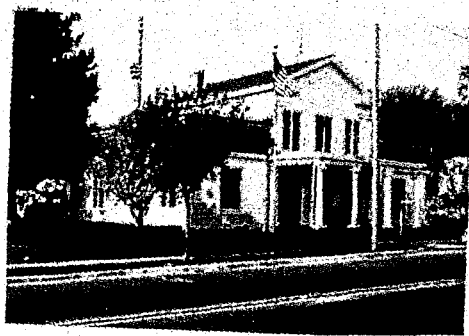
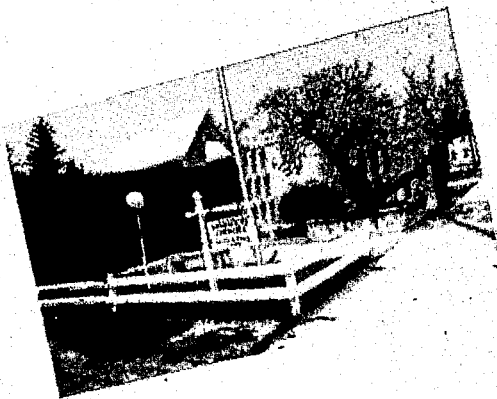


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NEWCOMERS GUIDE



SUPPLEMENT TO: *Berrien County Record* JULY 26, 1995

Welcome to the Berrien County Record 1995 Newcomer's Guide

If you are new to Buchanan, then please accept our warmest welcomes. But even if you've been here since before the last ice age, we hope you'll use this guide. We've gathered a wealth of information in these pages, important to newcomers and Buchanan-ites alike.

For more years than anyone really knows, people have made the banks of McCoy Creek their home. Time goes on and new people enter the picture. So to help make your transition from former-home to Buchanan-home a smooth and enjoyable one, we present here for your use and enjoyment, a compilation of things to do, places to see and some helpful information you may need along the way.

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Usually when newcomers arrive in a strange town, their main concern is finding a place to live. Buchanan has a variety of housing options available from apartment complexes to condominiums. If you don't plan to stay in Buchanan long or if visitors need temporary housing, bed and breakfast inns may fit your needs.

Day to day living is easier for those who grew up here, but finding a doctor or veterinarian, or even a place to live, can be tougher for new pilgrims. So here's some of that information. Also, a part of many people's community is their church family, so we've provided a church directory with a map.

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APARTMENTS

—Buchanan Place Apartments, 601 W. Fourth St., offer one- and two-bedroom apartments in addition to two-bedroom duplexes. Located just inside the city limits, across from the Buchanan Middle School, residents get all the advantages of city living without actually being in the middle of it all. Other features include an outdoor swimming pool, air conditioning, wall-to-wall carpeting and laundry facilities. For more details, contact Tammy Patrick, manager, 695-7543.

—Metea Court, 809 Ryneerson Road, is a senior citizen complex for those who desire smaller living quarters without having to worry about maintenance. One- and two-bedroom apartments, designed for seniors, disabled or handicapped persons, are available. The facility is named for Potawatomi Chief Metea, who was a peace mediator and advocate for the care of elderly. Call 695-9842 for more information.

—Mill Pond Apartments, 800 E. Smith St., offer one bedroom

apartments specially designed for senior citizens or those with a handicap. Other features include kitchen appliances, a laundry facility and community room. For information, call 695-0475.

—Parkside Terrace Apartments, 603 N. Redbud Trail, is located on one of Buchanan's main roads near the downtown area. One- and two-bedroom apartments are available in addition to two-bedroom townhouses. For more information, call 695-7543.

—Ryneerson Village, located at 1386 Leisure St. next to Brookwood Golf Course, offers studio, one-, two- and three-bedrooms in its 79 units. Laundry facilities and cable are available. Call 695-5381 for details.

