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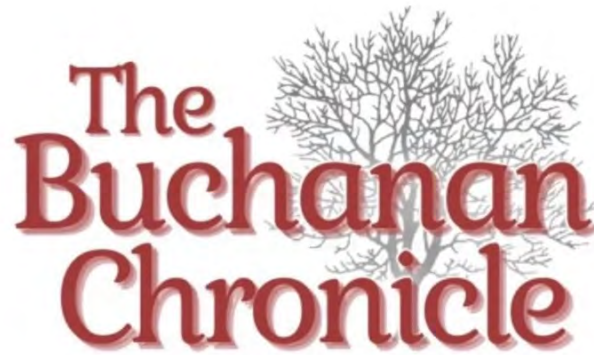
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Travel Journal – Samaritan Aviation Local Ties



Samaritan Aviation: Michigan Ties Discovered at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

by Jill K. McDonald, with Photos by Eric Lovett

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh- the world's largest general aviation gathering- had over 600,000 attendees, including people from 93 countries. Yet, among the crowd, unique Michigan aviation ties were discovered.

Samaritan Aviation, a true humanitarian aviation gem, was stationed at EAA Seaplane Base during this year's 70th anniversary celebration of AirVenture.

Seaplane Base, which showcases water aircraft, is located five miles southeast of the main AirVenture grounds, along the shores of Lake Winnebago.



Samaritan Aviation, Oshkosh Air Show 2023, Photo by Eric Lovett

Among the forested cove of Seaplane Base, Samaritan Aviation's booth stood out. This growing organization uses their floatplanes to provide medical transportation and life-saving flights to the only hospital for 500,000 people in the East Sepik province of Papua New Guinea. Papua New Guinea is the second largest island in the world.

In 1994, CEO/Co-Founder Mark Palm and a friend traveled to Papua New Guinea when he was 19 years old. After several weeks of traveling through the country and seeing the spiritual and medical needs, they felt called to establish an aviation medical service.

Samaritan Aviation (SA) was founded in 2000 and in 2010 Mark and his family launched full-time aviation operations for SA in Papua New Guinea.



Samaritan Aviation, Oshkosh Air Show 2023, Photo by Eric Lovett

Samaritan Aviation provides not only life flights, but also community health programs, vaccine clinics, disaster relief, medicine delivery, and hospital ministry.

At Oshkosh AirVenture Seaplane Base, Samaritan Aviation missionary team member Jennifer Visser shared that her and her family are originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her husband Case felt called to become a missionary pilot/mechanic after seventeen years partnered with his father in the family's heating, cooling, and air conditioning business. He trained to become a pilot through the School of Missionary Aviation Technology in Ionia, MI.

In 2022, the Vissers and their four children took a step of faith from West Michigan to the mission field of Papua New Guinea, serving for six months. They hope to get back to the field by June 2024.



Samaritan Aviation, Oshkosh Air Show 2023, Photo by Eric Lovett

Samaritan Aviation is a Christian nonprofit based out of Mesa, Arizona. They rely on donations to accomplish their mission of showing God's love through aviation and medical services in the remote jungles of Papua New Guinea.

Currently, Samaritan Aviation is doing a capital campaign for their Papua New Guinea (PNG) mission. They want to expand their emergency medical flight services in the East Sepik province, in addition to the request by the PNG government to launch their ministry in the Gulf province.

To learn more about Samaritan Aviation or the many ways you can support them, visit their website at <https://samaritanaviation.org>.

If you'd like to connect with them in-person, there are two upcoming events in Michigan to see them:

- August 11 & 12

Sparta Airport Fly-In and Community Breakfast

<https://spartami.org/sparta-airport.php>

- August 19

National Aviation Day Celebration

West Michigan Regional Airport, Holland, MI

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/news-outreach/mdot-events/2023/08/19/national-aviation-day-celebration>



About Samaritan Aviation: At Samaritan Aviation, we know there are thousands in the province of East Sepik that do not have immediate access to life-saving medical care. With only one hospital in the region and the way to travel being treacherous, those who desperately need attention are left vulnerable and exposed. We believe God's love must be demonstrated through immediate and practical medical support.

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EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Air Show 2023

by Jill K. McDonald, with Photos by Eric Lovett

Celebrating its 70th anniversary and making aviation history, “The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration®” took place in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the annual EAA AirVenture air show the last week of July.



Oshkosh Air Show 2023, Photo by Eric Lovett

“Whether you’re an aviation enthusiast or an aviation novice, AirVenture has something for you. No matter what your age, you’ll be entertained, informed, and thrilled by the countless activities available that reflect “The Spirit of Aviation” all around,” according to EAA’s website.

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh at Wittman Regional Airport is the world’s largest general aviation gathering, which annually draws over 600,000 attendees and over 10,000 aircraft from around the world. This year a record was set with approximately 677,000 attendees! The previous record was 650,000 in 2022.



Oshkosh Air Show 2023, Photos by Eric Lovett

“For many, arriving at Oshkosh is a rite of passage that can only be satisfied by being one of the more than 10,000 aircraft flying in, landing at what becomes the busiest airport in the world, “as stated on EAA’s website.

Throughout AirVenture 2023, the sky was busy as 21,883 aircraft operations were tallied at Wittman Regional Airport from July 20-30th. As stated in a final media release, that is “an average of approximately 148 takeoffs/landings per hour when the airport is open.”

This year 93 different countries were represented by attendees, which ties a previous record, according to EAA CEO & Chairman Jack Pelton.



Oshkosh Air Show 2023, Photo by Eric Lovett

EAA stands for Experimental Aircraft Association, which is an international community with over 240,000 members. It “nurtures the spirit of flight through a worldwide network of chapters, outreach programs, and other events,” according to their website.

Highlights of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh include:

- Daily Air Shows
- Night Air Shows
- Military aircraft
- KidVenture- games, toys, hands-on experiences, and STEM activities
- Fly-In Theater- a five-story high screen, drive-in theater style
- Exhibit Hangers- 800+ exhibitors sharing their products and services
- Forums and Workshops
- Camping on AirVenture grounds
- EAA Aviation Museum
- Aircraft Rides



Oshkosh Air Show 2023, Photo by Eric Lovett

A unique off-site addition to AirVenture is Seaplane Base, just five miles southeast from the main AirVenture grounds at Wittman Regional Airport. This forested cove along Lake Winnebago has a relaxing vibe and is the place to learn about and see water aircraft.

Volunteers are a vital part of AirVenture. The week-long event is a culmination of the effort of over 5,500 volunteers contributing over 250,000 hours. It takes months of preparation to prepare the grounds, in addition to running the event.



Oshkosh Air Show 2023, Photo by Eric Lovett

In a media release after this year's event, EAA CEO & Chairman Jack Pelton shared some statistical highlights:

3,365 show planes including:

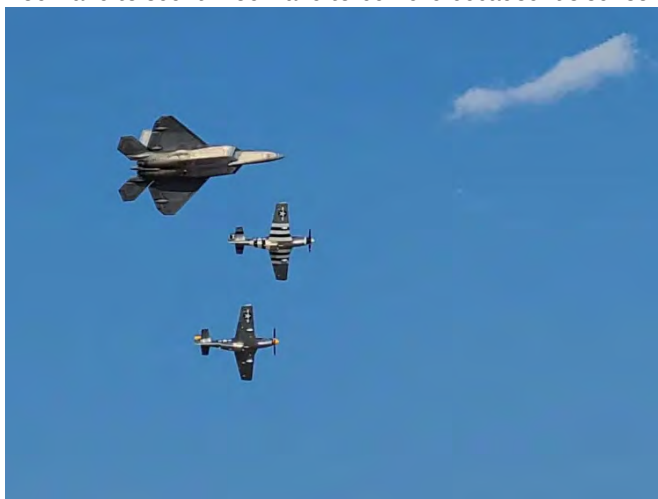
- 1,497 vintage aircraft
- 1,067 homebuilt aircraft
- 380 warbirds (up 3% from 2022)
- 194 ultralights
- 134 seaplanes and amphibians

- 52 aerobatic aircraft
- 41 rotorcraft

Additional highlights include:

- 848 commercial exhibitors (new record)
- 1,400 sessions of forums, workshops, and presentations
- 13,000+ sites in aircrafts and drive-in camping accounted for 40,000 visitors

When trying to describe AirVenture to people, Pelton best described it when he stated, "You can't explain it. You have to see it. You have to be here because it's sensory overload."



