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Midnight on the Clock in Downtown Buchanan MI, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 19



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 12/8 – 12/19

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	1
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	1
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	1
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	2
Family/Other	1
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	0
Intimidation/Stalking	3
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	0
Damage to Property	1
Liquor Violations	0
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	2
Disorderly Conduct	0
Weapons Offense	0
Public Peace / Other	3
OUIL	0
Driving Law Violations	1
Health and Safety	3
Trespass	1
Juvenile Complaints	3
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	5
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Property Checks	3
Alarms	6

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	2
Suspicious Situations	3
Lost/Found Property	4
Natural Death	0
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	24
General Assist	16
Ordinance Violations	14
Missing Person	0
VCSA	0

Total Calls 12/8 – 12/19 : 101



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Nature Notes – Meteorologist Matt Rudkin



Meteorologist Matt Rudkin, Photo provided by Matt Rudkin

Weather Forecaster Goes Freelance

by Jill K. McDonald, Writer, and Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Just before Christmas, some of our team got the chance to have a Google Meet interview with Meteorologist Matt Rudkin. Most of our readers know him as the former Chief Meteorologist at the WSBT 22 TV station in Mishawaka, IN. Now he is a Freelance Meteorologist from his basement in SW Michigan, but also works at United Airlines in Chicago. We were all very curious on how he made this transition from TV to home. So, read on to find out!

Growing up, Matt lived in Warsaw, Indiana. He wanted to be a pilot, but financially that was out of reach. So he turned to what seemed only natural, which was meteorology. As he said, "Any good pilot knows the weather."



The Buchanan Chronicle interviews Meteorologist Matt Rudkin, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Matt earned a Bachelor of Atmospheric Science from Purdue University. Throughout his years in school, he was very involved in music. He said staying active kept him busy and out of trouble, plus created lifelong friends.

After graduating, Matt worked with WSBT for ten years. After that time, he decided to venture into freelance meteorology for a change of pace. He absolutely loved working with the TV station. Going out on his own as a freelancer will allow him even further one-on-one interaction with people and he will be able to answer individual weather-related questions. As support of his work grows, he has ideas for creating an app and more.

His favorite part of working with the TV station was the public service aspect and being involved in the local community. He loved going into the elementary and high schools and participating in the WSBT reading program where he would read to an audience of kids. Matt still likes to do these things and also talk with us and others!

My (Rebecka's) daughter Julie joined in on the interview as it's a requirement for the Meteorology AHG badge she's working on. One of her questions was what subjects should you be good at for this? And he said, "Math and science. Also important are physics, chemistry, and geography."

In his free time, he likes to ski at Swiss Valley, see his two nieces, and travel anywhere with United Airlines when the opportunity comes along. He would love to go to Europe and Australia.

This winter, he is predicting for Berrien county Michigan to be snowier and colder, which is a La Niña pattern. A question was brought up about global warming/climate change. Matt states, "There is only 125 years of weather data out of all of history. And if you think about how the 1920's & 30's were, they are different from the 2020's (auto emissions is one example). The middle of the lake (Michigan) is currently still 47°F. We put down concrete and cut down trees. The planet is millions of years old so there isn't enough local data and the best way to get data is from the carbonated ice."

We may see some more weather information from Matt Rudkin in The Buchanan Chronicle future issues if this article gets many shares, so please share it and make some comments. Perhaps he will respond! You can visit and support his meteorologist [Facebook page: Meteorologist Matt Rudkin](#) here and get your local SW Michigan forecast from him.



Health & Art – Art Therapy

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Art and the New Year

by Madelyn Kitchell

For the new year, a lot of us create resolutions, and not too many resolutions are ever followed through. One of my current resolutions is to reduce stress. Reducing stress can benefit everyone! You may wonder how this is all tied into art. Many studies have been done and art is a great way to relieve one's stress. According to the American Art Therapy Association, only 45 minutes of creative activity can reduce stress. You may be thinking that you aren't that artistic or experienced with art, but no matter what experience level you are at it will still help reduce stress levels. Art helps to reduce stress levels by taking your mind off of the greater problems in life and transferring it into your creativity. Art creates a state of flow that is similar to types of meditation. Other things that might create this state of flow are things like playing your favorite sports, practicing a musical instrument, or even gardening. Let's dive into some of the ways you can get started in reducing your stress creatively.



One easy artistic way to get started is to keep a sketchbook. You could draw what you feel. Doing this allows you to express emotions that may be difficult to express through words. Another way you could use your sketchbook is to create a gratitude journal. You can combine writing and drawings of what you are grateful for or simply what you enjoy.

Another easy way to bring out this creativity if you don't want to draw or sketch is coloring. Many think coloring is only for kids but this is completely not true. There are many coloring books out there for adults. You can find really detailed adult coloring books or very simplistic ones depending on how you feel. Coloring still allows you to have creative independence while having guidelines. There are many themes of coloring books you can find so find something you enjoy!

Start an art class or workshop! Go to the art center or a local college that may be hosting art classes. You may find something new that you enjoy and can then practice on your own or still with others. There are many places nearby that have different types of creative classes. Some nearby classes that I've personally seen are ceramics, photography, painting, and many others. There are also online art classes that help guide you through different processes. Whether in-person or online these classes are really helpful to learn new things and meet amazing people!

There are many other side avenues of art you can get into. Some examples are sketching and drawing, painting, coloring, writing, photography, ceramics, or even knitting. There are many other forms of art you can get into other than the ones I listed. If you want to reduce your stress this new year and dive into your creative side get into art! I hope you all have a great new year and unleash your creativity!

BCS School Spotlight – Ottawa Elementary January 2022



Ottawa Elementary School, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Little Bucks “Giving” Food Drive

Submitted by Ottawa Principal Stacy Denison



Ottawa's Little Bucks "Giving" Food Drive 2021, Photo submitted by Ottawa Principal Stacy Denison

During the month of December, Ottawa's Little Bucks participated in a philanthropy project and learned about giving back to our community while connecting to kindergarten and first grade social studies standards through citizen involvement. Collecting food and hygiene items for only one week, our Little Bucks proudly donated over 1,000 items to Redbud Area Ministries. We appreciate Hardings for donating plastic bags for students to easily carry their items to school.



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Local Clubs – Eagle Scout at McCoy Creek Trail

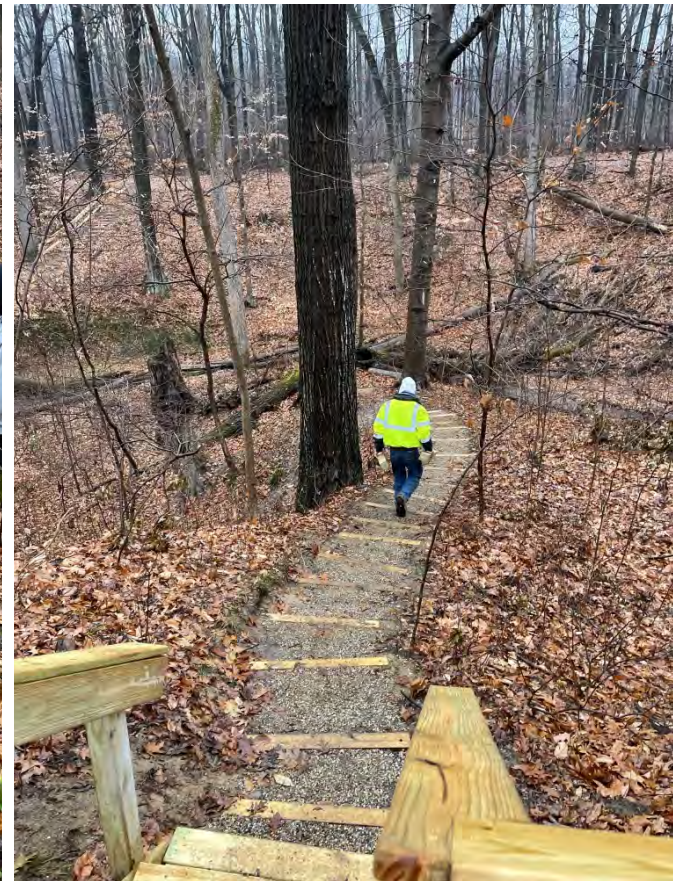


Brendan Coger at his contribution to McCoy Creek Trail, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Another Eagle Scout Project Benefits McCoy Creek Trail

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer

Boy Scout Brendan Coger from Troop #541, has added a stairway project down towards the Blumka Bridge for his Eagle Scout Project. During the late morning of Saturday, December 19, 2021 I met him along with his troop and leaders. This project is ongoing, a combined effort with his troop as earlier in the year, another Eagle Scout completed a steep staircase down to the bridge.



