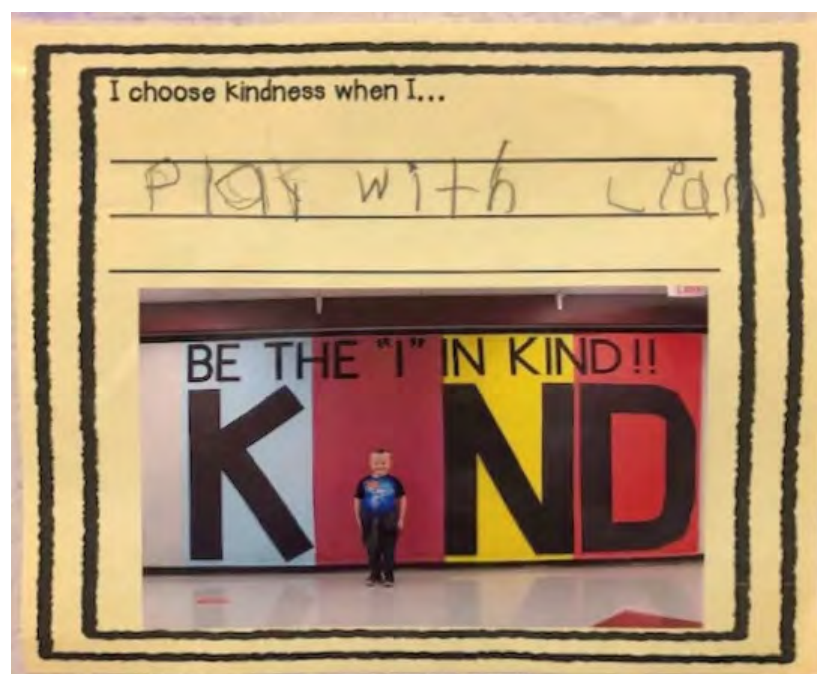


Little Bucks Wall, March 2021, Photo provided by Ottawa Elementary School

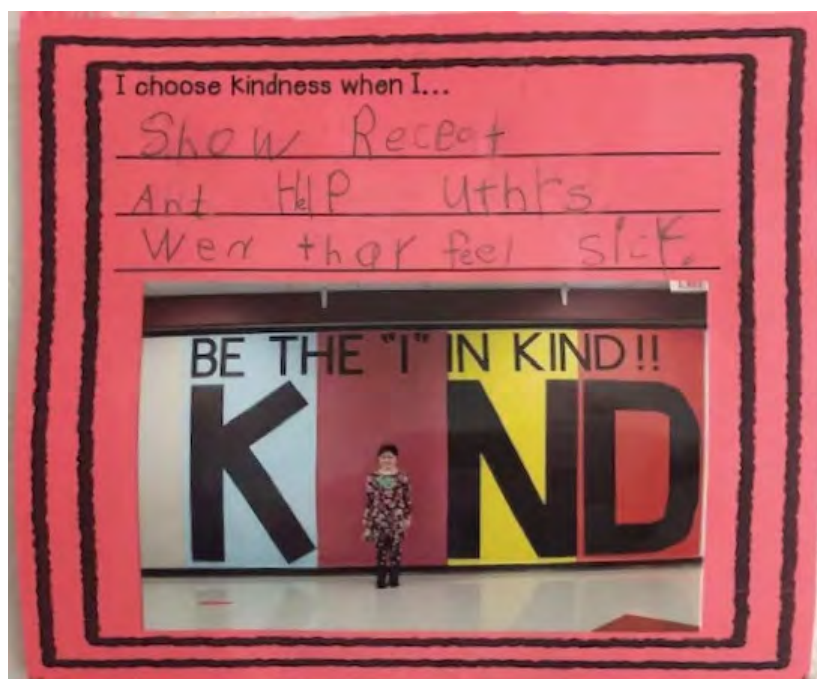
Stacey Denison, Principal of Ottawa Elementary School, has this to say, “I wanted to showcase Bucky and our Ticket Bin for our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) we use to promote positive behavior. We also started a Little Bucks of the Week Wall, where we select students that have done an excellent job of following the Buck 3: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. This is a big part of what we do to support positive behavior in our students.”



Bucky and the Buck 3, March 2021, Photo provided by Ottawa Elementary School



Thomas, Kindergarten, March 2021, Photo provided by Ottawa Elementary School



Paisley, 1st Grade, March 2021, Photo provided by Ottawa Elementary School



Charlotte, Kindergarten, March 2021, Photo provided by Ottawa Elementary School



Jaxon, 1st Grade, March 2021, Photo provided by Ottawa Elementary School

Local Clubs – Buchanan College Club



Buchanan College Club since 1922

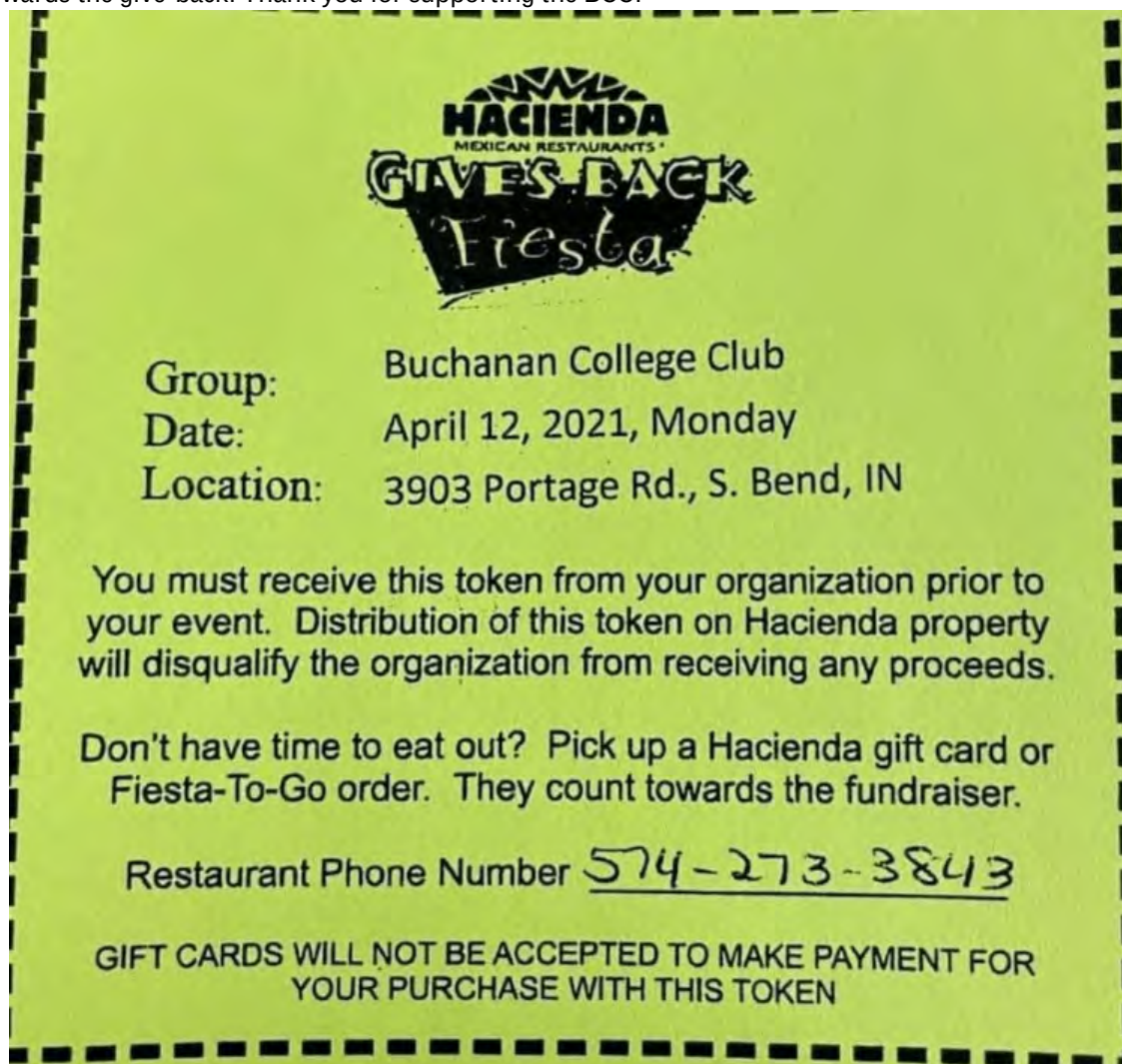
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Buchanan College Club who has completed 2 years of study in a college or university.