Oshkosh Air Show 2023, Photos by Eric Lovett

For more information and to plan ahead for upcoming year's EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, check out their website at www.eaa.org/airventure.

Upcoming Dates:

2024: July 22 – July 28

2025: July 21 – July 27

Location:

EAA Fly-In Convention Grounds (located adjacent to Wittman Regional Airport)

3000 Poberezny Rd

Oshkosh, WI 54902



About EAA AirVenture Oshkosh: Action, excitement, education, and everything in between make EAA AirVenture Oshkosh your perfect, affordable summer destination! For seven days from sunrise to well past sunset, your Oshkosh day is filled with thrilling displays of aerobatics, informative programs and hands-on workshops, diverse aircraft spanning all eras of flight, evening programs, and much, much more. Fun for the whole family that you'll find only in Oshkosh is waiting for you at the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration®!

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Community Press Release – A Vision for Buchanan Becoming Reality



A Vision for Buchanan Is Becoming Reality

Submitted by Richard Murphy, City of Buchanan Community Development Director

Buchanan, MI – August 2, 2022

It's been two years since the publication of the City of Buchanan's national award-winning strategic planning document *A Vision for Buchanan*. This publication was the result of a several month-long partnership in 2021 between the City of Buchanan and Andrews University School of Architecture and Design to reimagine development opportunities in Buchanan.

"This Vision won't sit on a shelf," Community Development Director Richard Murphy said on Thursday. "We said this on the first day we started and every day since then. This Vision is a living, breathing action plan that is being implemented in Buchanan right now and every single day. It's the playbook for the Buchanan Comeback Story," Murphy said.

Murphy noted that Buchanan is staging a dramatic comeback as new buildings on Front Street have come back to life and downtown is again filled with foot traffic. "Investment follows vision," Murphy emphasized. "Investment does not follow flavor of the day or flash in the pan. Instead, investment follows authentic vision that was forged by the community with strong leadership and real community engagement behind it. That's what *A Vision for Buchanan* is," Murphy said.

Buchanan's historic downtown is seeing an unprecedented wave of investment. In the two years since the publication of "the Vision," several strategic downtown properties that were once vacant or underused for decades have had new life breathed into them. The Hometown Video building at 101-103 Days Ave is undergoing a complete historic restoration and will open as a new restaurant and business accelerator with upper story residential. It's the largest vacant building on Front Street and Murphy says this is a significant signal that Buchanan is back for good. "When the largest vacant building on Front Street goes, it's a catalyst which typically causes a chain reaction of good things to happen across the street and around the corner. The giant is slain, so to speak, and that causes other projects to happen," he said.

There are other transformational projects in the works including another full historic rehab of the beloved Ross-Sanders House at 107 Front Street. The City received a proposal from the Michigan Community Gateway Foundation for this property to be their new headquarters. City officials are working with developers on another historic rehab project that would bring a boutique hotel to downtown Buchanan. Honor Credit Union just finished a

historic rehab of their new headquarters at 128 Main St. “They took an old, vacant, international style building and made it cool and while doing so pulled up an area of downtown that needed a lift,” Murphy said. “When you are in a beautiful old place, your assets are your history and your history are your assets,” Murphy said. “Our comeback story is to use what we have, these assets, and reimagine them.”



Munchie Mondays in Buchanan, Photo provided by City of Buchanan

Murphy said it is not only the number of projects that is surprising, but the high quality and attention to detail that is being achieved. These are the types of catalytic projects that cause more revitalization to happen, he said. Seeing local stalwart institutions like Michigan Community Gateway Foundation and Honor Credit Union double down on downtown Buchanan is significant. “It says that they believe in the future of Buchanan,” Murphy said.

The future tenants of the old Hometown Video store at 103 Days Avenue will open a new restaurant and bar. The project which will include a winery and cidery will be run by the same owners of Buchanan’s destination brewery, River St. Joe Brewery and Flatwater Farms. “Bringing the River St. Joe brand to downtown Buchanan is huge for us. It will set the bar for our downtown experience and really help to drive downtown Buchanan as a foodie destination,” Murphy said.

The Hometown & Co. accelerator which will open in 101 Days Avenue is the brainchild of Assistant Community Development Director, Ashley Regal. The accelerator project will continue to build the Buchanan lifestyle brand. “Buchanan has a history of makers building their own destiny. We’re not reinventing the wheel here, but building on the good stuff that’s already here,” says Regal. Regal has an agreement in place with the developers

of 101 Days to be the future home of The Hometown & Co. Mercantile and Food Market and has already landed several anchor tenants to be part of the project, including Taqueria Don Chepe, and Diana's Kitchen which offers a variety of soul food. A more recent development is that Honor Credit Union has agreed to be a major sponsor of the accelerator and offer financial and educational support to the project. "Having the support of Honor Credit Union has given this project a gust of wind in our sails on this project," Regal said, "With this significant commitment from senior leadership at Honor, they are saying that they believe in us and they believe in the future of Buchanan." Murphy agreed stating, "This is a key inflection point for downtown Buchanan, to harness this innovation and the ideas of hungry entrepreneurs to hit the marketplace. They are how we grow the business development sector here in Buchanan and take our market share to the next level," he said.



Curbless Street

Days Avenue should be a curbless street that connects Front Street with the Common. The design includes on-street parking defined by removable bollards, wide sidewalks for outdoor dining, and hardwood trees.

Food Trucks

The public library facade is mostly blank with no entrances, which discourages pedestrian movement here. This place is ideal for food truck stations, which help to incubate a local foodie scene, especially during events

Fire Place

The corner of Days Ave and Front St is the 100% corner - very visible and at the crossroads leading to the Common. Located at the well-used public library, an outdoor fire place promotes pedestrian life during colder months.

Restroom Building

This design locates a small public restroom building for events where Days Ave meets McCoy Creek. The north side of the building includes a ticket or information booth to greet event visitors.

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Vision for Buchanan's ideas for Days Ave in Buchanan (page 21), Photo provided by City of Buchanan

Downtown is also seeing a wave of placemaking projects including public art, downtown streetscape improvements, and popular festivals and events. A large mural is now proudly displayed on the side of what is now Redbud Insurance depicting hometown hero and BMX Freestyle Olympian and Silver Medalist Hannah Roberts. A framing system is being installed on Days Avenue to hang large artworks and build upon the energy that has been brought to this corridor through increased investments and the institution of Munchie Mondays, a weekly food truck event that has drawn thousands downtown throughout the summer. The City and Michigan Community Gateway Foundation continue to curate a high-quality summer concert series that has landed national acts. Additionally, the city is moving forward with the downtown reconstruction project slated to break ground in 2024 which will update important downtown water and sewer infrastructure and streetscape on Buchanan's historic Front Street.

Other adaptive reuse projects have brought attention to buildings that had previously been underutilized. The buildings once owned by Clark Equipment in Buchanan's historic downtown are now bustling with tenants. Randy and Jessica Hendrixson who own Building 324 have created a robust economic engine in the old Clark assembling facility. With over 25 tenants including a pickle ball racquet manufacturer, a magic trick props creator, a daycare, several offices for local professional businesses, as well as the home of the Berrien County Record and the Buchanan Chamber of Commerce. Hendrixson shared that he has 18 tenants on a waiting list for space in his building. Regal said, "This speaks volume on the market opportunities we have in Buchanan right now. We need to

capitalize now and get these businesses to choose Buchanan.” The Hendrixsons, the City, and the Buchanan Preservationist Society also recently collaborated to add the Clark Equipment Complex to the National Register of Historic Places. This designation gives recognition and prestige to the rich history of Buchanan but also open federal historic tax credits to fund significant improvements to the properties.