Brendan has gained much knowledge in the area of leadership while putting the project together and completing it. He received \$500 in donation from the McCoy Creek Trail, \$200 was leftover from the spring project. He also received donations and 20% off supplies from Lowes. When asked what was the hardest part of the project, Brendan said, "Getting started was the hardest part. Quite a bit of the troop volunteered at the Niles Scream Park this fall and you're dealing with other schedules." Doing this project in the late fall wasn't as easy as the previous project in the spring was. "You had cold, sleet and it was raining," said Brendan.

Blumka Bridge is named after the Scoutmaster of the troop, Bill Blumka. If you went to Trek-or-Treat, and saw The Buchanan Chronicle hand out candy by the BHS MegaHurtz team, the staircase is just a little bit north from there. You can park in the E.B. Clark Woods parking lot off from Schirmer Parkway. There are plans for a boardwalk to connect the staircase to the bridge in the springtime. This trail is part of the big future plan of

connecting trails from the McCoy Creek Trail to the Niles Trail/Berrien Springs/South Haven areas.

The Buchanan Chronicle would like to thank Brendan and his troop for making this area of the trail more accessible for our community! We will be sure to continue covering this project until it is completed.

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

Troop 541 [Facebook Page](#)

Bill Blumka, Scoutmaster

Meets at:

Buchanan First United Methodist Church

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Local Charity – RAM and Wesner Automotive Annual Toy Drive



Annual Toy Drive at Wesner Automotive, Photo from Wesner Automotive Facebook page

A Time of Giving in Buchanan

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer, and featuring a video by Stephanie Fain

This Christmas was a little more special for some Buchanan families. Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) held a toy drive at Wesner Automotive in Buchanan. All of these toys, clothes, and wrapping paper were donated by the very generous hearts of the citizens, organizations and businesses in Buchanan, MI and surrounding areas.



RAM and Wesner Automotive Annual Toy Drive donated items, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt



RAM and Wesner Automotive Annual Toy Drive donated items, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

On Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 9AM, parents came to the Redbud City Center and were able to shop for their families for free. Parents fill out an application at RAM prior to this day in order to participate. When the parent(s) arrive, a volunteer shopper will go along with them to pick out presents for their children. Yes, some families have more than one child, so each child has their own black bag (so when they bring them home, the kids won't see what's in them) with a name label attached to it. Each child receives the same amount of gifts. This year, RAM "Gave presents to 175 kids!" stated Jan Nowalk-Walters, Director of RAM. When the parents were done shopping they received a local gift card to either McDonald's, Pizza Hut and Walmart.



RAM's Jan Nowak-Walters distributing items for Christmas, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

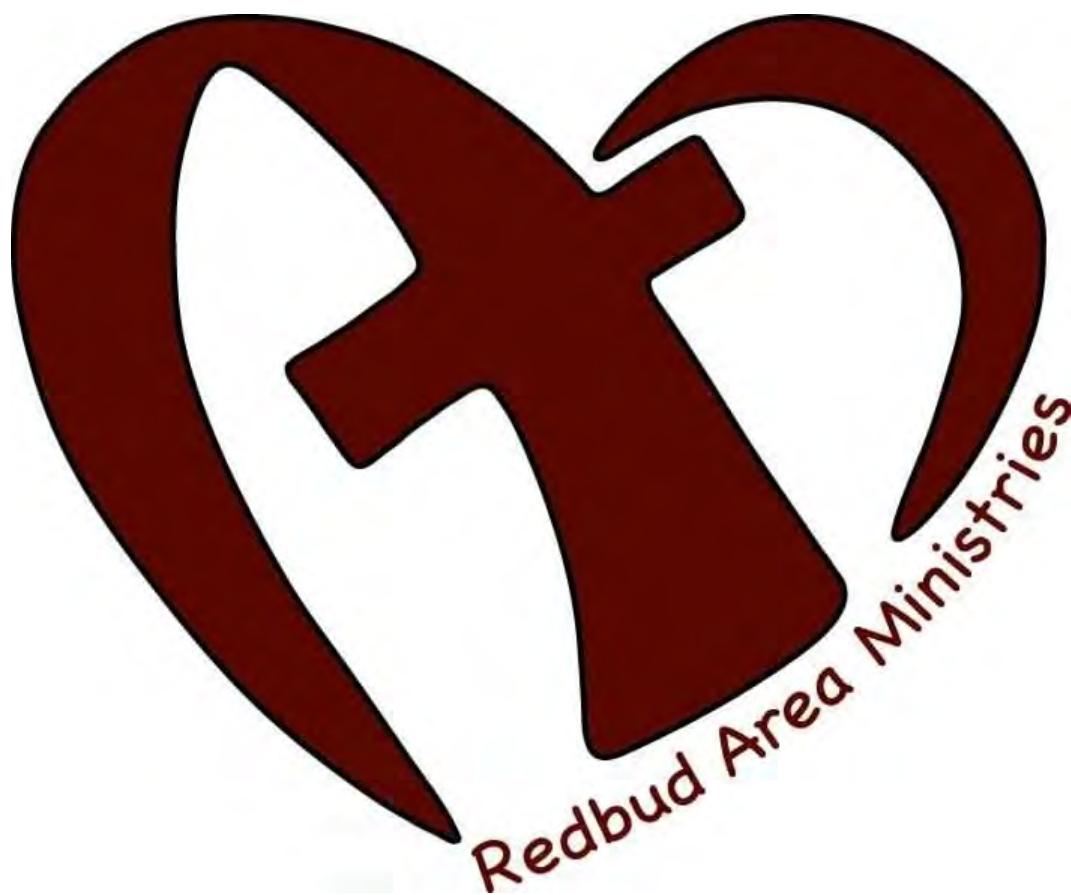
In order to give presents to families each year, RAM hits up the after holiday toys sales with the monetary donations they receive from businesses like: Dollar General, Pinnacle Emporium, Edgewater Automation, Cannavista, Meijer, churches & businesses. Gene Wesner started the Toys for Tots at his dealership 41 years ago, and Jan has been with RAM for 4 years but involved with this event for the past 15 years. Wesner's storefront window is where RAM puts the toys as there isn't enough space at RAM for them. Then all the toys get loaded up by RAM's volunteers and taken to the city center the day prior to the shopping event. After you have seen these photos, it takes a big crew to put this on. When asked, what do you get out of doing this, a RAM volunteer stated, "I have never seen God so much at work when people from the community bring in donations."



RAM and Wesner Automotive Annual Toy Drive donated items, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

So Buchanan, give yourselves a pat on the back and thank the businesses that have helped RAM with this event. You truly come through with your time and caring hearts. We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas!

Buchanan Continues to Give, YouTube video by Stephanie Fain



About Redbud Area Ministries: RAM is an interdenominational and interracial ministry center started to organize the churches in the Buchanan and Galien School Districts to respond to individual and family needs.

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Local Business – New Owner for Bucktown Nutrition





Stephanie Anderson, new owner of Bucktown Nutrition, Photo by Anna Coffinger

New Owner for Bucktown Nutrition

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer, with Photos submitted by Bucktown Nutrition owner, Stephanie Anderson

As you make your way into Bucktown Nutrition at 105 Days Avenue, you will be seeing a couple new faces. Stephanie Anderson is now the new owner, and her mom, Anna, will be joining her. Leland Payne, former owner, will still see you in the wee hours of 5am – 9am, but Stephanie and Anna will be there from 9am – 5pm.

So, why a new owner? Leland wanted his responsibilities lessened, working all day every day is a lot, so he contacted Stephanie and asked if she would like to take ownership. After thinking about it, she said yes. She has four years of combined experience working in two other clubs and currently owns another club in South Bend, IN.