Since 1952, the club has loaned over \$175,000.00 to qualified students. We also give a scholarship at the Honors Banquet to a deserving student based on their merits. Meetings are once a month and include a speaker, from September through May. If you have any questions please email Sarah Gault at sarahcollege27@gmail.com.

A few of our usual fundraisers during the year are having bake sales at the Farmer's Market, Fish/Chicken Fry at Hill Top Café, and the famous Shop 'Til You Drop Market. On Monday, April 12th, we would love for everyone to participate in our HACIENDA GIVES-BACK at the Portage Road location in South Bend. Show your coupon and 20% of all sales will go directly to the Buchanan College Club. You can buy gift cards too that would count towards the give-back. Thank you for supporting the BCC!



Buchanan Sports – Intro



Nik Sanchez, March 2021, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

Cook to Writer!

By Nik Sanchez

Hey welcome to the sports corner, my name is Nik Sanchez. I currently reside in the “Nicest Place in America” Buchanan, but I am originally from Chicago. I am a huge Chicago sports fan and can appreciate any type of memorabilia involving sports. The teams I support are the Chicago White Sox, the Chicago Bulls, the Chicago Blackhawks and of course my beloved Chicago Bears which I will watch for good or bad.

I have a passion for coaching young athletes aspiring to become better or just want to learn a new sport. I plan to further this dream sooner rather than later. I also like to collect vintage toys and build Lego sets from movies I love to watch. My apartment is currently filled with toys and Lego sets I have collected and built over the years. One of my favorite movie franchises is Back to the Future and one of my favorite TV shows is Rick and Morty, both have connections to each other and is another reason why I love them.

In my younger days I played football, basketball, baseball, and even wrestled; these days I like to play disc golf. I plan to accomplish many of my own personal goals while researching and analyzing many stories here in Buchanan. I plan on covering many athletes from all sports in different levels of skill while providing up-to-date inside info provided by interviews I personally conduct. I also plan on researching and covering the sports history of the town, I will write about a few Hall of Fame teams from Buchanan High School as well as people that are Buchanan sports alumni.

I decided to become part of the Buchanan Chronicle because I always have had a passion for writing since high school and almost went to college for journalism, but instead I decided to go to culinary school at Le Cordon Bleu Chicago and graduated with a culinary science degree. Since college ended, I have worked in many kitchens in different states while cooking at some of the busiest hotels in the world. I have also had a fair share of meeting celebrities, so I never shy away from a story too big. I am glad to be a part of a great team, The Buchanan Chronicle.

Local Business – J.KRU Sweets



Sampler Box, Photo submitted by J.KRU Sweets

J.KRU Sweets: A Sweet Business to Sweeten your Easter Baskets!

By Rebecka Hoyt

If you have not heard by now, Buchanan has a chocolate company! Jen & Joe Krueger reopened up their in-home licensed kitchen, J.KRU SWEETS on October 15, 2020. They had previously operated under the Cottage Law from 2017-2019. So, what influenced Jen to start this business? She was an elementary teacher by trade and taught for most of 11 years in Berrien Springs, until their youngest son was born. Jen says, "I then became a stay-at-home mom. Adam is now in kindergarten and after much contemplation, we decided to start this business so I could still be very involved with the 3 kids (field trips, classroom volunteer, school holiday parties, mom taxi, etc.)." Having a business like this in your home can be tricky at times to turn off work and be a family as certain holidays/events make it busier. Jen says, "I try to do as much work as possible when the kids are in school or in bed, but there are many times that we have too many orders, so more hours are needed. We are teaching the kids about a small family business, though, and how everyone helps how they can. Right now the kids are able to help with labeling, preparing bags, etc. And Joe helps with everything other than making the sweets."

With the type of license that she has, she can sell directly to the consumers, "...but can also sell to businesses as a wholesaler. We are hoping to retail our products in a couple of Buchanan locations within the next few months. We currently have partnerships with Caffè Tosi (St. Joe), Small Town Grounds (Bridgman), Viola Cafe (Three Oaks), Buchanan Floral & Greenhouses, and Deck the Halls (Dowagiac)." states Jen.

Big holidays like Christmas and Valentine's Day have been really busy for J.KRU Sweets, so make sure that you order from them as soon as possible. The earlier you order, the better. "But if you have a last minute order, always ask! I might be able to do it. We don't like to turn anyone away, if possible." says Jen. All orders are made to order, so they are very fresh when you get them. To place your sweet order, contact them through Facebook (Messenger or when you comment on a post) and also by emailing them at: jkrusweets@gmail.com. They can take cash/check. Find them on Instagram @j.krusweets or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/jkru.sweets and you will see her upcoming and past sweet treats. I guarantee that after seeing these creations, and if you have a chocolate lover in your family/friends/coworker these make great gifts! To receive your order, you will be given their address as it's right here in Buchanan, for you to pick up. They offered delivery for Valentine's Day, and will be

doing the same next year.

Want to order? You can find their basic menu that is posted on their Facebook page under the MENU tab with prices. Jen says, "If you have an idea that you didn't see listed, just ask!" They can also take custom orders for ANY occasion, "We love working with families to celebrate special events (birthdays, weddings, showers, graduations), match colors/themes and even birthday treats for classrooms (since we have a licensed kitchen, our treats are allowed in schools during Covid-19 because purchasing from us is the same as purchasing from a store). We are regularly asked to make special treats for teachers and secretaries!" Jen says with excitement. Hmm, sounds like some good gift ideas to me!



Hot Chocolate Bomb, Photos from J.KRU Sweets promotional video

Have you heard of hot chocolate bombs? Well, J.KRU Sweets is the place for them. This was their popular product at Christmas last year, and they are not spheres, and instead are holiday shaped filled with cocoa and micro marshmallows. "For Valentine's Day, it's a lot of chocolate covered strawberries, which are offered year-round for 6/\$11 and 12/\$20; and for Easter they offer them decorated as carrots." states Jen. This year, their huge peanut butter filled hearts were very popular as well.

How about a coffee creamer bomb? Yes, that is a chocolate sphere filled with your choice of flavored creamer! Are you salivating yet?! "You just place it in your mug and add your hot coffee. Stir and enjoy! These are offered year-round for just \$2/each. We have hazelnut, chocolate creme, french vanilla, vanilla caramel, salted caramel and cinnamon french toast." Jen says. Do they have any specials coming up? They are focusing on Easter – everything bunny and many flavors of filled eggs. So, place your order soon as Easter will be here before you know it!

Some people have wondered if they will have a storefront in downtown Buchanan. Jen says, "At this time, we do not have any interest in doing anything different than what we're doing. It's great having the "office" in our home." They do not have a website. However, they are working on one. Stay tuned to their [Facebook page](#) and you will be notified once it is ready! Now go order your chocolate fix!