Good things are happening in other Buchanan neighborhoods as well. Buchanan’s Northside Neighborhood is located squarely between its historic downtown and public access to the St. Joseph River. This historically Black neighborhood has a rich history in Buchanan and for the last two years the City and the neighborhood have worked together to build trust and open avenues of communication about making improvements to the neighborhood that perhaps has been neglected in past decades. Representatives from the neighborhood and the city host regular meetings to address concerns over quality of life, establishing a culture of maintenance, and restoring connections to the river. As detailed in “A Vision for Buchanan,” Victory Park, the neighborhood park in the northside of Buchanan has been doubled in size through the city’s purchase of an adjacent lot. Plans for a new neighborhood pavilion have been drawn up and funded and the pavilion is ready to be constructed. Playground equipment has been selected and a grant has been submitted to Michigan DNR for funding.



The Hidden River

The St. Joseph River is hidden behind the trees and shrubs of Riverfront Park. Long-time residents of the Northside remember when the tree limbs were kept trimmed, which used to reveal sweeping views.

Forgotten Culture

The Moccasin Bluff site is directly visible from Riverfront Park. Potawatomi villages and older indigenous cultures occupied this land for thousands of years. The site is an opportunity to remember and honor this.

Overlooked Ecology

Older residents remember walking down to the river on foot paths to go fishing and spend time in nature. The Northside Bluffs represent a unique terrain with a sensitive ecology worth engaging and protecting.

A Northside Liability

Riverfront Park would not be recognized as a public space were it not for the abandoned restroom building and its sign. Neighbors observe that the neglected park building has attracted some undesirable behavior.

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Vision for Buchanan's Rendering of Buchanan's Public River Access (page 44), Photo provided by City of Buchanan

A major theme of the Vision was for Buchanan to reconnect to its majestic riverfront. Murphy said, “Sometimes when economics get tough in a place, we don’t always take care of these important connections that make a place great. The good news is that it can and will be fixed, he said. “Buchanan was always a river town, founded because of the river and creeks. Our opportunity is to reconnect and build this lifestyle brand that will attract new families to come to Buchanan and put in roots to the community. Buy a house, start a business, walk your kids to school, be a part of the community. That is the overarching reason why we are doing all of this,” Murphy said. Buchanan has engaged Abonmarche consultants in the Master planning the St. Joseph Riverfront in Buchanan. With the public access parcels that the City currently owns on the St. Joseph River, we have the opportunity to create a mini-national park type of experience on Buchanan front porch,” Murphy said. The city has formed a steering committee from local organizations, neighborhood groups, and city residents. Thanks to funding from AEP, this Master Plan effort is being led by Abonmarche Consultants to reimagine river access that meets the needs of Buchanan’s residents by removing the barriers to waterfront access and complements the existing

recreation culture in Buchanan.

"Buchanan is being rediscovered. We are amidst a significant revitalization. We've broken into new markets that are looking at transformative redevelopment projects," Murphy said. Through the Buchanan Community Development Department efforts, the city has been awarded over \$1.5 million in grants over the last two years to transform the city, and has submitted grants to the state and feds this year with requests for over \$6 million. "We always have multiple grant irons in the fire in Buchanan," Murphy said. One such project is the McCoy Creek Trail extension project. Buchanan's McCoy's Creek Trail has received over \$1 million in funding for Phases 1 and 2 to connect downtown Buchanan to the St. Joseph River and River St. Joe Brewery. This will increase access to alternate modes of transportation and improve upon existing recreation opportunities. Phases 3 and 4 grants applications were just submitted to the state and to Congressman Tim Walberg's office and hope to achieve the vision of connecting Buchanan and Niles via non-motorized trail.

Mayor Sean Denison said on Wednesday, "Buchanan is turning the corner on being the next best place to live and do business in Southwest Michigan. We haven't had as much momentum in over four decades as we've had in the last two years. We have the leadership. We have the team. There's no stopping us when we are all rowing in the same direction towards Buchanan's bright future," he said.

A Vision for Buchanan can be accessed in its entirety at www.nicestplacetowalk.com



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National Night Out 2023 in Buchanan

Write-Up and Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer; with Photos by Jen Garry

National Night Out 2023 was held at McCoy Creek Recreational Park behind Buchanan High School on Tuesday, August 1 from 6pm – 9pm. The nation-wide event is where communities come together with their local first responders: police, fire, and emergency services. Underneath the Lions Club pavilion, picnic tables filled up with many families, individuals, couples of all ages while everyone waited their turn in line to get a free dinner which consisted of: Subway subs, Tasty Chen's fried rice & egg rolls, Pizza Hut and Milano's Pizza had pizza there, police provided hotdogs (and vegetarian hotdogs as well), and Harding's Friendly Markets chicken, and of course dessert of cake and ice cream was provided by area restaurants, businesses and organizations. Refreshments of juice and water were served up by Honor Credit Union while Kombi Keg provided a variety of their lemonade flavors. Buchanan City Police made snow cones and One Buchanan scooped up popcorn. There was plenty of food to go around!

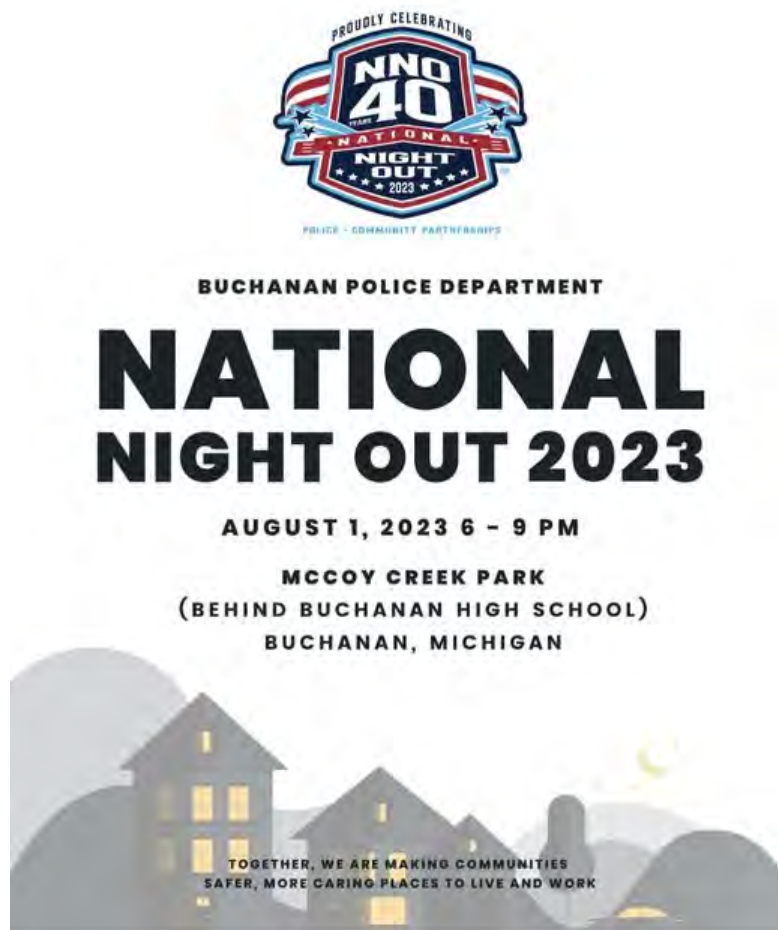


National Night Out 2023 in Buchanan, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

A few words were said by Buchanan City Police Chief Harvey Burnett, and Buchanan City Mayor Sean Denison who recognized Bobby Blaylock who was awarded the Michigan Firefighter of the Year Award recently. Area organizations for child ID protection, local emergency vehicles were available for all to see up close. Then the fun was had with a huge balloon toss, the long slip & slide on the hill, kids practicing their putting out a small wooden house which had fire painted by the windows with the fire trucks water hose, and last but not least the ever famous dunk tank. Buchanan City Fire and Police Departments took part in some good clean fun! Many smiles and laughs were given!