Stephanie has lived here since March with her boyfriend and 7-year-old son Zayden. Since she has been at the club, she has had many customers ask her questions, "About myself & my family, what made me want to have two clubs instead of one, if I was going to keep the punch card and I am. I don't want to come in and change things and make people go away, I want to know how things were and if needed make some changes, I want to compromise and make people happy, some changes are good and I know that some people don't like change, but some changes can be better." Leland has told her about the specials he did for the Buchanan schools & athletics, so she will be honoring those specials.

One change that Stephanie will be making is replacing the syrups with powders as they have healthier benefits using Stevia which is a natural sweetener in the powders for their Tea Bombs. Her customers come to both of these shops and they don't notice the difference in the flavors, a couple people have said that they actually taste a little better. In February, two years ago she opened the 933 Nutrition club in South Bend.



Gummy Bear Tea Bomb and Oreo Turtle Cheesecake Smoothie, Photos by Stephanie Anderson

Stephanie says that her favorite flavor of smoothie, “Is strawberry cheesecake or lemon pound cake with blueberry syrup and I am more of a fruit person.” New customers are still coming in and asking, “What is Bucktown Nutrition? The smoothies (meal replacement) are 250 calories or less, 17g of protein and you can add more protein. There are more nutrition clubs than Starbucks, and I learned that on a phone call.” So, they are prepared to answer any questions that you may have. You won’t know if you don’t ask.

They will also have some warm up options of soup and oatmeal bowls. They are high in protein, kinda like a broth or people use it for cooking. Hot water, oats and 4 or 5 choices of flavor and the meal replacement.

She will keep up on the decorating during the holidays and possibly get someone to paint on the windows. Stephanie is super excited to get to know everyone and she remembers your name and order quite well. And she loves how Buchanan is such a supporting community in the short five months that she has lived here. Business hours are the same 5:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday; 8:00am – 3:00pm Saturday & Sunday. Stay up to date on their specials [on their Bucktown Nutrition Facebook page](#). They are located at 105 Days Avenue in downtown Buchanan with plenty of parking. Stop in and welcome Stephanie and show her why we are the nicest place in America!

Bucktown Nutrition [Facebook here](#).

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Typical business hours are:

- Monday – Friday : 5a-5p
- Saturday – Sunday : 8a-3p

Answer to Puzzle 5 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 5 – SCRAMBLES

1. BETA
 2. BATE
 3. ABET
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Local Veterans – Stories of Local Vets



Stories of Local Vets

by Garrick Stubblefield

This entire year I will be trying to interview local vets that have served our country and give us some stories that they experienced in the time they served.

Garrick Stubblefield, MSSA Navy

Garrick served in the Navy and was a “mess specialist” in the Navy. Garrick served his country for 2 years and made the rank of seaman apprentice upon discharge from the service. Garrick was in from 1988-1990. Garrick remembers some good things about the times he served and here is a couple of them. As he was in boot camp, he really liked Olympic week because that was week where his entire squadron would work together and beat other squadrons to get patches on their flag and show off at graduation. The other memory Garrick had was visiting all the states on the west side of the United States.

John Stubblefield, MM2 Navy

John served in the Navy and was a “machinist mate” in the Navy. He made the rank of 2nd class petty officer and served from 1967-1973. John remembers in boot camp he was the “chow runner” and this title was given to the heaviest person in the squadron and their responsibility was run to the galley which is the eating area and give the person in charge the total count of how many were eating for that meal. Then if I recall, they had to make it back to the squadron before they got to the chow hall. If they didn't, they would be the last to eat. John also has a memory of when he was aboard a submarine that they broke the ice 21 times and in doing so they broke the periscopes off and had to ride the surface from the north Atlantic all the way back home of Groton Connecticut which he proclaims was a very cold experience.

Thank You to ALL Our Veterans, we are ever grateful!

BCS Sports Scores – Buchanan Wrestling January 2022



Photos submitted by Leland Payne, Scores and Info from Buchanan Bucks Wrestling Facebook page

Buchanan Bucks Wrestling at Comstock Horseshoe Classic Individual Tournament 2021, Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

“Today the Bucks wrestled in the Comstock Horseshoe Classic Individual Tournament. The team took 6th out of 18 teams and missed 5th by a 1/2 point. Good showing for Buchanan Wrestling.

Placing for the Bucks were 112 Sadie Holloway 4th, 130 Hunter Weinberg 5th, 135 Walker Barz 3rd, 145 Leland Payne 2nd, 160 Jackson Starnes 6th, and 285 Dean Roberts 3rd.

Next week the Bucks head to Olivet for a team tournament. Congrats to all wrestlers as there is much improvement happening and congrats to a good day to all wrestlers. Go Bucks !!”

Quoted from [Buchanan Bucks Wrestling Facebook page](#), Post: December 22, 2021 at 4:22pm



Buchanan Bucks Wrestling at Comstock Horseshoe Classic 2021, Photos submitted by Leland Payne

Go Bucks!

Answer to Puzzle 1 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:**PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER**

- 6 Letter –
 - BRAINS
 - BRAIN
 - BRAN
 - RAN
 - AN
 - A

 - 5 Letter –
 - MATES
 - MATE
 - ATE
 - AT
 - A

 - 4 Letter –
 - KIND
 - KIN
 - IN
 - I

 - 3 Letter –
 - KID
 - ID
 - I
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Mayor's Memo – Happy New Year



Happy New Year!

by Mayor Sean Denison

One of the questions I get the most is – what is the city doing with any revenues that it receives from the marijuana industry in town? The answer is – we are reinvesting it in our community. Our recently rolled out economic development incentive programs are being funded with revenues that the city received from cannabis excise dividends. Early last year the City Commission moved forward with funding economic development programs brought forth by Richard Murphy, our Community Development Director. The goal, is to spur economic development and investment in our community. Bringing empty buildings back on line, and encouraging businesses to choose Buchanan as a place to invest. The façade grant program and the downtown restaurant incentive program have already awarded funds to several businesses.

We have several more restaurant opportunities being considered at this time, and a tremendous amount of interest from potential business owners and investors wanting to get in on the excitement that is happening in Buchanan. It is truly setting up to be a Happy New Year!

Thank you, see you around town,
Sean Denison, Mayor
sdenison@cityofbuchanan.com
Buchanan City Hall
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Buchanan, MI 49107
USA



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

A Note from the Editor – Issue 19



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

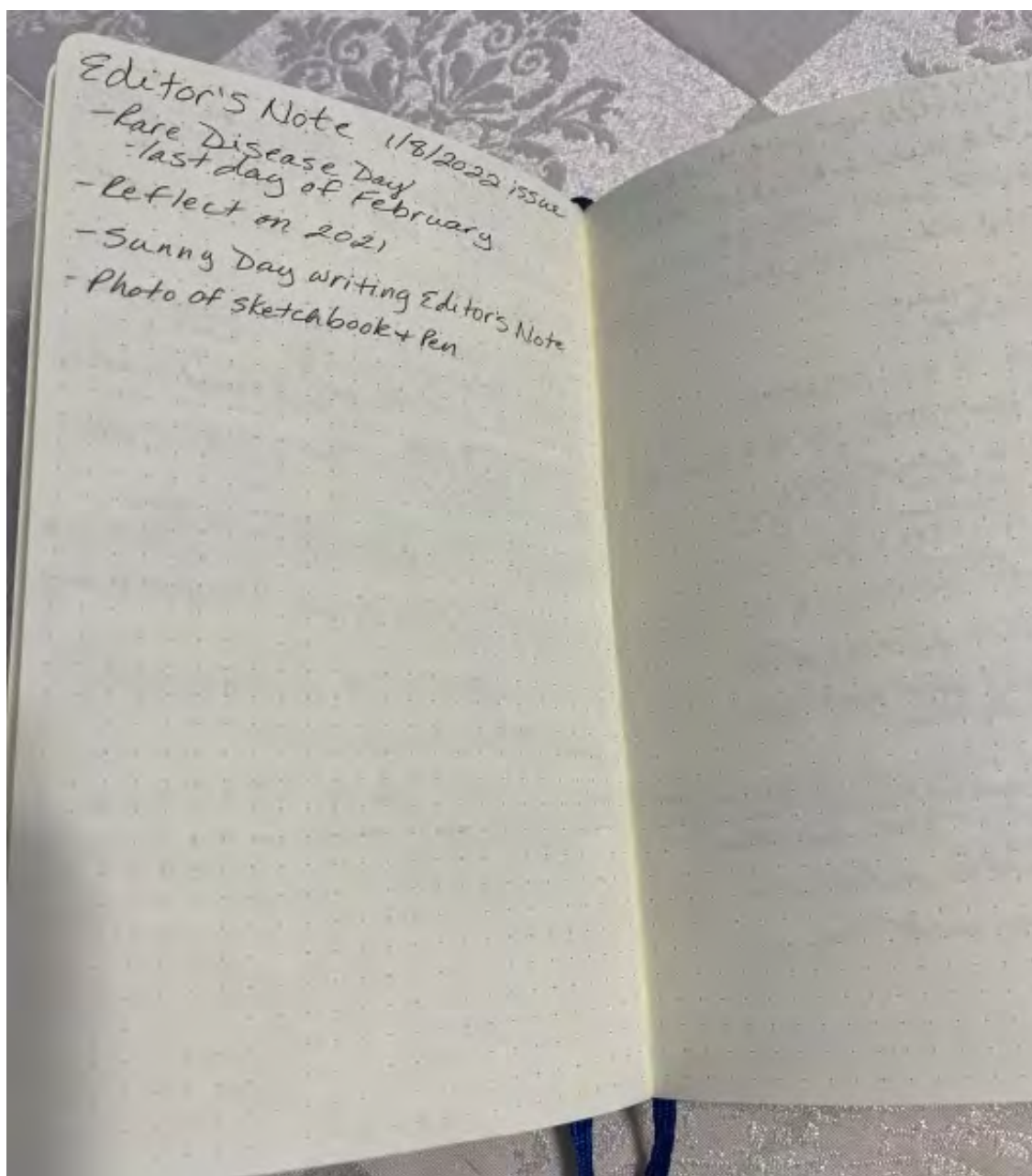
Happy New Year everyone! What a year 2021 was, wasn't it? However, I think that you can almost say that for any year, but when you have a pandemic during it, then it was quite a year! Looking back on the year though, there has been good news and not all bad news.