Sampler Platter, Photo submitted by J.KRU Sweets

Health Huddle – NP at Redbud Health Services



New Nurse Practitioner at Redbud Health Services

By Teresa Green



Tammie Riess, ANP-BC, CBDCE; now at Redbud Health Services, March 2021, Photo from Redbud Health Services

We are pleased to announce that Tammie Riess, ANP-BC, CBDCE, has agreed to join our Redbud Health Services clinic. Redbud Health Services is located inside Redbud Fitness & Lifestyle Center, 500 E 3rd Street in Buchanan, MI.

Many Buchanan residents have seen Tammie for their health needs when she worked in Buchanan previously with Dr. Brown. Tammie has a love and a commitment to the people of Buchanan and our surrounding communities. Our clinic currently provides outstanding physical therapy and will now be offering Direct Patient Medical Care with Tammie. In the near future, we plan to add another Nurse Practitioner.

We will offer compassionate and affordable healthcare in a clinic where you belong and will be listened to by Tammie. This will lead to more support and health for the public. If you have a doctor, but would like to have a constant contact partner in your health care to help with multiple medications, etc... you may.

Have Redbud Fitness and Lifestyle Center be your one stop shop to lead to a healthy and active life. For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Emily, at the receptionist desk at 269-409-8626 or visit our website at: <https://www.redbudhealth.com> Welcome Tammie!



Inside Redbud Health Services, March 2021, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

- www.redbudhealth.com
- [Redbud Health Services Facebook Page](#)
- [Redbud Fitness & Lifestyle Center Facebook Page](#)

Local Business – Pinnacle Emporium



Nik with Jody and Michael inside Pinnacle Emporium, March 2021, Photo by Nik Sanchez

Pinnacle Emporium Opens Buchanan Shop

By Nik Sanchez

What does Pinnacle Emporium mean? Well, pinnacle is the most successful point or the culmination of something or business. Emporium means a wide variety of goods, put those words together and you have created a successful business in a growing market. Pinnacle Emporium offers a professional, sustainable, scalable and desirable work environment and experience.

Michael and Jody Silver both physicians, have brought their concept to southwest Michigan and plan on growing their target market and business. They both plan on positioning their growing business as one of the largest and most recognizable brands in the great state of Michigan. They are both located out of Las Vegas, but say they are mainly on the road attending their many locations with this being their third store here in Michigan, located at 221 East Front Street. The space they acquired has an old vintage feel on it, so it fits in quite well like it's always been a part of Buchanan. They plan on opening many more locations and continue to grow as a team and a family.

While talking to the owners, I noticed that the team they have built are very close. Michael explains that the creative director is a lifelong friend, Danny Potenza or "Potsy" as referred to in the shop, has brought his chill vibe here to Buchanan. He has brought many vintage americana memorabilia items to help decorate and create the mold they wanted. Many of the memorabilia pays homage to the struggle of legalization of cannabis and Michigan's place in that story. The feeling walking in is equivalent to finding yourself in a museum of lost history, many vintage items are scattered across the wall. They have created a mural on their wall that is fascinating, highlighting many figures that have helped shape the world and provide entertainment, from music entertainers to political members. They have also added fun characters such as "Buzz'd Lightyear" or even the famous DeLorean from the classic movie, Back to the Future to their mural to add to the concept of the store. "Each store they have has its own personality" Michael says, "we like to highlight certain ideals and characteristics with our stores to create a fun atmosphere while

being professional”.

Unlike any other store in this area, they have set themselves apart not only with the product they have and the quality, but the people who work at the store also. Michael and Jody both say, “Their goal is to create an unmatched experience for every customer that comes in”. “We want them to come back and spread the word about our business”. Their goal for the community is giving back on many levels including the support of small business and children’s programs locally. They also will provide many jobs to the community with their growing brand and plan on opening more locations and possibly a farm to cultivate and create their own flower, which indeed opens up more jobs for people in Michigan and the world. The workers they have hired, have the most experience in the area and provide very much needed help and give information about a product if you are new to this idea of purchasing recreational or medical marijuana.

What Jody and Michael Silver are doing for this market is knocking down walls that a generation has built. Many dubbed this simple plant a villain and some have said there is no medical advantage. Studies have shown that this plant indeed is a medicine and that it can help change and shape the world. The war is over and everyone needs to come home.



Nik with Michael and staff inside Pinnacle Emporium, March 2021, Photo by Nik Sanchez

Community Events – Spring 2021

March 20 – April 3 : 2021



UKULELE CLUB

Wednesdays at 10:00am
February 10 through March 31

Ukulele provided by the Library!

This session is for ADULTS. Look for
a kids session this summer!

STORYTIME ONLINE!



WEDNESDAYS
January 20–March 31

NEW VIDEO/SPECIAL GUEST EACH WEEK!





**Friday
March**

26

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.

**Buchanan City Fire Department
Blood Drive!**

105 W Front St
Buchanan, MI 49107

Donors will receive a People Need People Versiti
T-shirt!

Want to get away? Give blood at the drive below to
be entered into a sweepstakes for a chance to win a
\$500 Airbnb.com gift card.

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED
<http://bit.ly/BUCHANAN2021>
visit versiti.org/miblood
Call 866-642-5663

866-642-5663



Collecting Easter Candy

calling out to everyone in the community to help collect candy for this Easter

Candy can be dropped at:



- Redbud Insurance
- City Hall



DONATIONS DUE BY MARCH 26th







Brought to you by Scholastic Book Fairs

OTTAWA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Book Fair

109 OTTAWA ST , BUCHANAN , MI
49107

Mar. 15 - Mar. 28

Our Book Fair is online this year!
Support our school library and help
your child discover new books,
favorite characters, complete series,
and more! Your purchase will help
provide new library books for the
children to enjoy for years to come!

You'll love the fun new option to
shop for Book Fair exclusives
directly from the interactive booklist
and enjoy free shipping on book-
only purchases over \$25.

March 28 Open Riding

CANCELLED

Call for Artists

**Submission deadline:
March 31**

**Dates:
April 13 - 30**

BUCHANAN
ART
CENTER

The Buchanan Art Center is seeking local artists whose work fits the themes of creative reuse, ecology, and/or the natural world through materials, or subject matter.

Eco Art Exhibit



BE A pART of the ART!

Belong
Express
Learn

Create
Exhibit
Share



**COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic [Pfizer 50+] -
Thursday, April 1st @ Buchanan Area
Senior Center (810 Rynearson St,
Buchanan, MI 49107)**



THU, APR 1 AT 7 PM EDT

Virtual Wine & Design

Online Event

Good Friday in Buchanan

April 2, 2021

9:00 AM - Jesus Nailed on the Cross

at St. Paul Lutheran Church,

212 W. Front St.



Outside, in front of the church – Sun, Rain
or Snow

(St. Paul will be open all day for prayer.)

Both services will be on St. Paul's & BAMA's Facebook pages.