National Night Out 2023 in Buchanan, Photos by Jen Garry



PAST EVENT National Night Out 2023 in Buchanan flyer

PAST Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan City Police Department
- *What:* Buchanan's National Night Out 2023
- *When:* **Tuesday, August 1 ~ 6-9pm**
- *Where:* McCoy Creek Recreation Area
 - Behind Buchanan High School
 - 501 W Smith St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:* Fun for the whole family with our local law enforcement and emergency services.



About Buchanan City Police Department: The Buchanan City Police Department's fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard life and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation; the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional Rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice. The Buchanan Police Department proudly serves the citizens of the City of Buchanan by providing twenty-four hour, seven days a week, full service police coverage.

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Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

MEDICARE SERIES:

Join us at the BASC for a Medicare Series that will offer you information on Medicare Fraud, Medicare Basics, and Medicare Information & Assistance. Programs are provided by the Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Please call 695-7119 to register for EACH program.

Medicare Fraud: What to look for and what you need to know to protect yourself.

Tuesday, August 15 at 1:00 pm

Learn more about phone call phishing, mailer scammers, and commercials not providing all the information.

Medicare Basics: Untangling the steps and finding what will fit your health needs.

Tuesday, August 22 at 1:00 pm

Learn more about Medigap vs. Advantage, Medicaid eligibility, [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) navigation.

Medicare Information & Assistance:

A free, confidential, and easy way to gain information on in-home care, housing, meals, and transportation.

Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 pm

Learn more about in-home care resources, housing help, meal needs, and transportation needs.





GRIEF SHARE PROGRAM:

GriefShare program is offered to our community to help, comfort and encourage people after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

Join Cindy and Marlin to learn more about the GriefShare Support Group, a nondenominational program that will be offered at the Buchanan Christian Church on Mondays, September 11—December 4, 6:30—8:00 pm.

GriefShare Support Group Introduction at the BASC
Tuesday, August 29, 10:00—11:30 am
Call 695-7119 to register.



MEET MISS MICHIGAN:

Maya Schuhknecht, 22, of Buchanan was named Miss Michigan 2023 on June 17, 2023. She is the first Speed Painter to represent the state of Michigan and will be at the BASC to show us her talent.

Join us on Thursday, August 31, 1:00 pm to meet Miss Michigan, Maya Schuhknecht and watch her perform her talent, Speed Painting.
Please call 695-7119 to reserve your seat.

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

Read the full BASC Newsletter for August 2023 [HERE](#).

Buchanan Area Senior Center - July 2023 Calendar

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	4 	5 9:00 Coffee Chat 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	6 11:00 Chair Yoga—Please call first 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Advanced Care Planning Workshop	7 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 What is Kinship Care? 2:15 Becoming a Dementia Friend
10 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	11 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:00 Self-Care for Caregivers 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 1:00 Make Strawberry Coasters 2:00 Hearing Aid Check 2:30 Veteran Outreach	12 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Matter of Balance 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	13 9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00 Blood Pressure Check 11:00 Chair Yoga—Please call first 1:00 Maintaining a Positive Mindset 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 3:00 Board Meeting	14 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Blended
17 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 2nd Pick-Up Monthly CSFP Commodities 2:00 Qigong Exercise	18 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:00 CarFit 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 1:00 Make Strawberry Coasters 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	19 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 10:45 South Bend Cubs Baseball Game 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Matter of Balance 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	20 9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:30 Book Club 11:00 Chair Yoga—Please call first 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Pen, Ink & Watercolor	21 8:30 Walk Day 10:30 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends Please bring in baked goods for the Farmers' Market.
24 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 10:00 Skip-Bo 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	25 9:00 Sing! Sing! Sing! 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:30 Four Winds Casino 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 1:00 Make Strawberry Coasters 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	26 9:00 Sing! Sing! Sing! 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Birthday Bingo 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Matter of Balance 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	27 9:00 Sing! Sing! Sing! 10:00 Blood Pressure Check 11:00 Chair Yoga—Please call first 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 6:00 Sing! Sing! Sing! Concert	28 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:30 Lunch Bunch 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Won't Back Down
31 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 12:30 Ice Cream Social 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	Senior Picnic A Day in the Tropics Tuesday, August 8 Doors open at 11:30 am Event begins at 12:00 pm Registration and ticket required.	Community Shredding Event at the BASC FREE Saturday, July 29 9:00 am to noon	Community Blood Drive Event FREE Saturday, July 29 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	BASC Baked Sale at the Buchanan Farmers' Market Saturday, July 22 Stop by and see what goodies we have for sale.

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BASC August 2023 Calendar



About Buchanan Area Senior Center: Buchanan Area Senior Center provides a complete facility, a friendly and efficient staff, and active volunteers that enhance the quality of life of seniors in our community. We offer programs and services designed to promote physical, social, and mental well-being, including exercise, recreation, and crafts, as well as Senior Nutrition Services, food commodities, and a Senior Community Garden.

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August at Buchanan District Library

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"The knowledge of different literatures frees one from the tyranny of a few."

José Martí (1853-1895)

ONE BOOK | ONE BUCHANAN

Wednesday, August 30, at 6pm on the Common

In partnership with One Buchanan, this event brings our town together to read one book over the summer and then have a discussion on the Common. This year the book is *The Other Side of the River* by Alex Kotlowitz.

The discussion will take place at The Buchanan Common at 6pm on Wednesday, August 30, and will feature a conversation with the author, Alex Kotlowitz.

For forty years, Alex Kotlowitz has been telling stories from the heart of America, deeply intimate tales of struggle and perseverance. He is the author of four books, including his most recent, *An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago* which received the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize. His other books include the national bestseller *There Are No Children Here*, which the New York Public Library selected as one of the 150 most important books of the twentieth century. A former staff writer at *The Wall Street Journal*, Alex's work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine* and on *This American Life*.

About *The Other Side of The River*: In this gripping and ultimately profound book, Kotlowitz takes us to two towns in southern Michigan, St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, separated by the St. Joseph River. Geographically close, but worlds apart, they are a living metaphor for America's racial divisions. When the body of a black teenaged boy from Benton Harbor is found in the river, unhealed wounds and suspicions between the two towns' populations surface as well. The investigation into the young man's death becomes, inevitably, a screen on which each town projects their resentments and fears. *The Other Side of the River* sensitively portrays the lives and hopes of the towns' citizens as they wrestle with this mystery—and reveals the attitudes and misperceptions that undermine race relations throughout America.

We hope you will join us for the opportunity to read and discuss this important book with each other and with author Alex Kotlowitz.

[Click here to sign up for One Book | One Buchanan](#)



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How do I sign up?

Download the hoopla app on your mobile device or [go here](#) to get started. Search for Buchanan or enable your location and choose Buchanan District Library. Log in with your 14 digit library card number with no spaces. Your pin is your 10 digit phone number. You will need to set up an account with an email address and password. After signing up, you will log in with your email and the password you created.

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LIBRARY SURVEY: Winner!

Congratulations to Barb for winning our 2023 Library Survey drawing! While the prize has been won, you can still fill out the survey to let us know how we're doing or share your fabulous ideas with us. Click the link below to fill out the survey, or come to the library and fill it out here.

Thank you to everyone who gave us your feedback already!

[Click here to fill out the survey](#)

ADULT PROGRAMS:



BUCHANAN BOOK CLUB 2023

Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7,
Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6

Come join our book discussion! The Buchanan Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00–7:00pm at the library. Please email laura.hauch@buchananlibrary.com if you'd like to join the club/ contact list.

Don't have the book and the library's copy is checked out? We can get it for you through MeLCat interlibrary loan! Go to www.mel.org or ask at the Front Desk to request it.