As I sit at my kitchen table with the sun shining outside, yes the sun is out today which is rare in January and surprisingly it is 38°F! I reflect on last year, 2021, when Jen Garry, our publisher and I started this great online newspaper on February 24 and the first issue came out March 20th! Never did I think that I was going to be an editor of an online newspaper. But when the opportunity came along I prayed and talked about it a lot, and I still do! Prayer really helps me to work things out along with my sketchbook and my GREAT team.

The people that I have interviewed in-person at their business/home or even on a Google Meet have been great. Thank goodness for technology as one interview I had was going to be in-person, but then changed to a Google Meet with three people!

We are always asking our readers to give us suggestions for articles. Now I have a request for you: do you know anyone who has a rare disease? Rare Disease Day is the last day of February and we would like to showcase those diseases or even just a list of them. If you would like to have an interview on your/your family member's rare disease, please email us at buchananchronicle@att.net. If not an interview, you can email the name of the rare disease as well (please make sure that your spelling is correct). Not sure if the disease is rare? Checkout the [National Organization for Rare Disorders website](#) and you can search for it. These will need to be received by February 9. Thank you for your help!

I hope that you will enjoy this 19th issue, please share! And may you enjoy 2022 to the fullest as I know that my sketchbook will be getting filled with more ideas.



Editor's Sketchbook, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Happy Readings,
Rebecka Hoyt

The Buchanan Chronicle

The Clark Barker – Issue 19



The Candid Canid

It's Cold Outside!

Oh wow, is it getting cold outside! My human keeps telling me that one of these days, they are going to put my little snow boots on me. Oh just great...but I really don't like it when my feet get cold when there is snow and ice with temperatures lower than 20°F. Also, it helps when the sidewalks are clear of snow and ice too (I may have mentioned this before that there is a city ordinance on this subject). My human says that sometimes it is hard to get rid of the ice and that they try to do their best. And when you go on someone else's sidewalk well that's another

story. Unless you have neighbors that end up clearing your sidewalk or even your driveway, which is a very nice act of kindness!

Also, please remember to watch your speed now that the roads are getting slippery. Slow is a good thing, just make sure that you leave ahead of time to get to your destination. It's better to get there late or too early compared to not at all. And if you get there early, you can relax a little from the drive. Remember, you have some special pets and or humans to get home to as well. And my other furry friends and I will be wagging our tails when you walk through that door to have you take us outside back to the cold!

Woof-Woof!

Answer to Puzzle 2 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:**PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS**

- STATES:
 1. Washington
 2. Wisconsin
 - CAPITALS:
 1. Helena
 2. Springfield
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Now That's Funny! – 2021 Team Christmas Party



by Julie Hoyt

So Sunday (December 19, 2021) we had our Team Christmas Party for The Buchanan Chronicle. We did a gift exchange game where if you rolled a 1 with the die you had to do this or that and so on and so forth. So when we get to the unwrapping part of the game, our Publisher, Jen, ends up with this big box that just keeps unwrapping, going and going, box inside box. Finally, Jen gets to the second to last box, and inside it is a Starbucks gift card. Now the very last inner box had a note inside that said, "You went too far, go back a box."

Keep laughing folks! 😊

The Buchanan Chronicle Christmas Party, Sunday, December 19, 2021, Video by Rebecka Hoyt

Answer to Puzzle 3 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

1. EWE
2. NEW
3. SEAR
4. RENEW
5. WARS

Buchanan Area Senior Center – January 2022



January Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Below are some programs at the BASC in January:



- PAST EVENT:
- **Get to know your State Representative Brad Paquette at the BASC Coffee Chat – Wednesday, January 5, at 9:00 am.**
 - State Rep. Brad Paquette was first elected to serve the 78th District in the Michigan House of Representatives in November 2018. Rep. Paquette serves as Chair of the House School Aid & Dep. Of Education Appropriations Subcommittee. He vice-chairs Education Committee and is also a member of the Local Government & Municipal Finance Committee, and the Energy Committee.



- UPCOMING EVENT:
- **Join the BASC at Conversations with Friends Ft. Vergie Wolfe – Tuesday, January 11, at 11:00 am**
 - Virgie is a 90 year young woman who stays busy leading the BASC Quilting & Sewing group, as well as creating her own crafts. She lives in Buchanan, but still has southern ties. Learn more about Vergie's adventures as she shares with us some of her stories on Tuesday, January 11, at 11:00 am.



- ONGOING EVENT:
- **Call your friends and have them meet you at the BASC – Thursdays, from 1:00–3:00 pm, to play your favorite games!**
 - We have the following games available Cribbage, TIC, Backgammon, Dominoes, Plus more!
 - Please feel free to bring your own games!
 - (The Buchanan Area Senior Center is open to those in the Buchanan Serving Area and ages 60 and up.)

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

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

Buchanan Area Senior Center - January 2022 Calendar				
Exercise / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:30 Qigong—DVD 3	11:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 4	9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 9:00 Coffee Chat 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 5	10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 11:00 Field Trip: Buchanan Sweet Shop 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:30 Tai Chi for Balance 6	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 11:00 People Inspiring People 1:00 Fiber Friends 7
10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:30 Qigong—DVD 10	11:00 Conversations With Friends Ft. Vergie Wolfe 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 11	10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 12	9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00 Chair Exercise with Ulrike 11:00 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 1:30 Tai Chi for Balance 3:00 Board Meeting 13	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Nifty Fifties 14
10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:30 Qigong—DVD 17	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 Hearing Aid Check 18	10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 19	9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 10:30 Book Club 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:30 Tai Chi for Balance 20	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 21
10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:30 Qigong—DVD 24	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 25	10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 10:30 BASC Garden Club Meeting 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Birthday Bingo 6:00 Pinochle 26	10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 11:00 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:30 Tai Chi for Balance 27	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 11:30 Lunch Bunch 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Queen Bees 28
10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 12:30 Ice Cream Social 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:30 Qigong—DVD 31	Coffee Chat: State Representative Brad Paquette Wednesday, January 5 9:00 am	Conversations with Friends Ft. Vergie Wolfe Tuesday, January 11 11:00 am	Game Day at the BASC Every Thursdays 1:00—3:00 pm	Field Trip: Social at the Buchanan Sweet Shop Thursday, January 6 1:00 pm

Buchanan Area Senior Center
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Community Press Release – Office of Governor Whitmer



Staying Warm this Winter

State of Michigan – January 5, 2022

Dear Friend,

As Michiganders, we are all too familiar with long, cold, unpredictable winters. We know that it could be 60 degrees and sunny on Monday and snowing on Friday. That is why it is so important that we all take the time to prepare ourselves, our families, and our homes for whatever weather the rest of this Michigan winter may bring.