3:00 PM – Jesus Dies

Tre Ore Service

**on the 7 Words from the
Cross**

at St. Paul Lutheran Church,

212 W. Front St.



6:30 PM – Stations of the Cross

St. Anthony Catholic Church

509 West Fourth St.



Buchanan's Easter Egg Drive-Thru

Saturday, April 3rd
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Buchanan
Common**

**Come by and pick up a
bag of Easter Goodies**



**Sponsored by:
Buchanan High School Leo Club**

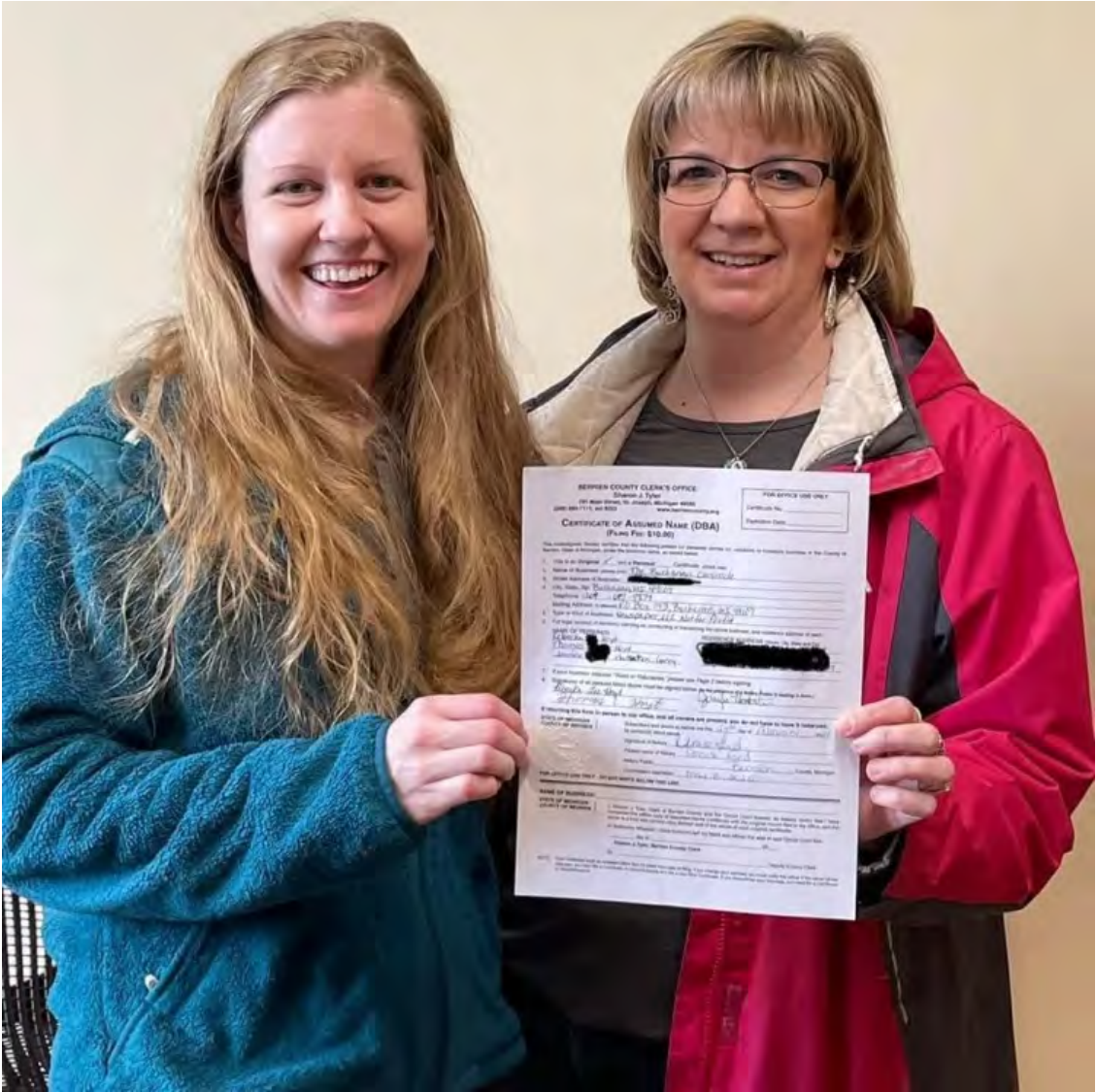
***Waive at the
Easter Bunny!***

Date/ Time	Time	Event	Location	Sponsor	Event Link
Wed March 24	10a	Ukulele Club	Online	Buchanan District Library	https://fb.me/e/1kaCQ4r8S
Wed March 24	10:30a	Story Time	Online	Buchanan District Library	https://fb.me/e/25K6eUFYK
Fri March 26	12p-6p	Buchanan City Fire Dept. Blood Drive	Buchanan City Fire Dept: 105 W Front St	Buchanan City Fire Department	https://fb.me/e/1guSqn8dk
Fri March 26	–	Candy Donations Due	Redbud Insurance: 110 Main St Buchanan City Hall: 302 N Red Bud Trail	BHS Leo Club	https://m.facebook.com/BuchananGalier
Sat March 27	9a-5p	Spring Open House	Flowers by Anna: 4796 Niles- Buchanan Rd	Flowers by Anna	https://fb.me/e/1guYm4Yqf
Sat March 27	10:30a	Community Easter Egg Hunt	Buchanan Church of the Nazarene: 704 W Front St	Buchanan Church of the Nazarene	https://fb.me/e/1EVjnm15S
Sun March 28	Last Day	Ottawa Scholastic Book Fair	Ottawa Elementary School: 109 Ottawa St	Ottawa Elementary School	https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfair/method=homepage&url=ottawaelemsch1BmlRNG_EtNx8x6D9g4icY3l1a9dTTrS2-0l
Sun March 28	CANCELLED	Spring Open Riding	Redbud MX: 13638 N Red Bud Trail	Redbud MX	https://fb.me/e/T7SXhhvH
Wed March 31	10a	Ukulele Club	Online	Buchanan District Library	https://fb.me/e/Lbuicqlc

Date/ Time	Time	Event	Location	Sponsor	Event Link
Wed March 31	10:30a	Story Time	Online	Buchanan District Library	https://fb.me/e/4NWy3wdnK
Wed March 31	–	Artist Submission Deadline	Buchanan Art Center: 117 W Front St	Buchanan Art Center	https://m.facebook.com/BuchananArtCe
Thurs April 1	10a	Adventures in Art: Spring Fling	Buchanan Art Center: 117 W Front St	Buchanan Art Center	https://fb.me/e/Hfj07V7E
Thurs April 1	By Appt.	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	Buchanan Area Senior Center: 810 Rynearson St	Buchanan Area Senior Center	https://berrienpublichealthcovid19vaccin appointmentType=21402539&fbclid=IwA
Thurs April 1	7p	Virtual Wine & Design	Online	Flowers by Anna	https://fb.me/e/8dHMCeotM
Fri April 2	9a, 3p	Good Friday Services	St. Paul Lutheran Church: 212 W Front St	St. Paul Lutheran Church	
Fri April 2	6:30p	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	St. Anthony Catholic Church: 509 W 4th St	St. Anthony Catholic Church	
Sat April 3	11a-12:30p	Buchanan's Easter Egg Drive-Thru	Buchanan Common: enter behind Redbud City Center from Roe St near Oak St	BHS Leo Club	https://www.facebook.com/BuchananGal
Sat April 3	12p-6p	Spring Open Riding	Redbud MX: 13638 N	Redbud MX	https://fb.me/e/T7SXhhvH

Date/ Time	Time	Event	Location	Sponsor	Event Link
			Red Bud Trail		

Buchanan’s News – Issue 01



Jen and Rebecka begin The Buchanan Chronicle, February 2021, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The Newspaper Lives On!

By Rebecka Hoyt

Welcome to our first online issue of The Buchanan Chronicle! We are so glad you decided to read it today. My name is Rebecka Hoyt, the Editor of The Buchanan Chronicle. When I heard The Paper (Buchanan’s most recent print newspaper) ceased business this January, I was saddened. Along with my friends and family, all of us enjoyed that lovely, Buchanan-filled newspaper. I have loved reading newspapers ever since my late elementary school

years. After much research, talking and praying about this newspaper, I then made the decision to start this one. Being a photographer, I submitted a couple of my photos to The Paper, and now I can keep on doing that with The Buchanan Chronicle.