—West Wind Apartments, 808 W. Front St., is straight west of downtown Buchanan. Housing options include studio, one-, two- or three-bedroom apartments with a range, dishwasher, garbage disposal, refrigerator/freezer, private patios/balconies, indoor pool and tennis court. For more information, call 695-2555.

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—Four Flags Farm, located on North Redbud Trail, offers a country retreat. Three rooms are available, each with different ac-

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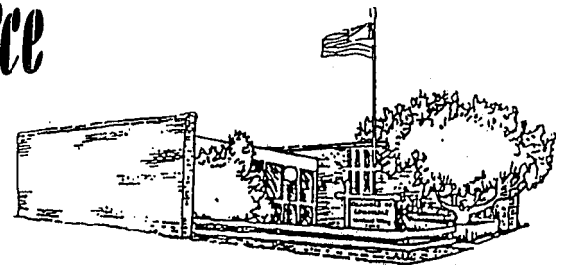
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—**Primrose Path**, 413 E. Front St., offers visitors an alternative to stark hotel accommodations. Owners Kathy and Larry Barnett have decorated four guestrooms with quilt comforters and antiques that create unique looks. Built in 1905, the home is nestled in a wooded area that overlooks McCoy Creek. For more information, call the Barnetts at 695-6321.

—**Starr Valley Ranch**, Warren Woods Road, offers quaint accommodations on this private ranch. Call 708-690-1800 for information.

—**White Gate Farm Bed and Breakfast**, 1380 Glendora Road, offers a quiet, nature atmosphere in a home built by Joseph Coveney in 1879. Rooms are simply furnished with American country antiques. For more information, call 695-9575.

DEVELOPMENTS

—**Camp Madron Condominium Association**, 1961 Camp Madron Road, has 240 acres with 49, one-half acre sites. Residents are both year-round and summer-only, mainly from Chicago. Activities offered are fishing, tennis and baseball. For more information, call 695-2409.

—**White Oaks** is situated 20 minutes from South Bend or St. Joseph on the St. Joseph River. It is placed in a country setting with activities such as golf, tennis and fishing available. There are four styles of homes, ranging from the Magnolia to the Dogwood designs. For more information, call New Day Real Estate 695-5148.

MOBILE HOME PARKS

—**Hills Haven Mobile Home Park** is located at 4205 Hills Haven Road. For information, call 695-5148.

—**Riverside Mobile Home Estates**, 14566 N. Redbud Trail, offers a quiet setting on the St. Joseph River. Facilities include a large outdoor recreation area and laundry. Call 695-3119 for more information.

FINANCES

Finding a bank nearby that offers services that fit your needs should be a top priority when moving to town. Buchanan has many financial institutions ready to fit the bill. The following is just a list. Call around to see which bank fits your individual needs.

—**Country Heritage Credit Union**, 16580 Bakertown Road, 695-2334.

—**LaSalle Federal Savings Bank**, 720 E. Front St., 695-3884.

—**Old Kent Bank-Southwest**, 702 E. Front St., 695-1100.

—**Shoreline Bank**, 128 Main St., 695-3815.

—**United Federal Credit Union**, 808 E. Front St., 695-0116

PHYSICIANS & HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

—**Buchanan Family Medical Center**, 257 E. Front St., contains the offices of Roy Parke, D.O. The center specializes in family practice, pediatric, adult and geriatric health care. Call 695-5540 for more information.

—**Center for Community Health**, 804 E. Front St., houses the office of Harold Brown, M.D., a general practice doctor. For more details, call 695-3897.

—**Center for Women's Health** is located at 802 E. Front St. Services include gynecology, family practice, nutrition counseling, obstetrics, psychology and nurse-midwifery. Call 695-1711 for more information.

—**Patricia Moore**, podiatrist, has an office inside the Rehabilitation Institute at Tri-State Hospital. Call 695-3851 for details.

—**Psychology Associates** is located in the Buchanan Family Medical Center at 257 E. Front St. Call 695-3811 for more information.