Photos provided by Office of Gov. Whitmer, State of Michigan

As your governor, I am committed to keeping Michiganders safe and lowering costs for families as the weather gets colder and the snow continues to fall. So whether this winter lasts until March or May, here are several resources that can help you stay warm and safe all winter long.

Home Heating Credit – The Home Heating Credit offers families support for the cost of heating their home. The Michigan Department of Treasury determines eligibility for this assistance and makes payments. Applications are available from mid-to-late January and can be made through September 30 of each year. If you anticipate needing assistance with heating costs next winter, make sure you apply for this credit once it becomes available at the end of this month.

COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) – CERA is a program through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) that helps those having trouble paying rent due to pandemic-related hardships. Households that are eligible for CERA can receive utility assistance for tenant supplied electricity, home heating (any type of fuel), water, sewer, and trash (if billed along with another utility). As of January 1, 2022, MSHDA will not be approving households that are solely behind on their utilities. These households should apply for utility assistance through MDHHS at [MI Bridges](#).

State Emergency Relief – State Emergency Relief is a crisis intervention program that provides assistance for energy-related expenses like heating fuel, electricity, and home repairs. Those who can demonstrate need are encouraged to apply online through [MI Bridges](#).

Weatherization Assistance Program – The Weatherization Assistance Program provides free home energy-conservation services to low-income Michigan homeowners and renters. The services can reduce energy use and lower utility bills. Some of their services include insulation, air leakage reduction, smoke detectors, and dryer venting. These services are conducted by local Community Action Agencies and non-profit organizations. You can [contact your local weatherization operator](#) to start the application process.

Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) – The Michigan Public Service Commission administers the MEAP. The purpose of the MEAP is to establish and administer statewide programs that provide energy assistance and self-sufficiency services to eligible low-income households. To seek help, contact 2-1-1 or

your utility to find programs in your area.

Military Families – Families of veterans and active-duty military personnel can receive emergency financial assistance to pay for electricity, oil, gas, and other heating fuels. Contact the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs 517-481-8083 for more information.

This is also an excellent opportunity to remind you about **Utility Imposter Scams**. Please review [this message](#) from Attorney General Nessel on how to identify potential scammers and keep yourself protected.



Photos provided by Office of Gov. Whitmer, State of Michigan

The Michigan Public Service Commission also offers excellent tips on how we can all be proactive about conserving energy and being “**winterwise**.” Some of these tips include:

1. **Shut-Off Protection** – Senior citizens, low-income customers, those with a medical emergency or in critical care, and military personnel may qualify for shut-off protection. Contact your utility company for more information.
2. **Plan Ahead** – Many utility companies have Budget Billing Plans that can spread out your peak winter heating bills, allowing for a more affordable monthly bill during the heating season. Contact your utility company for more information.
3. **Use Energy Wisely** – Reduce your energy use using [these helpful tips](#).
4. **Request Assistance** – Qualifying seniors and low-income customers may be eligible for financial assistance. Call 2-1-1 or visit www.mi211.org to learn about agencies in your county that can help you with your utility bill.
5. **Be Helpful** – Share this information with family and friends! If you are able, you can donate to organizations that provide energy assistance for families in need.
6. **Be Proactive** – Contact your utility company as soon as you know you will be unable to pay your bill on time. Do not wait for a shut-off notice.

It is so important that we all take the time to prepare ourselves for freezing Michigan temperatures and the costs of heating our homes during the winter. By taking precautions, sharing these resources with our loved ones, and asking for help when we need it, we can ensure all Michiganders stay warm this winter.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

Community Press Release – DAR Wreaths Across America



DAR Brings Wreaths Across America to Local Cemetery

Three Oaks, MI – December 11, 2021

Armed with warm hats and hearts the members from the Rebecca Dewey Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution gathered Saturday, November 11, 2021 for a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Shedd Cemetery in Three Oaks Township. Vice-Regent Sandy Wilhoit organized the event of a full ceremony. Chapter Regent Kathleen Avery Alton offered the beginning words and chapter Historian Carol Kent sending members to offer wreaths to honor the branches of service. A local veteran learned of the ceremony and brought her daughters to help commemorate her and her husband's service in the USAF.



Wreaths Across America is a national not-for-profit effort to provide wreaths to all veteran burials to honor their service to the country. At noon on November 11, wreaths were placed across the nation to honor veterans in both municipal and National cemeteries.

The chapter appreciated the presence of the American Legion Post 204 of Three Oaks' honor guard for presentation of colors and salute. Post Commander Jason Niemzyk provided the sound of taps. Township Supervisor George Mangold was also present with greetings and gratitude's.

About Wreaths Across America: Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at more than 2,500 veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and overseas. Volunteer Location Contact: Sandy Wilhoit, 269/462-3982 sswilhoit@aol.com

About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter:

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

Dewey Cannon – This cannon, captured in the Spanish-American War by Admiral Dewey, was presented to Three Oaks when its citizens raised \$1,400 for a memorial to the men of the battleship Maine. This was the largest contribution, per capita, of any community in the nation. "Three Oaks Against the World," a local paper proudly boasted. This park was dedicated October 17, 1899, by President William McKinley, and others. Presentation of the cannon took place on June 28, 1900. Guest of honor was Helen Miller Gould, called the Spanish-American War's "Florence Nightingale." Thousands of people were in attendance on each occasion.

<http://www.dar.org>

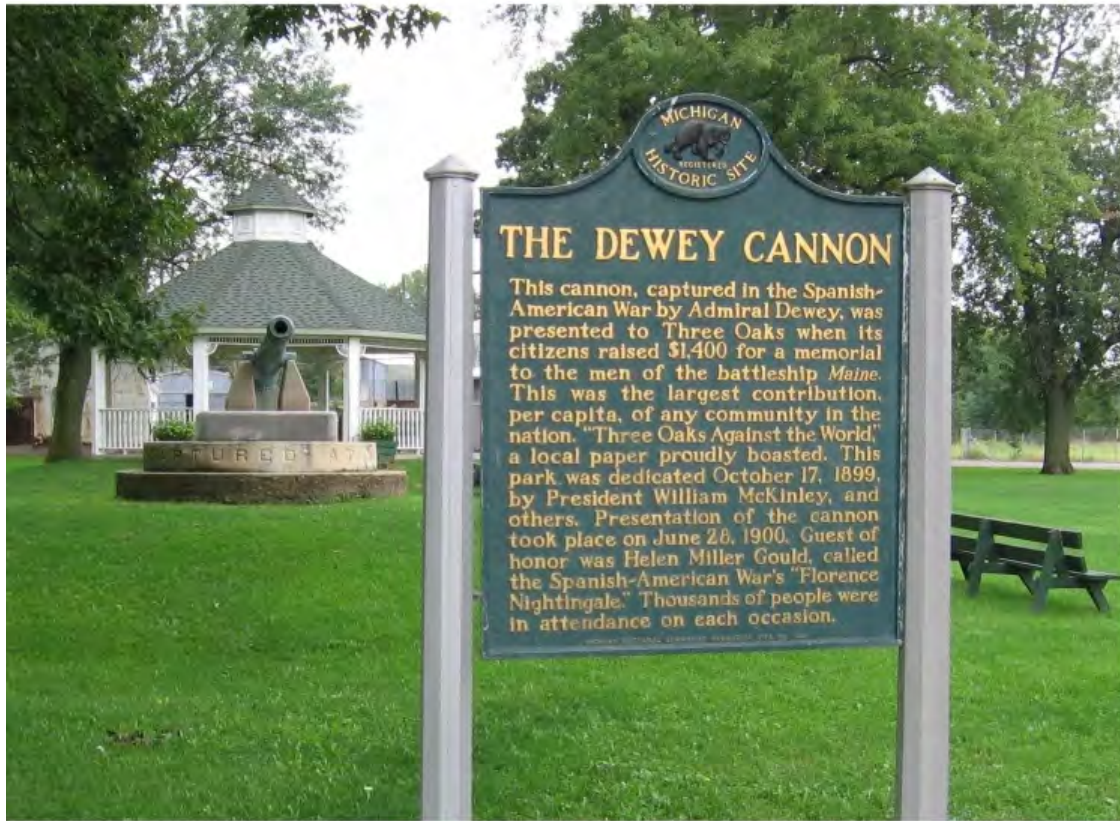
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter

Contact: Kathleen Avery Alton, Chapter Regent

<http://www.dewey.michdar.net>

rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com

Three Oaks, MI 49128



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

Puzzler Page – Issue 19

by Garrick Stubblefield

PUZZLER



Hi all, my name is Garrick Stubblefield and I live here in Buchanan. I joined the military right out of school. Recently, I was asked to join The Buchanan Chronicle by sports writer Nik Sanchez. I will be doing an array of, not only puzzles, but I will be doing sports and other articles. My objective is doing puzzles for your entertainment. Bear in mind that these puzzles have come from my head and not from any ol' newspaper, magazine, or book. I hope you love them and give me feedback as they come out.