“We send our best wishes to the new Buchanan Chronicle, and hope past readers of The Paper will participate with the generosity and interest shown to us during our run. We continue to support both old and new Buchanan businesses, and hope the public will do the same. Good luck, Buchanan Chronicle!”

MARY LISTER AND PATRICIA BANKER, FORMER PUBLISHER AND EDITOR OF THE BUCHANAN PAPER.

You are probably wondering who is going to be writing for us. We have a small team of six volunteers. The writers are: Kelly Brown, Jen Garry (also Publisher), Rebecka Hoyt (also Editor & Photographer), Tom Hoyt (also Proofreader), Jill McDonald (also Proofreader & Photographer), and Nik Sanchez. If you or know of someone that has a talent for writing or suggestions of articles, please email us at buchananchronicle@att.net or leave a comment/message on our [The Buchanan Chronicle Facebook Page](#) or our website [The Buchanan Chronicle Website](#).

Next, what will be in The Buchanan Chronicle? You will see a few similar things that were once before in The Paper and favored by their readers. For example, City Commissioner Meeting Minutes, The Clark Barker, Buchanan School Board Meeting Minutes, Opinion, and Calendar of Events. We will have articles/stories focusing on: Buchanan Community Schools, City Government, Buchanan District Library, Local Clubs & Community Events, Health, BCS Athletics, Faith/Inspiration, Buchanan History, Nature, Restaurant Spotlight, Buchanan Businesses, Local Artist Spotlight, Tech Tips, Car Tips, Student Articles from Local Colleges, Police Log, & Memorials. Not every topic will be in each issue.

When, where and how will The Buchanan Chronicle be ready to read? On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 12:01am. While you enjoy your morning coffee/tea/breakfast or a late night snack, you will be able to view and read each issue from whatever electronic device you choose to read from or on the computers at the Buchanan District Library on [The Buchanan Chronicle Website](#). Also, a link will be posted on [The Buchanan Chronicle Facebook Page](#) for you to share with your family and friends. Click on the subscribe button below to not miss an issue when it's published.

Why an online newspaper? While gathering input from my family and friends about having an online newspaper, some said that it would save trees, which is a very needed resource for our planet. So being eco-friendly and not having to drive a far distance to pick up and distribute the newspapers, is a cost savings. The question of digital and/or physical copy weighs upon each of us and our team is very motivated to work towards reviving a physical copy of our hometown newspaper at some point in the future. It's a goal and now that we're getting the ball rolling with our online publication we'll be poised to strive to showcase Buchanan community news in multiple formats.

We are so excited for this new adventure and hope that you will continue to enjoy it with us.

Movie Showtimes – 03/25/21



Wonderland Cinema • 3/19-3/25

Movie	Rating	Times
Chaos Walking	PG-13	1:15, 4:00, 7:00
Raya and the Last Dragon	PG	12:45, 1:30, 3:30, 4:15, 6:30, 7:00
Tom & Jerry	PG	1:15, 4:00, 6:45
The Father	PG-13	1:30, 4:15, 7:15
The Courier	PG-13	1:00, 3:45, 6:45



Wonderland Cinema
 269-683-1112
 402 N Front St
 Niles, MI 49120
 USA

Moore Movie Bucket Policy:

- Moore Movie Bucket Policy
- Monday-Wednesday each bucket fill is \$0.75
- Thursday is FREE popcorn with bucket and ticket purchase
- Buckets are NOT allowed Friday-Sunday
- Refillable plastic Bucket costs \$3.00

* Showtimes subject to change, please check the website for latest showtimes and ticket pricing.



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\$100.00 - 2 HOURS
CURRENT MOVIE

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Thursday**

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current bucket
with your ticket
purchase.

**Sorry,
No Buckets
Friday - Sunday**

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THEATRES**



BCS Superintendent's Note – March 2021



Superintendent of Schools

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

401 West Chicago Street Buchanan, Michigan 49107

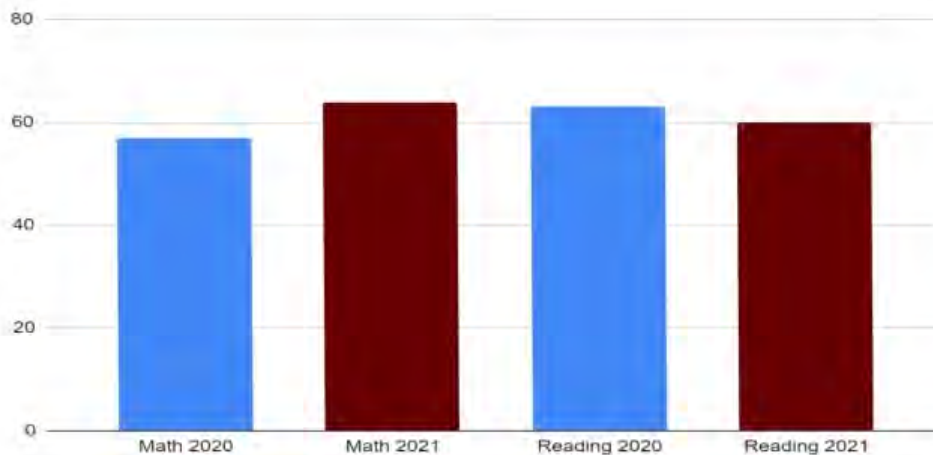
"Educating students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical, and social and emotional lives."

A Note from BCS Superintendent

by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent

There was no handbook on how to survive a pandemic available last March when our country shut down during the onset of the Coronavirus outbreak. Now, almost a year later we remain in the state of navigating through a time of uncertainty. Our staff, students and parents have adapted to the shifts in modes of learning moving from in-person learning to remote learning throughout this school year. Like so many who have risen above our current circumstances, our students, staff and families continue to show resilience, perseverance and grit.

Academic Data



BCS math scores go up while reading scores go down slightly, March 2021, Chart from BCS

In grades K-8 our students are assessed three times during the school year using a tool called MAP, or the Measure of Academic Progress, this is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth. MAP is sometimes referred to as NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association). NWEA is a global educational services organization that provides research-based adaptive assessments (MAP), professional development, and research services.

This year more than 50% of our students met or exceeded their growth targets. There was a slight decline in reading from winter 2020 to winter 2021. Our staff and students are working diligently to improve their academic growth goals.

Essay Winner



Sydney Greave, first place essay winner, Spring 2021, Photo from BCS

Sydney Greave was the first place essay winner in a competition designed to ignite interest in the field of Science. The contest was hosted by the Benton-Michiana Spirit Newspaper and the Building Excellence in Science and Technology (BEST) Program. Congratulations Sydney on a job well done!

School Farm-Hands on Experiences

Each year, our fourth-grade students are given the opportunity to tap maple trees for sap. They learn which tools to use and how to use the tools. I was able to see first hand apply what they learned in the classroom about tree tapping. They knew the appropriate names of the tools, used the drill, cleared the hole, inserted the spile, hung the pail, attached the lid and listened for the drips of the sap. These hands-on experiences help connect academic success to real-world experiences.

As I mentioned above, our students, staff and parents rise to the occasion when challenges are presented and will move forward towards our goal of improving student achievement.

Go Bucks!

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat L. Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools

Health Huddle – COVID Vaccination Update

Starting March 22
MDHHS is moving forward with vaccination of:

- 50+** Everyone 50 years or older
- 16+** People aged 16 and up who have disabilities and/or medical conditions and their caregiver family members and guardians

Starting April 5:

- 16+** All people aged 16 and up who were not previously eligible

Vaccinations are ongoing for the previous groups.

Even with COVID-19 vaccinations, MDHHS urges everyone to continue to practice preventative measures such as properly wearing masks, social distancing and frequent handwashing to reduce the spread of the virus.