—**Westside Medical Clinic, P.C.** is located at 999 W. Front St. Doctors M. Faustino and F.J. Inocencio provide internal medicine, family practice and general surgery services. Call 695-7511 for more details.

OPTOMETRISTS

—**Eugene Benedict, O.D.** has an office at 802 E. Front St., call 695-9011 for more information.

—**Smoke Family Vision Cen-**

ter is the business of Drs. Steven and Brenda Smoke. Located at 113 W. Main St., the phone number for more information is 695-3434.

DENTISTS

—**Dentists Richard Beistle and Joyce Jlek** share an office building at 121 Main St. Call 695-3601 for more information.

—**Ronald Carr, DDS** has a dental office at 802 E. Front St. Call 695-5820 for additional information.

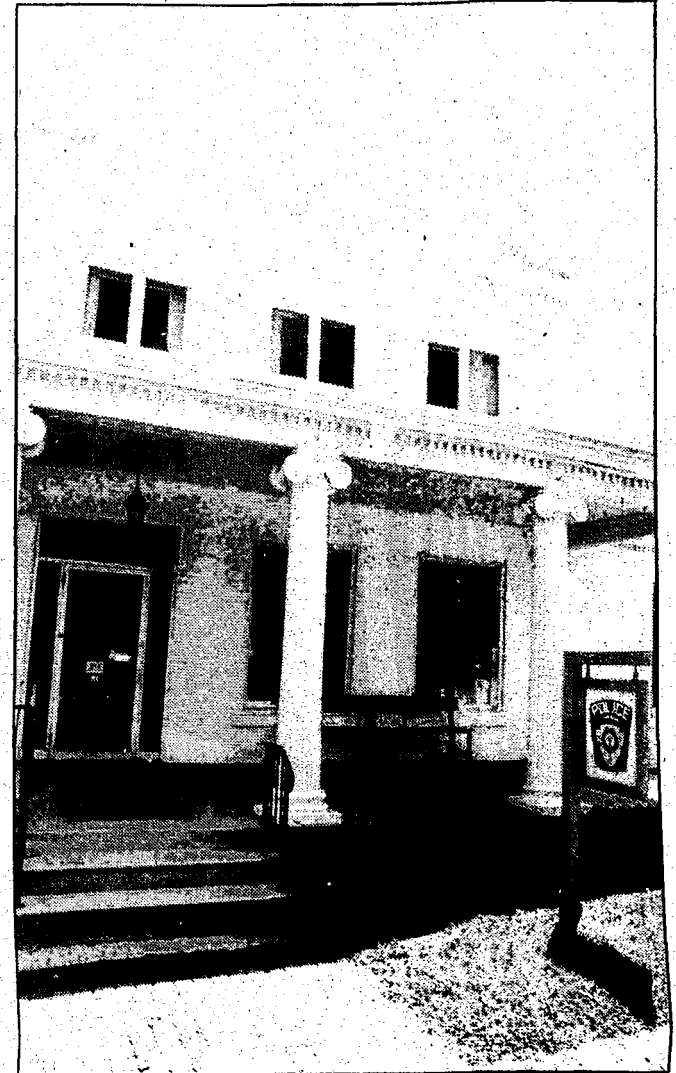
HOSPITALS

—**Mercy Memorial Medical Center**, 1234 Napier Avenue in St. Joseph, is a 278-bed medical center with oncology, cardiac surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedic, obstetrical and rehabilitation services. Call 983-8300 for more details.

—**Pawating Hospital**, 31 N. St. Joseph St. in Niles, is a 174-bed facility serving the southwest Michigan area. It is staffed with both primary care and specialty hospital-based physicians such as anesthesiologists, emergency room physicians, pathologists, obstetricians and radiologists. For more information, call 683-5510.

—**Rehabilitation Institute at Tri-State Hospital**, 15198 N. Main St., specializes in patients with head injuries. It does not provide emergency services. For more information, call 695-3851.