ADULT CRAFT CLASS:

COLORFUL SUMMER SUNCATCHER

Thursday, August 24 ~ 11am-12pm

Friday, August 25 ~ 5:30-6:30pm

Join Jen to make a suncatcher out of melted plastic cups and beads. All materials are provided. Space is limited and sign up is required. Call 269.695.3681 to register. Registration opens August 1.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER:

SEED SAVING 101 WITH BEVIN COHEN

(Author of [*Saving Our Seeds: The Practice & Philosophy*](#))

Saturday, September 9 at 2-3:30pm

at FERNWOOD

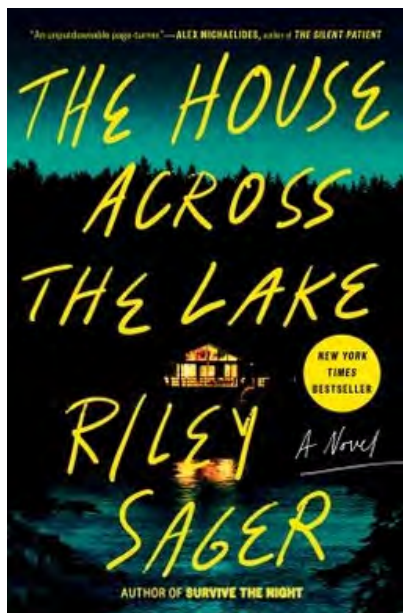


Have you ever wanted to save your garden seeds for the next season but didn't know where to start? This fun and informative presentation from author, Bevin Cohen, highlights the importance of saving and sharing our garden seeds and how to successfully do it at home! Learn why planting, saving, and sharing seeds is essential to the cultivation of sustainable neighborhoods and healthy communities. Bevin will share practical tips and advice through a blend of demonstration and lecture. Plus, you'll have the chance to get your own hands dirty with seed saving technique stations.

Free with Buchanan District Library card, Fernwood admission, or Fernwood membership card. Registration requested.

[Click here to register](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING:

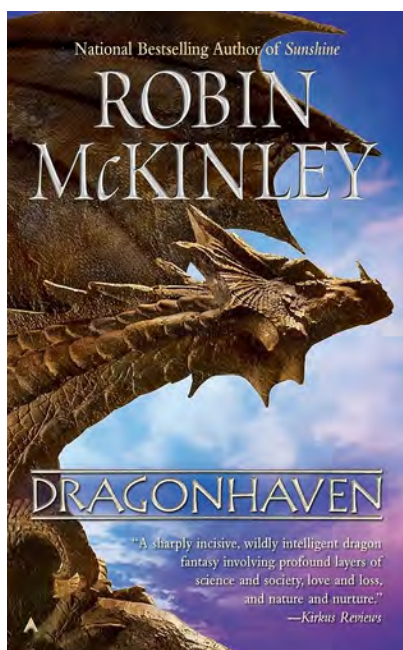


MINDI IS READING...

THE HOUSE ACROSS THE LAKE RILEY SAGER

Casey Fletcher, a recently widowed actress trying to escape a streak of bad press, has retreated to the peace and quiet of her family's lake house in Vermont. Armed with a pair of binoculars and several bottles of bourbon, she passes the time watching Tom and Katherine Royce, the glamorous couple living in the house across the lake. They make for good viewing—a tech innovator, Tom is powerful; and a former model, Katherine is gorgeous.

One day on the lake, Casey saves Katherine from drowning, and the two strike up a budding friendship. But the more they get to know each other—and the longer Casey watches—it becomes clear that Katherine and Tom's marriage isn't as perfect as it appears. When Katherine suddenly vanishes, Casey immediately suspects Tom of foul play. What she doesn't realize is that there's more to the story than meets the eye—and that shocking secrets can lurk beneath the most placid of surfaces.



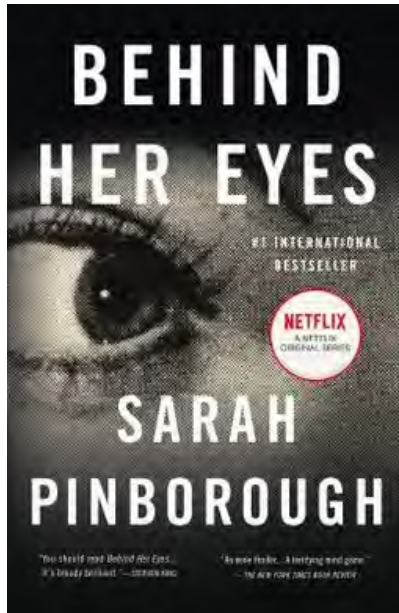
JEN IS READING...

DRAGONHAVEN ROBIN MCKINLEY

Jake lives with his scientist father at the Makepeace Institute of Integrated Dragon Studies in Smokehill National Park. Smokehill is home to about two hundred of the few remaining *Draco australiensis*, which is extinct in the wild.

There are five million acres of the Smokehill wilderness and the dragons rarely show themselves. Jack's never seen one except deep in the park and at a distance. They stay away from the Institute—and the tourists. But dragon conservation is controversial. Detractors say dragons are much too dangerous and much too expensive, and should be destroyed. Supporters say there is no record of their doing anything more threatening than eating sheep, there are only a few hundred of them left at best and they must be protected.

But they are up to eighty feet long (plus tail) and breathe fire.



CHERYL IS READING...
BEHIND HER EYES
SARAH PINBOROUGH

Louise is a single mom, a secretary, stuck in a modern-day rut. On a rare night out, she meets a man in a bar and sparks fly. Though he leaves after they kiss, she's thrilled she finally connected with someone.

When Louise arrives at work on Monday, she meets her new boss, David. The man from the bar. The very married man from the bar...who says the kiss was a terrible mistake, but who still can't keep his eyes off Louise.

And then Louise bumps into Adele, who's new to town and in need of a friend. But she also just happens to be married to David. And if you think you know where this story is going, think again, because Behind Her Eyes is like no other book you've read before.

LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEM:



STUDENT 3/4 SIZE VIOLIN

New, thanks to a generous donation! If you have ever been curious to try your hand at playing the violin, here is your chance, no purchase necessary.

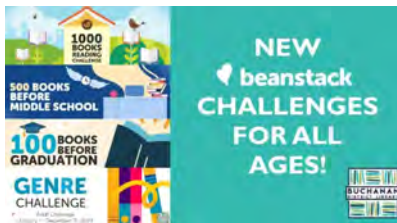
[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to become an LoT patron at the Buchanan District Library!

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New Beanstack Challenges!

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

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



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

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

Genre Challenge 2023: Challenge yourself to read beyond what you can imagine and explore new genres! This challenge runs from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, and readers can participate in this challenge at the same time as other challenges.

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

ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

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

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Tutor.com is accessible with your library card number or using a library computer or wifi.

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

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

NEW! myLIBRO App

Buchanan District Library now has an app!

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

Download the myLIBRO app

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

Set up your account

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

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

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

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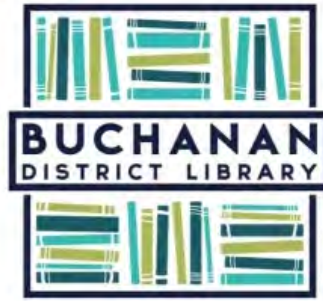
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- Checkout and read/listen to eBooks and audiobooks
- Connect to Amazon's Alexa

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The library is always closed Sundays & Mondays.