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER

- Puzzle 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.
- THIS ISSUE Puzzles:

- 6 Letter –
 - BRAINS
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- 5 Letter –
 - MATES
 -
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- 4 Letter –
 - KIND
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 -

- 3 Letter –
 - KID
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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.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

Riddles below are clues to State names and State Capital names.

- STATES:
 1. This State is home to the famous Space Needle.
 2. This State has a person hiding from Law Enforcement.
- CAPITALS:
 - This Capital has a Roman Empress' name.
 - This Capital has a famous Rock Star, Rick _____.

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

- Instructions:
 - Search the given word to find a new word for each clue below.

NEW YEARS DAY

1. Female Sheep.

2. Not OLD but ____.
3. How you may like your STEAK done.
4. You may do this when a CONTRACT ends.
5. The United States has encountered many of THESE in its history.

PUZZLE 4 – 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.

532

1. CHANGE THE THIRD DIGIT TO A 1;
2. MAKE THE FIRST DIGIT A 9;
3. TAKE THE SECOND DIGIT AND MAKE IT A 1;
4. IF DONE CORRECTLY, YOU SHOULD HAVE A PHONE CALL FOR HELP.

PUZZLE 5 – SCRAMBLES

- Instructions:
 - This game's objective is to scramble the letters to form a new word. Some words may have at least 1 or at most 10. I'll specify how many you're looking for and how many letters long. Let's see how you do.
- Example:
 - TABLE – find 2 words of 5-letters each
 1. BLEAT
 2. BLATE

BEAT – find 3 words of 4-letters each

Check your answers by finding them throughout this issue. Read each article to find all the answers.

Automotive Tech Tips – Issue 19



Check Engine Light On?

by Thomas Hoyt

We've all had this happen to us at some time or another, the check engine light comes on in our automobile. Well I had a new experience for me a while ago. It was mid-December and as I was on my way home the check engine light started blinking. Now, normally we may see the check engine light come on solid and not blinking. So naturally I was concerned and texted my neighbor about it, who happens to be a mechanic. He responded with a

note stating that a blinking check engine light can mean something is causing damage to the engine. Yikes! 🙄 So I didn't waste time and called Denny's Automotive right here in Buchanan the very next day. I couldn't take the car in until the following Tuesday, so I let the car alone in my driveway until I could take it in to Denny's. Later that same day Denny's called me and told me that a spark plug was misfiring and that it appeared the car may have never had a tune up. Now a tune up with an automotive engine is where the spark plugs and plug wires are replaced with all new ones. So I told Denny's to go ahead with the tune up. I also had Denny's check the rear brakes, and as I suspected the rear brake rotors and pad needed replacing, so I had them do that also.

So the tip here today is this, if your check engine light comes on or starts blinking get that checked out right away. Denny's Automotive here in Buchanan is very reasonable and prompt with their service. Also, do not take the brakes in your automobile for granted! If they feel funny in any way, get them checked out.

Answer to Puzzle 4 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

911

Seasonal Sentiments – The New Year!



The New Year!

by Garrick Stubblefield

Wow! Can you believe it? We have gone through another year and are waiting on the arrival of 2022. This past year has been miserable to me but maybe not for others. As it goes for me the pandemic is getting quite old even though I may get it but knock on wood I don't. Just as I finish paying a bill, somehow a new one arises to start paying on it. I'm for the most part healthy but gotta hit the doctor's office at least once a year and their comment is keep staying healthy and I will see you next year. As I had a child at one time, I as a father checks on him or her to see how they are doing. Let's not forget the most important people in our lives and that is our parents if they are alive. I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2022.

Community Press Release – HCU New CAVP



Honor Credit Union Welcomes Beth Anderson as Community Assistant VP

Submitted by Kayla Smith, Honor Credit Union Brand Specialist

Berrien Springs, MI – December 29, 2021

Honor is proud to welcome Beth Anderson as Community Assistant Vice President for Southwest Michigan. Staying true to her roots, Anderson was born and raised in St. Joseph, Michigan, and resides there today with her husband, Dan, and two sons, Jackson and Grayson.



Beth Anderson, New HCU Community Assistant Vice President, Photo provided by HCU

Prior to joining Team Honor, Beth Anderson served as the Senior Account Executive with Mid-West Family Southwest Michigan for 20 years and is very familiar with the community-focused mindset that both Honor and Mid-West Family Broadcasting exemplify. Anderson will continue to bring this into her role as Community Assistant Vice President at Honor.

Honor's Community Assistant Vice Presidents (CAVP) work closely with several teams, including Honor's Member Center Managers, Member Experience, Marketing, Business Services and Real Estate teams. By working together, they can work to create relationships, serve the community, and act as a connector to provide members with financial solutions for success. As a CAVP, Anderson will be heavily involved in supporting community organizations and building business partnerships.

"I came to Honor knowing it was a great organization to work for, but after just a few months, I know it's much more than that," stated Anderson. "I believe there's no better financial institution to be part of in Southwest Michigan, personally or as a business. Our members benefit from lower to no fees in many cases, competitive rates, not to mention Honor's immense community impact. If that's not in the best interest of the member and community, I don't know what is."

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

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

Community Press Release – HCU with Lazy Ballerina Winery



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Honor Credit Union Partners with Lazy Ballerina in Fundraising Efforts for the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan

Submitted by Kayla Smith, Honor Credit Union Brand Specialist

St. Joseph, MI – January 3, 2022

Honor Credit Union is proud to partner with Lazy Ballerina Winery to assist in fundraising efforts for the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan (HSSM). Through the combination of Lazy Ballerina's sales and Honor's matching donation, the two collectively donated a total of \$5,000 to support the Humane Society.

Honor Credit Union & Lazy Ballerina Winery

A Big Boost for Humane Society Fundraising Efforts



Photo provided by HCU

In 2019, after purchasing the former Humane Society building in Benton Harbor, co-owners of Lazy Ballerina Winery, Lauren Kniebes, and Melanie Owen were inspired to give back to the shelter in a bigger way. In 2020, the wine fundraiser began. "We decided to designate two wines—appropriately called Humane White and Humane Red," stated Kniebes. "Each wine label featured an animal currently up for adoption at the shelter. We also allowed our customers to put their pet or a loved one's pet on the label." With each custom bottle of Lazy Ballerina Humane White and Humane Red sold, \$5.00 would be donated to the Humane Society.

To assist in getting this fundraiser off the ground, Lazy Ballerina and Honor Credit Union were able to connect and get the ball rolling. "We love having Honor as a partner, not only financially, but also in fundraising opportunities such as this! It's special to us to have the partnership of such dedicated individuals that care about their members and their community as a whole," commented Kniebes. "Honor not only matched our funds raised but generously donated some extra to help us reach our \$5,000 donation goal. With their help, we were able to make a bigger impact for animals in need!"

Both Lazy Ballerina and Honor have partnered with HSSM over the years in various ways. President of the Board of Directors for the Humane Society, Ronald Klemm, stated: "This partnership sends a clear message that they believe in our organization and share the same passion as we do – it's all about the animals."

The HSSM operates as a non-profit organization, relying on donations to continue their mission. Being involved in our communities and assisting where needed stems from the values Honor has established as a credit union.