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The Buchanan Police Department is located in the old city hall building, 107 West Front St.

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VETERINARIANS

--Ani-Med Animal Health Care, 9781 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman. 465-5985.

--Buchanan Animal Clinic, 110 S. Redbud Trail, Buchanan. 695-0175.

--County Line Animal Clinic, 2164 Oak, Niles. 683-6511.

--Hecht Veterinary Hospital, 7675 N. US 31, Berrien Springs. 471-7042.

--Niles Animal Clinic, 2116 S. 11th Street, Niles. 684-0082.

--River Valley Equine Clinic and Small Animal Hospital, 315 Bell, Niles. 684-4269.

--Three Oaks Veterinary Clinic, 11 Butternut, Three Oaks. 756-3951.

--Buffalo Veterinary Hospital, 3525 Buffalo Road, Niles. 695-6101.

RECYCLING

Since December 1992, Buchanan households served by city trash have had a weekly, mandatory curbside collection of recyclables.

Materials that must be recycled include clear and colored glass, metal cans, No. 2 plastic and newspapers. Each household is provided a 14-gallon, heavy-duty plastic recycling bin free of charge which is emptied on normal trash days.

Many people think that recycling is too difficult or time-consuming. However, if done on a regular basis, recycling can be very simple. To recycle clear or colored glass, one needs only to remove the lid and wash out the bottle. To recycle metal cans, simply rinse the inside, remove the label and flatten. For plastic, rinse and flatten.

Buchanan's Community Recycling Program is a major component of its Clean Michigan Communities project for which the city has received over \$600,000 in capital funding. Buchanan is one of six model communities selected by the Department of Natural Resources for implementation of communitywide waste reduction activities. Other activities funded through the grant include yard waste compost and public education on waste reduction activities.

The city's Solid Waste Ordinance requires that residents no longer discard recyclable items with their household trash. Individuals who leave recyclable items in their trash may be subject to termination of city trash collection service or a fine.

Buchanan Recycles!

FUNTIME

All aboard! Art, theater, food and festivals abound in the Buchanan area. With so much to do and so many places to go, we thought it would be useful to gather a few art and entertainment pursuits together. Although not a definitive compilation, it is a brief compendium of places to go and things to do. So give your tickets to the porter and all aboard for fun time!

servatory, and art exhibition gallery. There are also a number of special events and nature, arts and crafts and gardening programs for children, families and adults.

Fernwood is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday April-October and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. the rest of the year.

Admission is \$3, adults; free for those under age 6; \$1 for students ages 6-13; and \$2 for students ages 13-19 and senior citizens.

To get to Fernwood, take Redbud Trail to Walton Road and turn left on Range Line Road.

FERNWOOD

Fernwood began in the home of Kay and Walter Boydston. In 1964, the Boydstons were joined by Larry and Mary Plym to make Fernwood a public not-for-profit institution.

Today Fernwood consists of over 100 acres: nature trails, 50 acres; landscaped gardens, 8 acres; restored prairie, 5 acres; and arboretum, 40 acres.

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PEARS MILL

Pears Mill is a historical structure located in the heart of downtown Buchanan. Built around 1857, today the mill is restored and operated as a historical site by the Buchanan Preservation Society.

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Today, Pears Mill has equipment acquired from Morley Mill at New Troy and other sources. It also has an overshot water wheel which is 10 feet in diameter and 5 feet wide.

Pears Mill was acquired by the Downtown Development Authority in 1983. By Oct. 31, 1994, the Preservation Society had Phase I of the renovation completed. This included removing all the elevator towers and other additions subsequent to 1857 and putting back on the original lap siding and 12 over 12 windows, casements, trim and doors. The work was done by Amishmen under the direction of Ivan Hochstetler of Nappanee, Ind.

The next phase of the restoration proved to be difficult as 19th century machinery, which has not been produced in 90 years, was required. The Preservation Society had to look to many sources to get the mill working again and by Labor Day, 1989 stone-ground flour and cornmeal were produced using water power.