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



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

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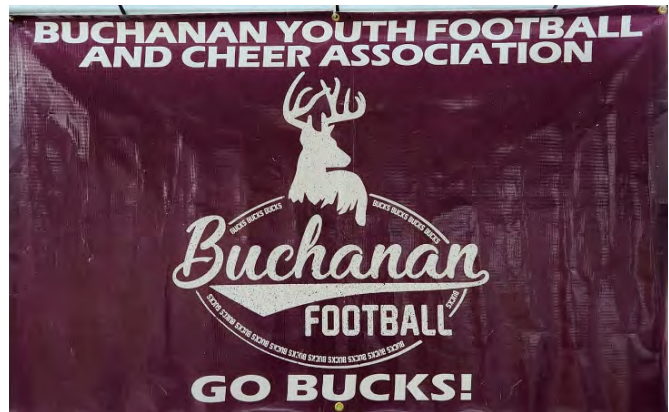
Upcoming Event – Cheer Carwash Fundraiser



**Buchanan Rocket Cheer Team Carwash Fundraiser Sat 8/5 &
Sun 8/6**

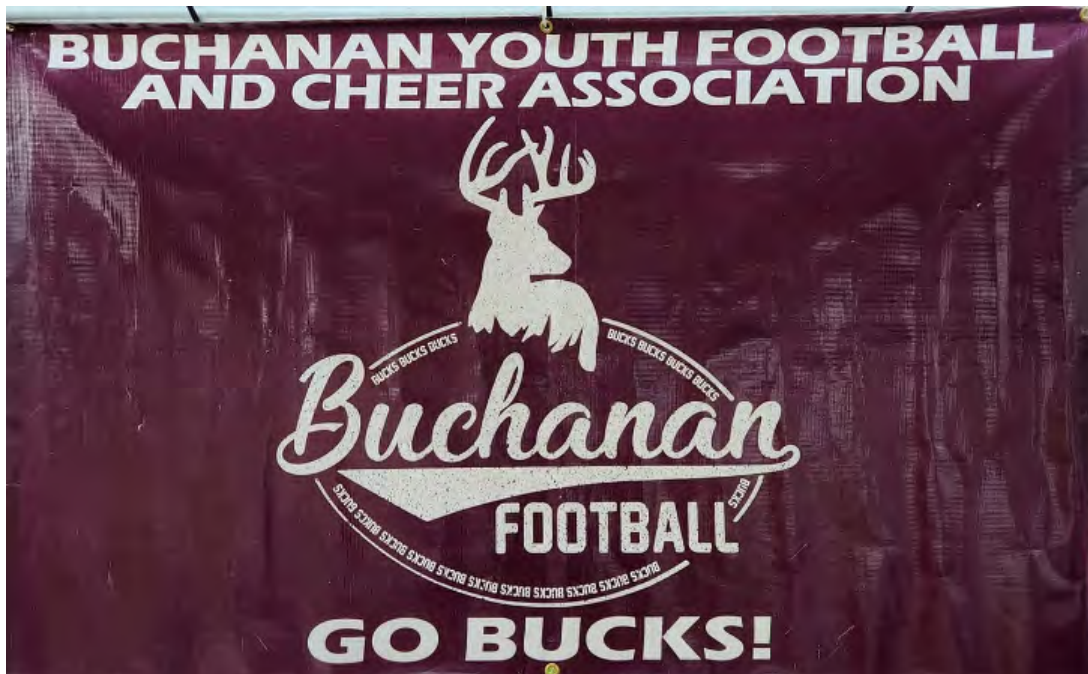
Shared by Buchanan Youth Football & Cheer

We are having a CARWASH for the Buchanan rocket Cheer Team!!!! Come get your car cleaned while supporting the kids – Tell Everyone!



Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan Rocket Cheer Team
- *What:* Carwash Fundraiser
- *When:* **Saturday, August 5 & Sunday, August 6 ~ 12-3pm & 4-6pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan United Federal Credit Union
 - 808 E Front St, Buchanan MI 49107



About Buchanan Youth Football & Cheer: Buchanan Rocket Football is a member of the Lake Effect Football League.

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Now That's Funny! – Issue 57



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by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

It is summer! This is the time of year when there are festivals and activities going on outdoors. One particular event that I went to years ago was an air show in Muskegon, MI. At this event was an attraction known as Shockwave. This was a big truck that had a jet engine that powered it. The driver of Shockwave liked to rev the engine. It was rather loud and could be heard miles away.

I was at this air show with my now wife and her family. My father-in-law's cousin worked at this airport and was able to get us into a VIP area. So here we are up close now to Shockwave. I had my camcorder with me so I started it up to record what was happening. Unexpectedly, the driver of Shockwave began to rev the engine. This made me jump! The video shows a steady picture, then all of a sudden it got real shaky, and then only showed the grass! You can hear my now sister-in-law laughing her head off at this! 🤣🤣🤣

Today's Dad joke: What did the banana do when it saw a horde of hungry monkeys? Split! 🤣🤣🤣
Keep laughing folks! 😊

Local Faith – BAMA Meeting August 2023



August BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap

Submitted by Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor

August 1:

We had a good meeting at the Nazarene church yesterday. We thank Brendan for his hospitality and the wonderful hashbrown casserole! Those present were Brendan Shea, Dave Mitchell, Jan Mitchell, Rebecka Hoyt, Chaplain Dave Spurlock, Kevin Haislip, Bill Walters, Lyndon Azcuna, Dan Barz, Patti Mitchell, and Nate Babcock.

Meeting Notes:

- The Annual 9/11 Service will be Monday September 11th at 7:00 pm at the Buchanan Common. Chaplain Dave Spurlock is organizing the service this year. He is looking for some younger volunteers to help with setting up chairs at 6:30 pm. If you have some volunteers that would like to help, please contact Dave Spurlock at 269-240-8593.
- Financial Report: Dan Barz reported that our current balance is \$897.45. Our annual dues have been paid for membership in the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce. There was some discussion about making a donation to the Salvation Army to assist with their backpacks program, but no agreement was reached.
- Faith & Blue: a separate Faith & Blue meeting will be scheduled for sometime next week. I will pass that information along as soon as it is confirmed.
- RAM. Pastor Bill reported the following: the Walk-A-Thon raised \$4,500.00 for RAM! Also, RAM has already spent \$21,000.00 of the \$25,000.00 they budgeted for the year for rent and utility assistance. Need in this area is very strong at the present time. RAM gave out 3,400 pounds of food in July. Lastly, RAM would gladly take donations of fresh produce.
- Life Plan. Lyndon reported that Life Plan is currently looking at new buildings for both their Benton Harbor site and their new South Bend site. Please pray that God will grant wisdom for this decision-making process. Life Plan has hired Tim Zebell as Training Director. Life Plan's annual banquet will be October 10th at the Armory in South Bend.
- The Community Christmas Concert will be Sunday December 3rd at 6:30 pm at Buchanan Christian Church.
- Kevin Haislip shared about the ministry of Missional Chaplains which he is involved in. More businesses are requesting chaplains, and this is a real opportunity to reach the unchurched. If you would like Kevin to present this ministry opportunity to your congregation, please reach out to him at vinzeig@gmail.com.

- Upcoming BAMA meetings:

- Tuesday September 5th at 9:00 am at First Presbyterian
- Tuesday October 3rd at 9:00 am at Faith Global Methodist (formerly Faith United Methodist)
- Tuesday November 7th at 9:00 am at St. Paul Lutheran
- Tuesday December 5th at 9:00 am. Hosted by Life Plan. Location to be determined.

– Nate

*If your church or club would like to highlight your meetings/events, please email us at:

buchananchronicle@att.net



About Buchanan Area Ministerial Association: This group is made of different churches in Buchanan. Their page is a great way to stay up to date on different events BAMA is hosting, but more importantly it is a great way to see how God is moving in Buchanan.