"When COVID first developed, Honor was instrumental by helping the Humane Society establish PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loans and a Line of Credit. We were able to breathe easier knowing we were in good hands and had the financial support in place if needed," commented Klemm. "Even in casual conversation about upcoming events, the Honor team has always shown interest in being involved either financially or with volunteers. They are part of the Humane Society family and continue to support no matter the situation."

Honor looks forward to opportunities to continue such fundraising efforts in the years to come. "Contributing to our communities is of the utmost importance to Honor, and we strive for this same value in

partners like Lazy Ballerina and the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan,” stated Kent Figy, Chief Lending Officer at Honor Credit Union. On behalf of all organizations involved, we are grateful to all those who helped support this cause.

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

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

City Commission Meeting Agenda • December 28 2021

Pending Approval, Agenda with Minutes by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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

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

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

The Buchanan City Commission met for their regular meeting December 28nd 2021 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

TUESDAY, December 28, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Begin Agenda with Minutes:

I. Call to Order

Mayor Denison called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Recognition

None

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Denison led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Sean Denison, Mayor Pro Tem Marc Weedon, Commissioner Cameron Downey, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem.

ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; City Treasurer, Stephanie Powers; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; Department of Public Works, Mike Baker; Sargent John Leonard.

V. Approve Agenda

Amend the Agenda by adding Item XI. I. Proposed Lease Agreement for DPW under "New Business".

– Weedon Moved, Seconded by Money to accept the amended agenda. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

VI. Public Comment – Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

None

VII. Consent Agenda (can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)

A. Approving Closed Session Minutes for November 22, 2021.

B. Approving Closed Session Minutes for November 29, 2021.

C. Approving Regular Meeting Minutes for December 8th, 2021.

D. Approval Special Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2021.

E. Accept Staff Activity Reports

F. Approve Expenditures for December 28, 2021, in the amount of \$111,143.85.

– Motion made by Downey, Seconded by Swem to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

None

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

A. Community Development Report – Community Development Director Rich Murphy provided a brief report for his department.

B. One Buchanan Appointments – Consider appointing Deborah Hendrix, Ruth Writer, Adam Burck, and Robert White to become members of One Buchanan as recommended by the One Buchanan Committee on December 15, 2021.

– Motion made by Swem, Seconded by Weedon to approve appointing Deborah Hendrix, Ruth Writer, Adam Burck, and Robert White to become members of One Buchanan.

C. Friends of the McCoy Creek Trail – Consider approving a Resolution to award the Friends of the McCoy Creek Trail group \$5,000 annually for the next three years to be spent on their currently proposed trail expansion project.

– Motion made by Swem, Seconded by Money to approve Resolution 2021.12.236, as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XI. New Business

A. Restaurant Incentive Program Application – Consider approving a Restaurant Incentive Program Application for the Sweet Shop at 205 E. Front St.

* Murphy gave summary of Restaurant Incentive Program Application stating they are eligible for the full \$10,000.00 reward.

– Motion made by Swem, Seconded by Weedon to approve the Restaurant Incentive Program Application for the Sweet Shop at 205 E. Front St. in the amount of \$10,000.00. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

B. Cannavista Renewal Permit Application – Consider approval for Cannavista Wellness to transfer existing city marihuana permits to a newly named permittee, as part of their permit renewal application.

* Murphy gave a summary of the Renewal Permit Application. Asking for approval pending the background check coming back in good standing.

– Motion made by Downey, Seconded by Swem to approve the Cannavista Wellness renewal application, including the transfer of existing permits to a newly named permittee as presented pending final background check approvals. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Floodplain Assistance Application for Rowland Property Group – Consider approval for a Floodplain Assistance Program Application for Rowland Property Group LLC.

The largest vacant building on Front St. was purchased by the Rowland Property Group. The application is complete, and Murphy is asking for approval for the Floodplain Assistance Application.

– Motion made by Money, Seconded by Downey to approve the Floodplain Assistance Application for the Rowland Property Group as presented,

Yes: Money, Downey, Weedon, Denison.

Abstain: Swem; for business interest.

D. Redevelopment Technical Assistance Application for 3234 E. Dewey St. – Consider approving a Redevelopment Technical Assistance Program Application for “Building 324/Clark Campus.”

* Murphy gave a summary of the Application. The commission had the chance to tour the building. They have identified an opportunity to nominate the Clark Campus to be put on the National Register of Historic Places. With that it will open funding for historic tax credits.

– Motion made by Downey, Seconded by Swem to approve the Redevelopment Technical Assistance Application for Building 324/Clark Campus, as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

E. Aloft Processing Permit Application – Consider approving processing permit applications submitted by Aloft Processing for 317 Post Rd.

* Murphy gave a summary of the Application, Aloft was approved for a special use permit by the Planning Commission. This is a significant investment which creates 10 to 20 jobs.

– Motion made by Downey, Seconded by Weedon to approve the Aloft Processing permit application, as presented, pending final background check approvals. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

F. Proposed Contracts, Prein & Newhof – Consider approving the contracts proposed by Prein & Newhof to continue their ongoing work on our Streetscape project and our water/sewer projects.

* Grace is asking for the authority to execute the contracts by Prein & Newhof for Streetscape and water/sewer projects.

* Swem asked when the city anticipates funding or a group being put together to guide that project.

* Grace stated as soon as the contracts are approved, they will be ready to put the group together for visioning sessions. Then bring in the water/ sewer engineers.

– Motion made by Swem, Seconded by Money to authorize the City Manager to execute the contracts proposed by Prein & Newhoff for the Streetscape and water/sewer projects, pending final review and acceptance by the City Attorney.

G. Consider Approving Resolution 2021.12/239- DPW Building Authority Bond

* Grace gave a summary on the proposed Resolution. The number that is proposed does not mean that is the amount the city will borrow; it just sets a maximum. The resolution passing gives the city the opportunity to go out for the bonds. Grace is still working diligently on finding grants and low interest loans. As they further mesh out what the new infrastructure bill passed by the federal government will provide for the City, they hope and anticipate it will lessen the financial obligation. Grace is recommending approval to keep moving forward and having that back up funding if needed.

– Motion made by Money, Seconded by Denison to approve Resolution 2021.12/239.

– Discussion opened between Commissioners.

* Swem expressed concern with the spending of the project. He does not feel comfortable with 5.7 million. He respects putting more in the budget for spending, but it is about 2.5 million more than his comfort level. Before he can vote he would like to understand where the commission stands on financially where this project should be.

* Denison stated that we are having a work session at the end of January to meet with the construction consultants and the commission to give them our target number for the building.

* Denison has stated he trusts Grace and that no one is out to spend 6 million dollars.

* Swem asking why such a high dollar amount then.

* Grace added that the numbers came after discussion with Barton Group and Bergman, wanted to make sure that if the city committed to this project, which they did by hiring AVB as the Construction Manage, that ultimately if construction prices rise, they have a contingency plan built in so that the project does not stall for lack of funding. Many of the grants that the city is looking at is along the lines of a reimbursement style grant. If the city receives the grant, they would be able to pay the bond off right away after the building was complete.

* Downey with Swem, stating that three years ago it was a 1.1-million building. Now it went from 3 million to 4.7 million and now the bond is 5.7 million. Worried that were giving to much lead.

* Downey concerned about the price and does not believe the Commissioner's opinions were asked as far as a dollar amount until the last 2 meetings.

* Denison disagrees, all the recommendations from Bergman and The Barton Group were brought to the

Commission. And so far, the Commission has approved everything that's been recommended.

* Downey stated because there was still no final dollar amount.

* Denison stating and that there still is no final amount, that the session at the end of January is the time for the commission to say where they want the number to be.

* Swem asking what the downside is to approve a lower dollar amount.

* Grace answered, the downside is if we are not able to find a lower construction number to build the building that is suitable to are needs and we don't have grant funding at that time and but know grant funding in coming later and we don't have another source for those numbers the whole project could stall out.

* Swem stating grant funding is not a guarantee, and if it costs 5.7 million to get the DPW what they want, were going to spend it and he can't support that. He would support the bond at 4.5 million knowing the group wants to be below that. Swem would like to see 3 to 3.5 million.

* Downey concerned about the footprint of the building, with the footprint getting larger.