Officially dedicated on Memorial Day, 1989, the mill is now open from Memorial Day to the end of September on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-4 p.m.

BUCHANAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Buchanan Public Library is a place where one can research, study and read and also where children can view exhibits and participate in special programs and activities.

The library, located on Front Street, was dedicated on June 17, 1956. Walter C. Hawes started the campaign for the new library and Clark Equipment Company donated the initial contribution.

Since then the library has changed both inside and out. In addition to the existing Hanley-Newberry Memorial Room, a 1,500 square-foot addition was built in 1966, and another addition was completed in 1979.

In 1992, the library grew to a 52,333 circulation and added 1,565 volumes.

The library appears destined for more changes as well. The librarian for over 20 years, Nancy Holmes retired recently. She was replaced by Paula Dale, who has been making several changes.

The Friends of the Buchanan Library group was established on Nov. 16, 1956. It has become more active over the past few years as members have supported the library and organized

special events such as book sales.

For more information, call the library at 695-3681.

SENIOR CENTERS

The Greater Niles-Buchanan Committee on Aging Inc. assists seniors through programs, activities and trips. The local center is the Buchanan Senior Center, 131 S. Oak St., which runs in conjunction with the Senior Citizens' Center, 16 S. Third St. in Niles.

Seniors no longer sit in rocking chairs knitting sweaters. They are out and about. A favorite activity at the Buchanan facility is line dancing, which is taught once per week for an hour.

Another activity is cards. Earlier this year a lengthy euchre tournament was held with the Central County Senior Center in Berrien Springs. In the spirit of competition, prizes were awarded to winners and runners-up.

Among other activities offered are games, bingo, shopping trips, senior king and queen contests, coupon/refunding groups, quilting/ceramics classes and



Seniors enjoy many activities at the Buchanan Senior Center. It is also the meeting place for the Side Busters line dancing group.

potlucks.

However, not everything is fun and games. The Buchanan Senior Center is also the site of health and blood pressure clinics, exercise classes and flu/pneumonia shot clinics. In addition, the Buchanan facility coordinates with the Senior Nutrition Services

Region IV for meals.

The center also provides relief in filling out confusing forms such as taxes, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid as well as making referrals for senior programs and legal aid.

Other senior citizen centers in the area are:

--Central County Center for Senior Citizens Inc., 4803 E. Shawnee Road, Berrien Springs, 471-2017.

--River Valley Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 275, Harbert, 469-4556.

To contact the Buchanan Senior Center, call 695-7110, or the Niles Senior Center at 683-9380.