MDHHS For further information regarding priorities and scheduling a vaccine appointment, visit: Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine.

MI Dept of Health COVID Vaccination Infographic, new guidelines begin March 22 2021

UPDATE from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS):

Starting Monday, March 22, COVID-19 vaccination eligibility expands to:

- Everyone 50 years and older
- People 16 and older with disabilities or medical conditions that put them at high risk of negative COVID-19 outcomes and their caregiver family members and guardians

Learn more at Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine

BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021, Photo from BCS

Mayor's Memo – Spring in Buchanan



Spring in Buchanan!

By Mayor Sean Denison

It's an exciting time to live in Buchanan. The weather is changing of course, but there is so much more than that to look forward to this Spring. Vaccinations are being carried out in an attempt to end the pandemic, government restrictions are being relaxed, and all of us are ready to gather with friends and family when it's safe to do so. The Farmers Market will soon be starting up, as well as public events in The Common such as the Summer Concert series.

City Hall continues to field calls from potential business owners, enquiring about available buildings and properties. Existing businesses continue to find original, creative ways to cater to their customers. Redbud Hardware, The Sweet Shop, and others continue to enhance their buildings and businesses to make for a vibrant downtown. It's exciting and fun to be a part of Buchanan.

In the coming issues of the Buchanan Chronicle, I will do my best to pass along information regarding the exciting changes taking place in our community. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have, or if I can help you in any way.

Finally, thank you to the Buchanan Chronicle for keeping the tradition of a hometown newspaper alive. We appreciate your willingness to provide such an important community service.

Thank you, see you around town,

Sean Denison

sdenison@cityofbuchanan.com



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

Eating Well Buchanan – Restaurant Week 2021



Buchanan Restaurant Week March 24-31, 2021



March is Restaurant Month in Berrien County.
Buchanan eateries are joining the celebration by offering plates full of specials. Help
support your favorite dining spots and discover new ones.

Unable to dine in or carry out? Consider purchasing a gift card!

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Restaurant Week in Buchanan, March 24-31 2021, Image provided by BACC

Buchanan Restaurant Week: March 24-31, 2021

By Nik Sanchez

Too many businesses, especially restaurants, have had a tough time staying afloat this year. Many families have had to stay inside, shut out from the world. Well, this year the Buchanan Area of Chamber Commerce is sponsoring a special treat for the people of the Buchanan community, it's Restaurant Week!

Many restaurants here in town are participating with items that are not regularly on the menu, some would say they have switched to a spring-vibe menu.

Union Coffee House is a perfect example of this. They have integrated a honey bee latte, a rose honey matcha latte, an asparagus cream soup that should keep you warm during bi-polar March. Union Coffee House has also brought back the famous black bean and avocado plate which just sings springtime. They are located on Front St. in the downtown area, please check info below for further details.

McCoy Creek Tavern is a great family environment, even though it is a bar they do cater to families as well; they are offering taco Tuesdays for the event, a well-known favorite for all. They are also offering wing night on Wednesday and Saturday as well as a fish fry special on Friday to cap off the event. They offer large portions so come hungry and bring the family. They are also located on Front St. across from the library, please check info below for further details.

River St. Joe is located on the outskirts of Buchanan, but it is worth the journey. A brewery located on a farm utilizes fresh ingredients and makes farm-to-table possible. You can enjoy seating inside or enjoy a table out in the fields where you can soak up the fresh air and bask in the sun, you know your body craves outdoor time. They are



offering a Dutch Pear Sausage dinner for Restaurant Week, made with fresh ingredients from farms around town.

Here I have just listed three participating restaurants, please use the info below as a guide to try out all the other specials through Restaurant Week. Restaurant Week kicks off March 24th and goes until March 31st right here in the Nicest Place in America, Buchanan MI.

Scroll down for full list of all participating restaurants and their information.

 B&W Old Village Inn Tue-Sat 12:00pm-11pm 108 Main Street 269-695-2000 Buchanan's hometown bar and grill Friday Night Fish Special	 Bucktown Nutrition M-F 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9am-3pm 123 E. Front Street 269-695-0920 A smoothie and juice bar Buy one item, get one half off	 JD's Family Diner M-F 11am-11pm, Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 10am-9pm 2045 Mayberry Road, Niles 269-695-1000 Casual dining, new evening wine & beer Friday fish fry Happy hour M-F 5-7pm	 Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse Sat & Sun 11:00am-8pm 204 N. Bedford Trail 269-695-2600 Brewery, distillery and eatery Go on for a glass of champagne Live jazz, coffee, food	 Pizza Hut 7 days a week 11am-11pm 817 E. Front Street 269-695-2400 Pizza, wings, desserts and more! Largest topping bar in Buchanan 2016 & 2017 Best of Buchanan	 River Saint Joe M & Tu 5pm-9pm, F & Sa 12:00pm-11pm, Sun 12:00pm-10pm 13475 Warden Road 269-695-8010 Grown-to-glass brewery with farm-to-table restaurant 2016 grand opening with full menu perfect for dinner or social
 Cameron's Wed & Thurs 5-9pm, F & Sat 5-10pm 1082 W. Front Street 269-695-3200 Family restaurant with outdoor deck Facebook	 Gary Z's Sub Shop M-F 10:30am-2pm 254 E. Front Street 269-695-0800 Yummy subs and sandwiches Call for Daily Specials	 McCoy Creek Tavern T-Th 4-9pm, F & Sat 4-10pm 210 E. Front Street 269-695-0800 Locally owned family operated business Live Music, Wine, Fish & Seafood Friday Fish Fry	 McDonald's 7 days a week 5:00am-Midnight 815 Front Street 269-695-6000 Home of the Golden Arches Premium fries and drink with McDonald's new app Available on the mobile app	 Subway 7 days a week 9am-6pm 714 E. Front Street 269-695-8000 Delicious ingredients at a great value 100% new signage wrap	 Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant Th-Sat 12pm-7pm, Sun 12pm-6pm 185 Mt. Tabor Road 269-695-5100 Award winning wines, upscale dining Th 6-9pm - Sun 5-7pm (8pm-10pm) 2nd Floor (2016, 2017)
 Hickory Creek Winery Sun-Th 12-5pm, F 12-6pm, Sat 12-7pm 230 Brownstone Road 269-695-0100 Old world style wines from Lake Michigan Buy 3 bottles of wine, get 1 bottle 50% off	 Hilltop Cafe T-F 8am-4pm, S & Sun 9am-2pm 205 E. Front Street 269-695-0910 Family restaurant with a diverse menu 25% off hot order, 20% off lunch "Bucktown Wine & Food"	 Milano's Pizza T-Th 4-9pm 1010 Main Street 269-695-5000 Specialty pizzas, pastas, and sandwiches Large 3-brewing (100-150 pickup only) Black market "Restaurant Week"	 Orchard Hills Country Club W-F 11:00am-7:00pm 2845 White-Buchanan Road 269-695-2500 Open to the public 18-hole golf course & clubhouse 100+ off a great membership Also includes "Dinner & Drinks"	 Tasty Chen's Restaurant M-Sat 11am-10pm 714 E. Front Street 269-695-2500 A local favorite A variety of Chinese dishes and home specialties	 Union Coffee House & Cafe T-F 8am-4pm, Sat & Sun 9am-2pm 101 E. Front Street 269-695-7994 A popular spot for fresh food or lunch Live music, coffee, home-brewed beer Enjoy coffee, food, and live music Live music & specialty plates

Participating Restaurants Info Sheet, March 24-31 2021

Full Link List:

- [B&W Old Village Inn](#)
- [Bucktown Nutrition](#)
- [Cameron's](#)
- [Gary Z's Sub Shop](#)
- [Hickory Creek Winery](#)
- [Hilltop Cafe](#)
- [JD's Family Diner](#)
- [Lehman's Farmhouse](#)
- [McCoy Creek Tavern](#)
- [McDonald's](#)
- [Milano's Pizza Buchanan](#)
- [Orchard Hills Country Club](#)
- [Pizza Hut](#)
- [River Saint Joe](#)
- [Subway](#)
- [Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant](#)
- [Tasty Chen's Restaurant](#)
- [Union Coffee House & Cafe](#)



Eating Well

Nature Notes – Spring 2021

Nature Notes

Spring is Upon Us!