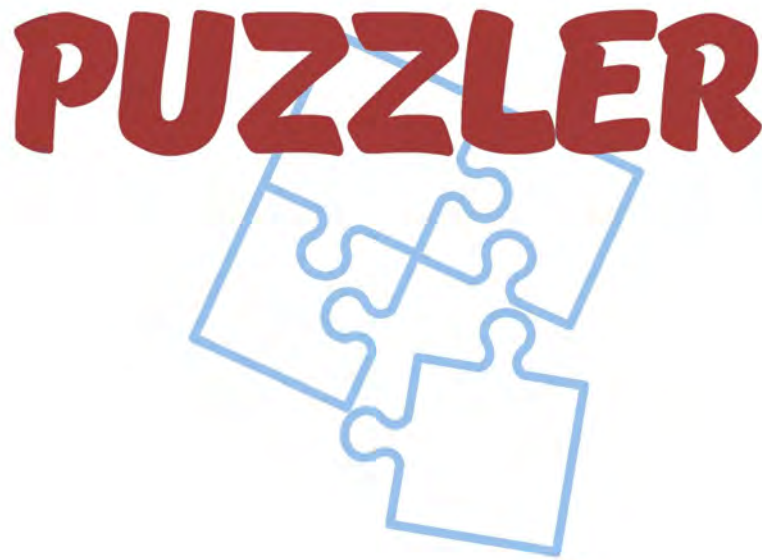
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Puzzler Page – Issue 57



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by Garrick Stubblefield

Hello all and I hope you all have been having fun with the puzzles I've been doing for you and the chronicle. It has been a very good experience for me to do them because if you remember all these puzzles are coming from my head. I'm excited to introduce you to a couple of new ones. I will continue to put you in the thinking mode. If you're interested in getting a whole series of them please contact me by phone and leave a message. My number is 269-256-0547. My proceeds go as follows: 40% goes to the chronicle 40% goes to our local veterans and 20% goes to offset the supply cost. 1-\$1.50 / 3-\$4 / 6-\$7.50 / 12-\$10. Also if you can text me at this number and give me your feedback. I will continue to make these puzzles for you to enjoy. Thank you for the support.

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING THE WORD

- Instructions:
 - You'll be given a 3, 4, 5, or 6 letter word.
 - The object of the puzzle is to remove one letter each step, making a new word each time.
 - After a letter is removed you cannot reuse it.
 - Abbreviations do count. As in the English dictionary, there are 2 letter words that count, such as PI, AR, KA, KI, ER; however acronyms do not count.
 - You may rearrange the letters each step to create your new word.
- Words:

- 6 Letter –
 - PRICES
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 -
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- 5 Letter –
 - CREAM
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- 4 Letter –
 - TAPS
 -
 -
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- 3 Letter –
 - SIT
 -
 -

As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at garrickstubblefield@gmail.com. He will check and respond as quickly as he can. One possible set of answers is on Page 2 – Puzzles Answer Page.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

- Instructions:
 - Riddles below are clues to State or Capital names.
- Clues:
 - STATES:
 - This State is surrounded by GREAT LAKES : _____.
 - CAPITALS:
 - This Capital city is located in VAN BUREN COUNTY : _____.

PUZZLE 3 – CRACK THE CODE

- Instructions:
 - Beginning with a given three digit number, you will follow along each step and end with a different three digit number as your answer.
- Code:

415

1. CHANGE THE 1 TO A 3;
2. CHANGE THE 5 TO A 2;
3. CHANGE THE 4 TO A 0;
4. THE FINAL 3 DIGIT CODE: The first digit of the answer is freezing temperature in CELCIUS and the last two digits is freezing in FAHRENHEIT .

PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- Instructions:
 - See if you can find the 4-letter words I found:
 - 3-4 you're doing good
 - 5-6 catching up to me
 - 7-more fantastic
- Quote:
 - **CANNONBALL RUN**

4-Letter Words:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

3-Letter Words:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

2-Letter Words:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE OR MOVIE TITLE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
 - Quote: **TRANSFORMERS**
- Clues:
 1. You may need to FILL OUT a ____ to obtain something in return .
 2. You may see a lot of ANIMALS on a ____ .
 3. There is at least one PLANET in the title : ____ .
 4. You can do this process to COOK vegetables : ____ .
 5. You see many fish in a RIVER or ____ .

PUZZLE 6 – ANAGRAM WORDS

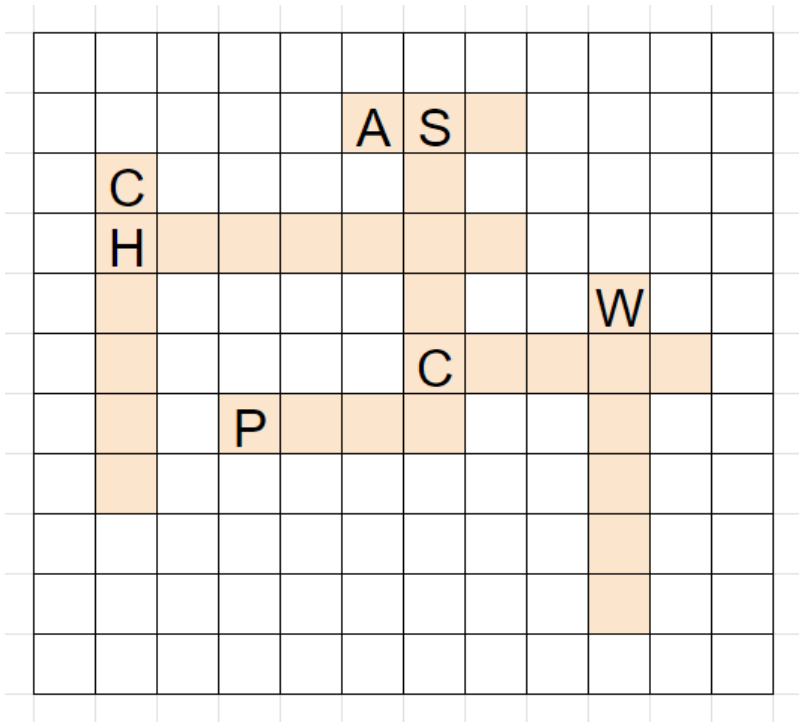
- Instructions:
 - Simply rearrange the provided word to make another word or words.
 - Examples: car ~ arc, rate ~ tear
- Clues:
 - PEAL ~ _____, _____, _____
 - MANE ~ _____, _____, _____

PUZZLE 7 – ANIMAL COLLECTIONS

- Instructions:
 - Do you know the collective noun for each animal when its in a group?
 - Examples: PRIDE of lions, GAGGLE of geese
- Clues:
 - _____ or _____ (younger) or _____ or _____ (older) of PIGS
 - _____ or _____ of TIGERS

PUZZLE 8 – BOXGRAM

- Instructions:
 - Fill the shaded boxes to complete all the answers that go with the clue.
 - We’ve given you the beginning letters of each answer.
- Clue: DIFFERENT TYPES OF TREES. (find 7 words)



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Thank you for playing along with our puzzles in this issue!

Follow to Page 2 next for all the Answers!

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Puzzles 57 – Answer Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING THE WORD

- 6 Letter –
 - PRICES
 - RIPES
 - PIES
 - SIP
 - IS
 - I

- 5 Letter –
 - CREAM
 - MARE
 - ARM
 - MA
 - A

- 4 Letter –
 - TAPS
 - SPA
 - AS
 - A

- 3 Letter –
 - SIT
 - IS
 - I

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

- STATES:
 - This State is surrounded by GREAT LAKES : MICHIGAN.
- CAPITALS:
 - This Capital city is located in VAN BUREN COUNTY : HARTFORD.

PUZZLE 3 – CRACK THE CODE

415 to 032

PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- Quote: **CANNONBALL RUN**

4-Letter Words:

1. NOUN
2. BALL
3. CALL

3-Letter Words:

1. ALL
2. CAN
3. LAB

2-Letter Words:

1. AN
2. NO
3. ON

PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE OR MOVIE TITLE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
 - Quote: **TRANSFORMERS**
- Clues:

1. You may need to FILL OUT a ____ to obtain something in return : *FORM* .
2. You may see a lot of ANIMALS on a ____ : *FARM* .
3. There is at least one PLANET in the title : *MARS* .
4. You can do this process to COOK vegetables : *STEAM* .
5. You see many fish in a RIVER or _____ : *STREAM* .