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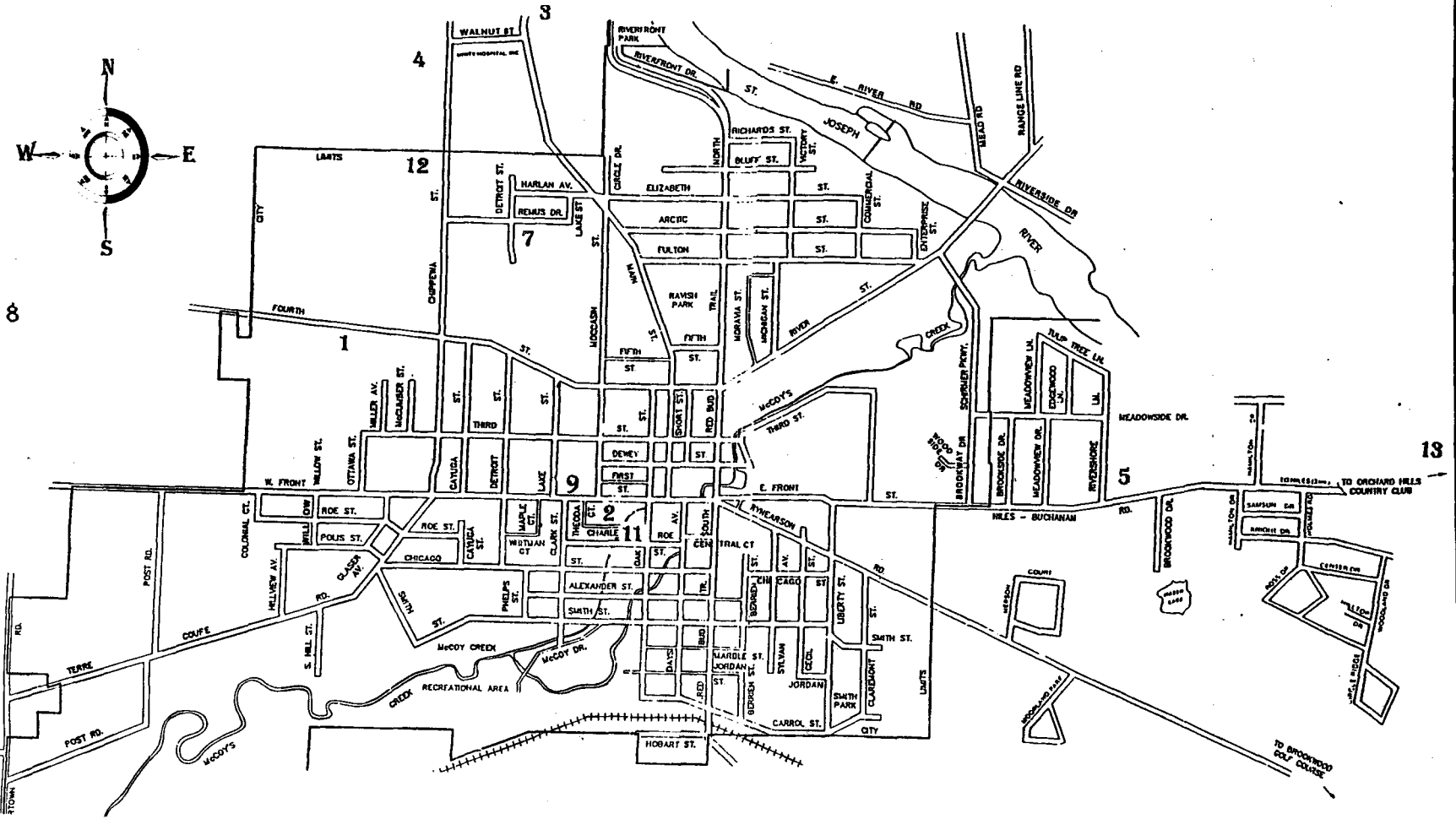
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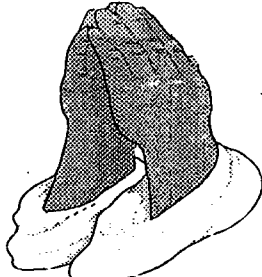
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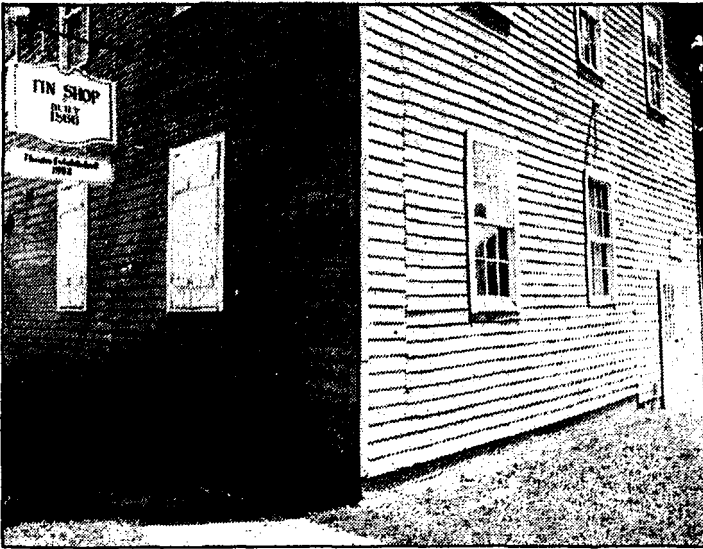
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<p>6. Hills Corners Bible Baptist Church 862 W. Glendora Rd., Buchanan Pastor Russell Boersma - 695-3759 Sunday School 10am Morning Preaching 11am Sunday night preaching 6pm Wednesday Bible Study AWANA 7pm</p>	<p>7. Faith United Methodist Church 728 N. Detroit St., Buchanan Richard D. Wilson, Pastor 695-3261 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship 11:15am</p>	<p>8. Wildwood Baptist Church 14900 W. Clear Lake Rd., Buchanan 695-2393 422-2029 Rev. Derek Cromwell, Pastor Sunday School 10:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am & 7:00pm</p>	<p>9. St. Paul's Lutheran Church 212 W. Front St., Buchanan Rev. Wm. C. Lahrman, Pastor 695-9061 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15am Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am</p>	<p>10. Portage Prairie United Methodist Church 2450 Orange Rd., Niles Rev. Larry Mannino, Pastor Sunday Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am</p>
<p>11. First United Methodist Church 132 S. Oak St., Buchanan Curtis E. Jensen, Pastor Sunday School/Youth Group 9:30am Sunday Worship 11:00am Sunday Bible Study 7:00pm Summer worship 10:00am No Sunday school/No Youth Group</p>	<p>12. First Missionary Baptist Church 925 Chippewa St., Buchanan Charles L. Johnston, Pastor 695-9615 Sunday School 10:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am & 6pm Wednesday Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>13. Life Action Ministries <i>America's Family-Centered Revival Team</i> 2000 Morris, Niles 684-5905 *Revival Crusades *Revival Publications *Multi-Image Productions *Retreats & Conferences</p>	 <p>WORSHIP TOGETHER AS A FAMILY</p>	