By Jill McDonald



Winter Aconite shows off in the sunshine, March 2021, Photo by Jill McDonald

At last the season of spring has sprung! According to <http://www.earthsky.org>, spring officially began today, March 20th at 5:37am EDT!

According to astronomers, the seasonal dates on our calendars are based on the position of the Earth in relation to the sun. These dates therefore fluctuate slightly each year and are considered astronomical seasons. On the other hand, meteorologists observe seasons based on the annual temperature cycle, grouped into three-month increments. March 1st is always the first day of meteorological spring.

Whichever date you choose to celebrate the beginning of spring, joyful signs of the season can be found

everywhere in the great outdoors! If you open your mind and your senses to the nature that surrounds you, you may begin to truly appreciate the simple things that often go unnoticed.

Here's sharing seven subtle signs of spring:

* Flowers galore – A sure sign of spring and sight to behold are the vast array of flowers, in all their many shapes, sizes, colors, and aromas! Winter aconite and snowdrops have already started the season, but don't miss the ever-popular crocuses. Be sure to get out weekly to enjoy ever-changing floral displays!

* Tiny green foliage and buds – Look closely at garden beds for fresh green baby plants, especially as they just start to emerge from the soil. As they grow, notice the different shapes of the leaves and their textures. Such a joy!

* Variety of bird songs – Listen closely and count how many different songs you can distinguish. Perhaps grab a pair of binoculars and follow the sound to discover the bird that is gracing your presence.

* Trumpeting call of sandhill cranes – Way high in the sky, try to tune into the very faint distant trumpeting call of this unique bird. As they migrate north and ride the air currents, flocks can often be heard before they are seen.

* Turkey vultures return – Caretakers of the Earth is how I see these scavenger creatures. Their arrival in spring is a sure sign of temperatures warming, as they rely on a plentiful diet of carrion. These birds can often be seen in groups silently gliding on the air currents.

* Small mammals awaken – Such a cute joy are baby animals, at least in my opinion. Their awakening from winter though is bittersweet, as I often first see them in a way I'd rather not. These creatures often accidentally fall victim as they cross the road. Help them out and be alert of their presence as you drive, especially at night.

* Frogs and toads begin calling – Last but not least, listen closely, especially in the evening, as the temperature warms. The various frogs and toads in our area typically come out of hibernation and begin calling when certain air temperatures are reached. The first to look forward to is our smallest frog, the spring peeper, which begins its peeping calls when it's 45 degrees.

By simply taking a few minutes here and there, and tuning into your senses, you too can tap into the peace and beauty of the season! Happy spring!



Crocus in Bloom, March 2021, Photo by Jill McDonald

For more information on bird ID, check out Cornell University's website <http://www.allaboutbirds.org>

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Tech Tips – Cleaning Electronics



Spring Clean Those Electronics

By Kelly Brown

Spring has officially arrived! And if you're anything like me, you have your list of spring cleaning chores all made up and are ready to start crossing off tasks one by one. Truthfully, I rarely make it through the whole list in any given year. Life just has a way of intervening and forcing its own agenda instead.

There are, however, some tasks that are important for the health of my family. Cleaning our household electronics. PCs are a HUGE dust magnet! Have you ever looked at the fans on those things?! They are usually chock full of dust and that doesn't even hold a candle to the amount of dust you'll find on the inside of the tower should you take off the side cover. Which is exactly what I do and so should you.

It's a simple thing to do, just to slide the side panel off of the tower, after you have shut the PC down and unplugged it from the wall and unplugged any connecting wires. They do sometimes have a thumb screw that needs to be removed before the side panel will come off, so keep an eye out for that if you are having trouble getting it to cooperate with you. Then all you have to do is take the open PC outside into your driveway or yard and use a can of compressed air or an air compressor if you have one and blow all of the dust out of it. I recommend using a bandana to cover your face while doing this. It's no fun getting an accidental mouthful of dust if you happen to hit a wrong angle with the compressed air!

I also recommend mixing yourself up a spray bottle of LCD cleaner. Plain water is an option for cleaning your LCD screens but the homemade mixture I use makes easy work of children's greasy, grubby handprints. In any size spray bottle just mix 50% Isopropyl Rubbing Alcohol (70% is best) and 50% distilled water (so you don't leave mineral deposits on your screens!). Then just give it a shake and you're ready to go! This of course, is great to use all year long and it's handy for other things too. I use it to clean the keyboard on my laptop and every single surface on my cell phone. It works well to clean landline telephones, satellite boxes, Blu Ray players, and any other electronic device you can think of.

Buchanan Community Schools – Tapping Trees



Maple Sugar Shack, March 2021, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Maple Syrup – A School and Family Tradition

By Rebecka Hoyt

Every school year the Buchanan 4th graders and the virtual learning students get to tap the sugar maple trees at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, MI. They use special hand held tools to drill a little hole into the tree then hang a metal bucket from that spot to collect the sap around the middle of a cold February. The temperature of 32 degrees at night keeps the trees pumping the sap and as the day approaches, and the temperatures get into the 40's the sap flows quickly! The students also gather sap before they boil it down. Retired principal of Moccasin Elementary Mark Nixon is the main guy at Buchanan School Farm out on Andrews Rd. here in Buchanan. Because of the pandemic, parents are not on the field trip with the classes, and so they have volunteers from the School Board and administrators including the superintendent, assistant superintendent and principals to come help on the farm.

While on the School Farm, a group of kids gather wood and learn how to split the wood with a wedge and maul and also some hacksaws while they put smaller pieces of wood onto makeshift sawhorses. Safety equipment is provided, as is the watchful eyes of school staff. Another group of kids get to go in the sugar shack, which isn't very big and this is where they learn how the sap turns into maple syrup. Once they are in the sugar shack, Mr. Nixon tells them rules of what is very hot and what not to touch. They have 100 gallons on the school's truck full of sap that then gets pulled up into the top of the sugar shack through a hose and big container above the boiling syrup bins. Under the syrup bins is the stove, where students get a chance to throw in firewood very carefully to help the syrup boil. A hydrometer is used to measure the sugar percent, not the temperature of the syrup. When it gets to 37%, it is ready. It then gets stored in gallons. The kids are excited to have a small sample from last year's syrup that was still very good! They produce about 20-25 gallons of maple syrup each year, which is dependent on the weather.



Mark Nixon demonstrates using the hydrometer, March 2021, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Mr. Nixon also shows the students three kinds of syrup: (1) a regular bottle of Log Cabin Syrup that has High Fructose Corn Syrup, (2) a clear bottle of Corn Syrup, and (3) the all natural maple syrup. He will then ask the kids questions about each one. When they learn that the all natural maple syrup is in a smaller bottle than the store brand and the price is more than the regular bottle of pancake syrup, they are amazed because it takes longer to produce and does not have any chemicals/additives in it.

Since Mr. Nixon has been retired for the last 3-4 years, I asked him, what stands out to him when the kids are here on the farm or when they are tapping the trees? Mark says, "It amazes them (kids) with the sap coming out of the tree and they say, "Wow!" When they taste the syrup that comes out of the tree with pancakes, kids using the tools and power drills for those who have special needs, and the knowledge they have of power drills (because they

have one at home), and that hands on is the most important way for them to learn!"