* Grace let the commission know that they did approve the figures of the footprint that were presented in past meetings, with the option of reducing price with downsizing the footprint.

* Denison is concerned about stalling the project, since they are moving the DPW out of the building and would rather see it keep moving. Since they have the final say when the time comes.

* Commissioners continued to discuss about the cost and footprint.

* Money agrees we need to sit down and if there are areas that can be scale back to reduce the cost, we should do discuss it. We need to look at different options in the work session.

Weedon sees it as a line of credit, the reason why were so hesitant is because we do not want to spend that amount of money. This is the limit. Wants a solid building that's safe for the crew and equipment.

– End of discussion, Denison asked for roll call since they had a motion,

Yes: Denison, Weedon, Downey, Money

No: Swem

H. Year-End and Housekeeping Issues.

Nothing now.

I. Proposed Lease Agreement for DPW

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed lease agreement for the DPW, as presented.

That would allow the DPW to move on January 6th or after. Until it is executed it won't be available to the public.

– Motion made by Downey, Seconded by Swem to authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed lease agreement for the DPW, as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

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

A. Update on AEP Foundation Christmas Lights Contest

Grace gave an update, letting her 10-year-old son to choose the winner of the light contest.

Tomorrow morning you will see some pictures and the winners will be contacted. There was a lot of beautiful lights.

XIII. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

None

XIV. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

To echo Community Development Director Murphy statements, the leadership is putting

Buchanan in a great situation to benefit positively. Commends the Commission for that and the public's support for the new financial incentives. Also, the great business leadership were seeing in Buchanan, by bringing vitality and jobs.

B. Commissioner Comments

* Weedon – Thanked Rich Murphy, in the beginning everyone was hesitant in dealing with a new economic development director. Anything with economic advancement hadn't been talked about in decades. We have a lot of activity and discussion, and a lot of the responsibility is a reflection of your dedication to the city.

* Swem – Wanted to clarify that the funding for the programs that were approved came from cannabis funds and ARPA funds. Let Murphy know that he's doing an excellent job so far a lot of the investment groups are reaching out and asking questions about Buchanan. Thanked the Commission for the discussion earlier on the DPW bond.

* Downey – None

* Money – Reiterated what Weedon and Swem stated about Murphy. Thanks to his diligence in moving Buchanan

forward. It's refreshing to see all the work being done on buildings, it's something we haven't seen in a while. Also, a thank you to Randy for what he's doing with building 324, it's very impressive. Sargent Leonard was nominated as the Police officer of the year for the City of Buchanan. He congratulated Leonard on the recognition.

C. Mayor Comments

Wanted to hit highlights of the year.

- . Memorial Day Parade which after 2020 was a really nice thing to have.
- . Celebrating Hannah Roberts and her watch party was an event in itself.
- . Great season of concerts and events at the Common.
- . Buchanan High School Baseball and Softball teams had great success this year.
- . Opened the new Wastewater treatment plant which is a state-of-the-art gem.
- . New Businesses in town.
- . The master plan was completed, the 5-year park and rec plan is nearly complete.

And that's all due to the Commissioners. Denison thanked the Commissioners stating it's not always a glorious job but appreciates each one of them and the time they put in.

Thanked City Manager Grace for getting her first calendar year under her belt and is very proud of what she has done. Considering new website, new accounting software, a ton of new staff she has really juggled it all, congratulations to her. Thanked Rich Murphy started this is exactly what he was envisioning happening, super proud of the work he has done. City Staff have put in a ton of hours, and it is appreciated. Thanked the Tree Friends for nearly 100 trees planted this year and couldn't have gotten it done without the DPW staff. Thanked the DPW staff and the volunteers of the community. Thanked the Chamber of Commerce, by adding Ashley Regal is a win for the city and the chamber. He could not be happier with the progress that is being made. Finally wanted to thank Jerry Flenar. He is the energizer bunny, he raised almost 200,000 by himself this year to expand the trail, he is a great asset to our community. Also wanted to give a thank you to the organizers and merchants of the Farmer's Market, they had an outstanding year this year.

Happy New Year and let's keep up the good work.

XV. Adjourn

- Motion made Weedon, Seconded by Money to Adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

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Board of Education Organizational Meeting Agenda • January 10 2022

Submitted by Michelle Munyon, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Buchanan Community Schools

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- **Organizational Meeting**
- **1/10/2021 6:00 PM**
- **Watch the live stream: <https://youtu.be/FPBU6ybo20A>**

- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
- **401 W. Chicago Street**
- **Buchanan, MI 49107**

Begin Agenda:

A. Opening of Meeting by President

Description: We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.

All regular meetings have been posted on our district website, in our central office, and in each district school building. Tonight's agenda has been posted on our website and emailed out to the BCS Board of Education Community Subscription. Our school board members receive the agenda and all supporting documents for reports and action items several days prior to this scheduled meeting, so they can review information, prepare questions or comments, and are ready to participate fully in the discussions and votes that encompass the duties of their office.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

There is a time for regular public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item H. If you wish to make a presentation to the Board, please fill out the Speaker Card and pass it to the Board President before item H on the agenda.

Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

D. Election of Acting Chairperson

E. Board Member Appointments

E.I. Election of President

E.II. Election of Vice-President

E.III. Election of Secretary

E.IV. Election of Treasurer

F. Adoption of Agenda

G. Recognition of Visitors (All visitors, please sign the sign-in sheet.)

H. Community Dialogue/Citizens' Concerns

I. Recommended Action – Other

I.I. Committee Assignments

I.II. Building Liaisons

I.III. Legal Counsel

I.IV. School Depositories

I.V. Auditor Services

I.VI. Cooperative Agreements

I.VII. 2022 Board Calendar

J. Questions & Comments from Board Members

K. Next Board Meeting:

1. Monday, January 17th at 6pm

L. Adjournment

You may view the completed January 10, 2022 Board of Education Meeting Minutes on [the Buchanan Community Schools website here](#).



Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

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

Vision: To develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

Beliefs: We Believe in providing a safe, supportive, respectful environment, opportunities for all students (options), student growth and achievement, and cooperative relationships among students, families, stakeholders and community members.

Members of the public may contact members of the school board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the board. These items will also be shared with the Superintendent.

- Dr. Harvey Burnett, President – hburnett@buchananschools.com
- Ruth Writer, Vice-President – rwriter@buchananschools.com
- Kelly Laesch, Secretary – klaesch@buchananschools.com
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- Dr. Scott Carlin, Trustee – scarlin@buchananschools.com

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Upon request to Michelle Munyon, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meeting.

Remembering – Issue 19



Buchanan Losses • 12/17/21-1/7/22

Name	Age	Born	Died
Donald Shelton	72	October 15, 1949	January 4, 2022
Eric Allen Thompson	60	March 28, 1961	January 4, 2022
John Edward Erickson	84	May 16, 1937	January 2, 2022
Jean Ann Nyhuis	64	July 12, 1957	January 2, 2022
Nedra Jean Sebalj	91	May 12, 1930	January 1, 2022
Fern William Snook	93	April 15, 1928	December 31, 2021
Nancy Louise Holmes	92	January 29, 1929	December 28, 2021
Frieda Marie Phillippi	83	July 11, 1938	December 28, 2021
Shirley Ann Hamilton	95	July 6, 1926	December 24, 2021
Marie Kangas	102	April 9, 1919	December 23, 2021
Stacy A. Sater	51	May 18, 1970	December 22, 2021
Michael Pridavka, Jr.	98	July 27, 1923	December 22, 2021
James Glen "Jim" Vidt	75	December 14, 1946	December 17, 2021

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.

* Our Special Condolences go out to the Family, Friends, and millions of viewers who lost an American Icon, Betty White the last day of 2021.



Betty White, Image from [IMDb](#)

Betty Marion White Ludden was an American actress and comedian. A pioneer of early television, with a career spanning over eight decades, White was noted for her vast work in the entertainment industry and being one of the first women to work both in front of and behind the camera.

Funeral arrangements for Betty White are still in progress, Jeff Witjas, White's agent at APA (Agency for the Performing Arts) told People, after the actress died in her sleep of natural causes at the age of 99. Witjas reported that White's wishes were for a private ceremony.

Betty Marion White Ludden	99	January 17, 1922	December 31, 2021
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