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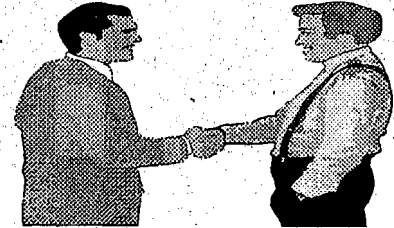
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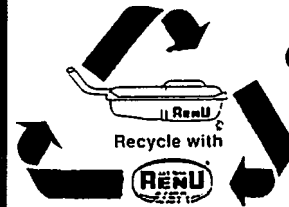
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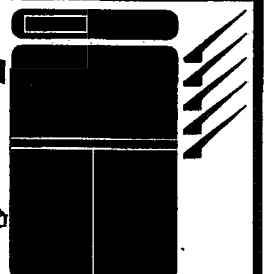
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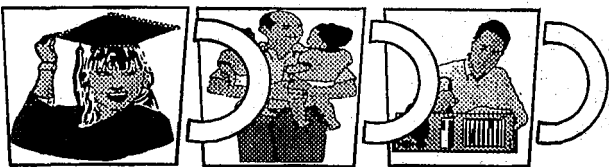
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PARKS

The Buchanan Parks Department maintains several parks in town. Here is a rundown:

—**McCoy Creek Recreation Area** is a major park encompassing 20 acres. Divided by McCoy Creek, the park is located south of West Front Street. It offers two fully-enclosed softball diamonds, picnic tables, grills, a 60 foot-by-40 foot picnic shelter, playground equipment and several large green areas. The shelter can be reserved by calling Buchanan City Hall, 695-3844.

—**Smith Park**, located at the corner of Liberty and Carrol streets, contains five acres. This neighborhood playground has two newly resurfaced tennis courts, playground equipment and two baseball fields.