The school farm normally has a "Farm Day" in the spring, however, it is cancelled for this year. They give syrup to pay debts to Life Action Camp at Fuller's.

Not only does tree tapping happen at Fuller's, but as you take a drive through the neighborhoods in Buchanan, you will find buckets at the bases of seven trees in the 300 block of Detroit Street.



Vergnon Family on Detroit St in Buchanan with their tapped trees, March 2021, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The Vergnon family, Chris, Mara and their 11 year-old daughter, Emma carry-on the tradition that they learned when Chris and Mara attended Buchanan schools. They have been doing it for the past 7-8 years in front of his parents home. For every 40 gallons of sap that they collect, they make 1 gallon of maple syrup. They are also tapping their black walnut trees at their house outside of town and those produce 50 to 1 compared to the sugar

maples on Detroit Street. When tapping trees every year, Chris says “You have to tap in a different spot. The tree will heal itself and the hole will close.” A spile or a tap, and they are hammered in with a hose attached to it, and then goes into the lid of the food-grade white buckets that sit on the ground. Emma uses her muscles quite well as Mom and Dad do too, while carrying the buckets of sap to the big container in the back of their pickup truck to take home and boil.



“This is what the syrup looks like while boiling. It often foams up and we use a mesh scoop to clear the foam off,” says Mara Vergnon. Syrup boiling in pot on stove, Photo submitted by Mara Vergnon.

So, what do they do with the syrup? Emma, their daughter, says “Tasting it and putting the hot maple syrup over vanilla ice cream.” “We also give it as gifts to our family and friends,” says Mom, Mara. Just another way of keeping traditions alive from school to family.

Fun Facts:



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Buchanan District Library – March 2021



March is Reading Month

By Meg Paulette, Director, Buchanan District Library



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Wednesdays at 10:30am

Storytime continues on our Facebook page and YouTube channel on Wednesdays at 10:30am through the end of March. Look for Miss Sarah or a special guest to read you a story or two, and maybe even sing a song!

BLOOD DRIVE

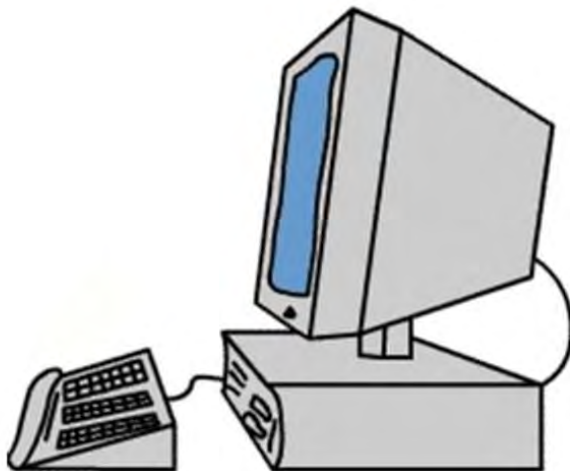
April brings a Blood Drive with the South Bend Medical Foundation in the library parking lot. The Blood Drive will take place Thursday, April 9, from 1–6pm. Register online at www.givebloodnow.com



Have you read a great book lately and would like to tell others about it? We would love to hear from you with a short Book Review! Send to Sarah @ s.gault@buchananlibrary.com



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The Clark Barker – Issue 01



Out for Walks!

Hi friends! I've been adopted and am loving it at The Buchanan Chronicle! While here I'll still be bringing you my friendly, neighborly tips in each issue.

Spring is here and temperatures are getting warmer, woof-woof! People are out walking more and I have some tips that my walking partners want to remind you about.

When you are driving through downtown, remember to go the posted 25 mph speed limit and watch for pedestrians using the crosswalks. To make Buchanan all the more "The Nicest Place in America," let's be kind and considerate to other people and let them cross the road without fear of danger.

So, if you see a pedestrian wanting to cross a road at a marked crosswalk, please simply stop, signal them to cross, wait for them to cross, and then proceed to where you are going. I would certainly feel better for my K-9 friends when they are on their way to the dog park walking the McCoy Creek Trail.

Local Tragedy – West Wind Apartment Fire



Building G on fire, March 15 2021 around 11am, Photo by Nik Sanchez

West Wind Apartment Fire

By Nik Sanchez

On March 15th, 2021, the Buchanan Township needed community strength, as West Wind Apartments caught fire. Building G (located in the back lot of the complex west of Buchanan on Front Street) caught fire from a blaze that seemed to have started from the first-floor level, according to Buchanan City Fire Chief Mike Adams. He claims the fire walks its way up the exterior, gets in the eaves, and then claims the attic. He also said they had trouble getting to a water source, faced many challenges with the building being old in general, and did not have fire stoppers to restrain the fire initially. Mike Adams also believes the building is a total loss, which means many families and residents will be displaced losing everything in the major fire.



Buchanan City Fire Department truck on site, March 15 2021, Photo by Nik Sanchez

The fire started around 11am Monday and continued to not extinguish until after 5pm, many firefighters battled the fierce fire with aid from other townships and villages. A total of 8 fire departments and 14 fire trucks had to be called to help Buchanan City Fire Department put out the fire and maintain safety for the public.

While all this was going on, Buchanan Church of the Nazarene was used as a first response center to help shelter displaced families and provide meals and blankets. The Salvation Army of Niles and the Red Cross also played a pivotal role in giving aid and helping families set up shelter for the next few days, as well as setting up aid with finding places to live. Kenda Hixenbaugh who represented the Salvation Army stayed at the church and made sure everyone was okay to the best of the situation. She claims rental assistance and any other type of aid that is needed will be met, these people are not alone in this.



Post-Tragedy Evidence, March 15 2021, Photo by Nik Sanchez

All the churches of Buchanan have come together to create donation drives for the displaced families, they all stand together in this tough time. Michigan Community Gateway Foundation at 111 Days Ave in downtown Buchanan, open Mon-Fri 9a-5p, is one of the collection points for donations (you can check their Facebook page for details on how to help). Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) is another local donation spot located at 708 N Red Bud Trail in Buchanan, they are open Tue-Fri 9a-1p and accept any type of donation (food, clothes, shoes, housewares, anything you think might help displaced families), also checkout their [Redbud Area Ministries website](#) and/or [their Facebook page](#) for more current needs.

“30 units in the building, 24 destroyed, others damaged, 46 persons displaced, of these 14 are kids, and some pets are also displaced with their families.”

JAN NOWAK-WALTERS, RAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Being a resident of West Wind Apartments I have never witnessed anything like this, to hear so many sirens going off and seeing a building on fire scared me. I remember thinking “why can’t this fire be put out with water,” it seemed the water angered the fire into raging even more. I noticed a weird battery acid smell like electronics have been burnt or the smell of hair in the air being burnt frightened me even more. Watching the response teams rescue victims in the fire was quite amazing to witness, it was like watching the movie “Backdraft” from the 90’s. I remember looking up at the sky and started to notice that it was snowing, the snowflakes seemed large almost like it was ash from the fire, a volcano came to mind. Seeing everything unravel in front of my eyes reminded me of a warzone, all the debris from the rooftop being on fire to the broken glass everywhere; boarded up windows and burnt furniture is all that remains. What’s left is what the fire could not take with it.



Fire destruction of Building G, March 15 2021, Photo by Nik Sanchez

It was a sad day for the community of Buchanan, but an extraordinarily strong and positive day that shows our character and how people still care about one another. The teamwork was heartwarming and continues to grow to help these families try and find their life once again.



Firefighting Teamwork, March 15 2021, Photo by Nik Sanchez