PUZZLE 6 – ANAGRAM WORDS

- Instructions:
 - Simply rearrange the provided word to make another word.
 - Examples: car ~ arc, rate ~ tear
- Clues:
 - PEAL ~ PALE, LEAP, PLEA
 - MANE ~ AMEN, MEAN, NAME

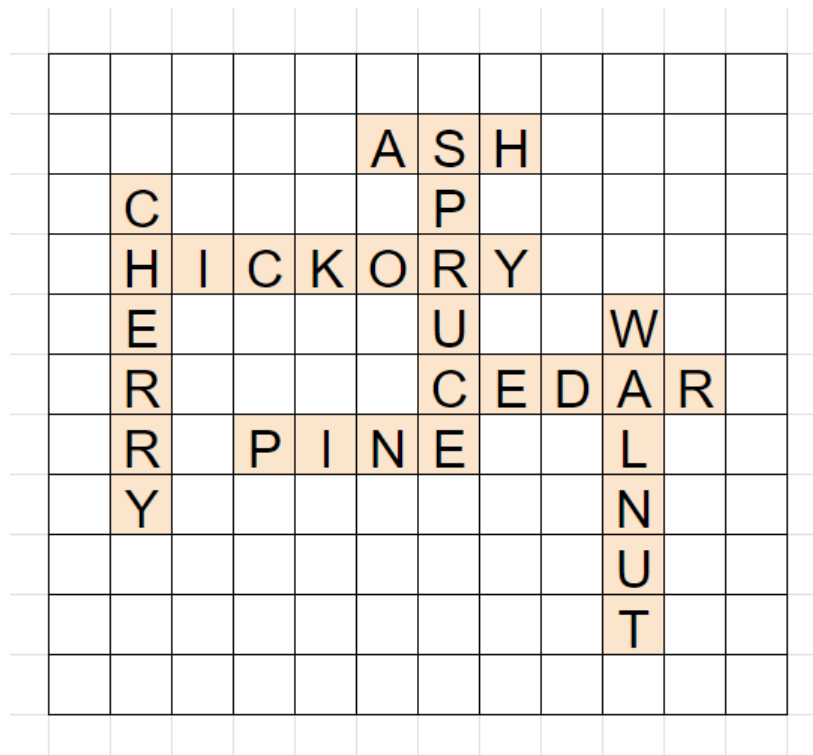
PUZZLE 7 – ANIMAL COLLECTIONS

- Instructions:
 - Do you know the collective noun for each animal when its in a group?
 - Examples: PRIDE of lions, GAGGLE of geese
- Clues:
 - DRIFT or DROVE (younger) or LITTER or TEAM (older) of PIGS

- AMBUSH or STREAK of TIGERS

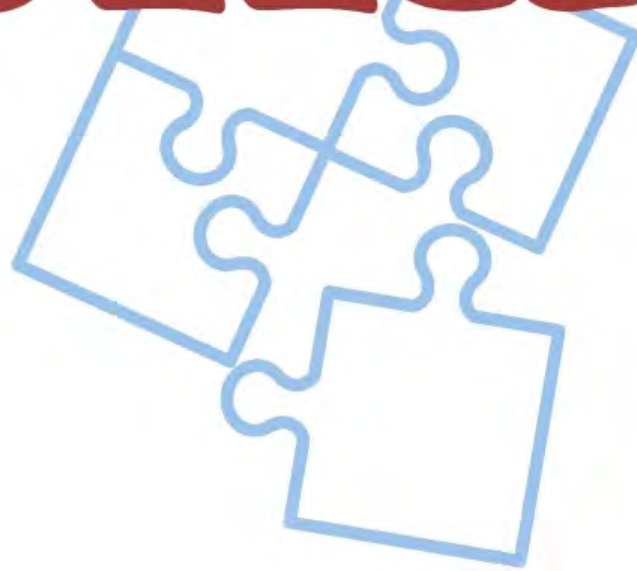
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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 57



A Note from the Publisher – Issue 57

by Jen Garry, Publisher

THANK YOU for all your support this last Saturday at our Print Edition Bake Sale, at Buchanan Farmers Market! We had 95 booth visitors, sold 70 cookies, and made it to a quarter of the cost of our next Print Edition, all in just five hours!

We APPRECIATE our Buchanan community and all our readers so much – we want to share all of Buchanan's local news and you're helping us do just that, online and now in print too! Next Print Edition (Autumn 2023) will be available in early September!

After two and a half years of planning and fundraising, we have finally delivered a physical newspaper to Buchanan once again. In Early 2021 when we decided to begin The Buchanan Chronicle, it was with the intention of bringing Buchanan local news in a paper form again at some point. Now that goal has become reality, through our team's hard work and the support of our wonderful Buchanan Community.

You can pick up your FREE copy at these businesses around Buchanan (if there are any left): Buchanan City Hall, Buchanan Area Senior Center, Buchanan District Library, Buchanan Harding's Market, or Honor Credit Union in Buchanan; or you can subscribe [HERE](#) to have our Printed Editions sent directly to your door!

Other ways to get involved are to: Sponsor our Printed Editions [HERE](#), Advertise with us in our Printed Editions [HERE](#) (or as always in our Online Issues [HERE](#)), and do let us know what articles you'd like to see in print in the future! Look for more Printed Editions seasonally, Summer 2023 is out NOW and next up will be Autumn 2023 in early September!

The Buchanan Chronicle Current Stats:

- Total Website Views by Month 2023:
 - January – 3,821 (2,482 in 2022)
 - February – 3,528 (1,961 in 2022)
 - March – 4,390 (2,481 in 2022; 2,668 in 2021)
 - April – 3,813 (2,102 in 2022; 4,444 in 2021)
 - May – 3,282 (1,915 in 2022; 3,517 in 2021)
 - June – 3,234 (1,595 in 2022; 3,016 in 2021)
 - July – 4,357 (1,986 in 2022; 2,927 in 2021)
- Recent Issues:
 - Issue 55 (July 08) Views: 2,929
 - Issue 56 (July 22) Views: 1,238
- WordPress Subscribers: 102
- Email Subscribers: 126
- Facebook Followers: 1,757 (Top Reach: 11.4K)
- Instagram Followers: 248

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

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



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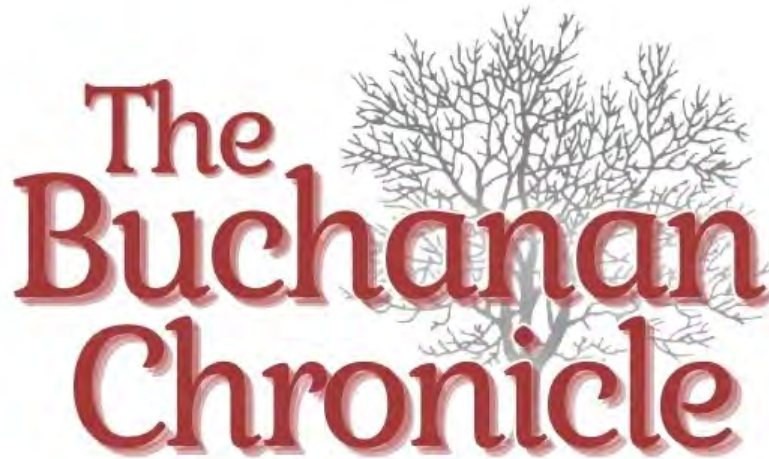


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Name	Age	Born	Died
Jo Ann Ott	81	July 21, 1942	July 30, 2023
Charles “Charlie” Basinger	81	January 4, 1942	July 27, 2023
Mary Ann Fox Jennings	84	June 20, 1939	July 26, 2023
Ramon “Ray” Edwin DeWitt	53	May 29, 1970	July 18, 2023
Roy Hamilton	97	July 5, 1926	July 15, 2023

We wish to respectfully honor the memory of anyone we lose in the Buchanan community. Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list.

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