—**Kathryn Park**, located at Moccasin and Fourth streets, was refurbished in 1990. Slightly more than an acre large, it has a variety of play-ground equipment available along with picnic tables.

—**Ravish Park** is a neighborhood playground located on Fulton street between Main, Redbud Trail North and Fifth streets. In addition to playground equipment, there are two basketball courts on this 5 1/2 acre lot.

—**Memorial Field Complex** is a 16 1/2 acre area located between Smith and Chicago streets. It has a baseball diamond, track, football and softball fields, two tennis courts and restroom facilities.

—**Redbud Riverfront Park** is located off Redbud Trail adjacent to the St. Joseph River. A special purpose facility park, it includes a boat ramp, ample parking, restrooms, picnic tables, grills and fish cleaning station. It has 14 1/2 acres.

—**North End Park**, located at the corner of Victory and Arctic streets, is a neighborhood playground with a basketball court on one-half acre.

—**E.B. Clark Woods** is an area consisting of 12 acres and located adjacent to Schirmer Parkway. A major attraction is a nature trail winding through a heavily wooded area surrounding McCoy Creek.

YMCA

NILES—The Niles-Buchanan YMCA Family Center has a long history of offering programs for children, fitness classes for adults and recreation opportunities for families in order for everyone to develop a healthy mind, body and spirit.

Each year the "Y" has many activities scheduled to accomplish this goal. There's everything from country-western line dancing to powerwalking, from aerobics to aquarobics and from gymnastics to baton.

The YMCA has an indoor pool, gymnasium, 1/18th of a mile indoor rubber track, 15 station Universal weight room, CAMSTAR weight room with free weights, exercise bikes, rowers, stair climber and two air-conditioned racquetball courts.

Perhaps the "Y's" most important objective is providing time for families to spend together. Everyday a time slot is left open so families can play volleyball, basketball or take a swim.

"We set this time aside so they can do these activities as a family unit," said Siegel. "The 'Y' really stresses family."

Siegel invites residents to stop in at the YMCA and check out the programs. The first visit is free. "Come over and take a look to



The St. Joseph River is a sportsman's paradise. This photo was taken from Fisherman's Park, Buchanan.

see how much it has changed and grown," she said. "The only thing we can do is get better."

For more information on membership fees, class schedules or programs, call the YMCA at 683-1552.

FISHING

While the area's lakes provide natural beauty, they also are the perfect place for fishing and other recreational activities.

Local fishermen enjoy catching steelhead, lake trout, brown trout, skamania and Chinook and coho salmon are well-known throughout the St. Joseph River. In addition, the Buchanan fish ladder was completed in 1991 and Niles fish ladder in 1993.


The St. Joseph River also has plenty of rainbow and brown trout, large and small mouth bass, pike, perch, carp, walleye, suckers and panfish while area

lakes are filled with bass, bluegill, crappie, catfish and panfish.

Keep in mind that specific information is always available at baitshops and the Michigan Department of Resources at 517-373-0908.

There is a local marina. Buchanan Marine Inc. is located at 1103 N. Redbud Trail.

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Ronnie's Pavilion and Beach is located off Clear Lake at 15721 Lakeview Drive. This is a private beach with public access. Call

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CAMPING

Three Braves Campground, 400 Able Road, has modern and rustic sites with teepees available in the Indian Village. Swimming, fishing, a playground area and other activities are offered to guests. Phone 695-9895 for more information.

Bear Cave Resort, 4085 Bear Cave Road in Buchanan, contains the only cavern in the Great Lakes area. Formed in rare "tufa

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Bear Cave was named by the Potawatomi Indians during the 18th century. Since then, it served as a stop on the Underground Railroad, goods from an 1875 Ohio bank robbery were hidden in the cave and in the 1903 movie "The Great Train Robbery," the cave was featured.

The resort features a swimming pool, clubhouse, boat launch, playground, pavilion and nature trails. For more information, call 695-3050.

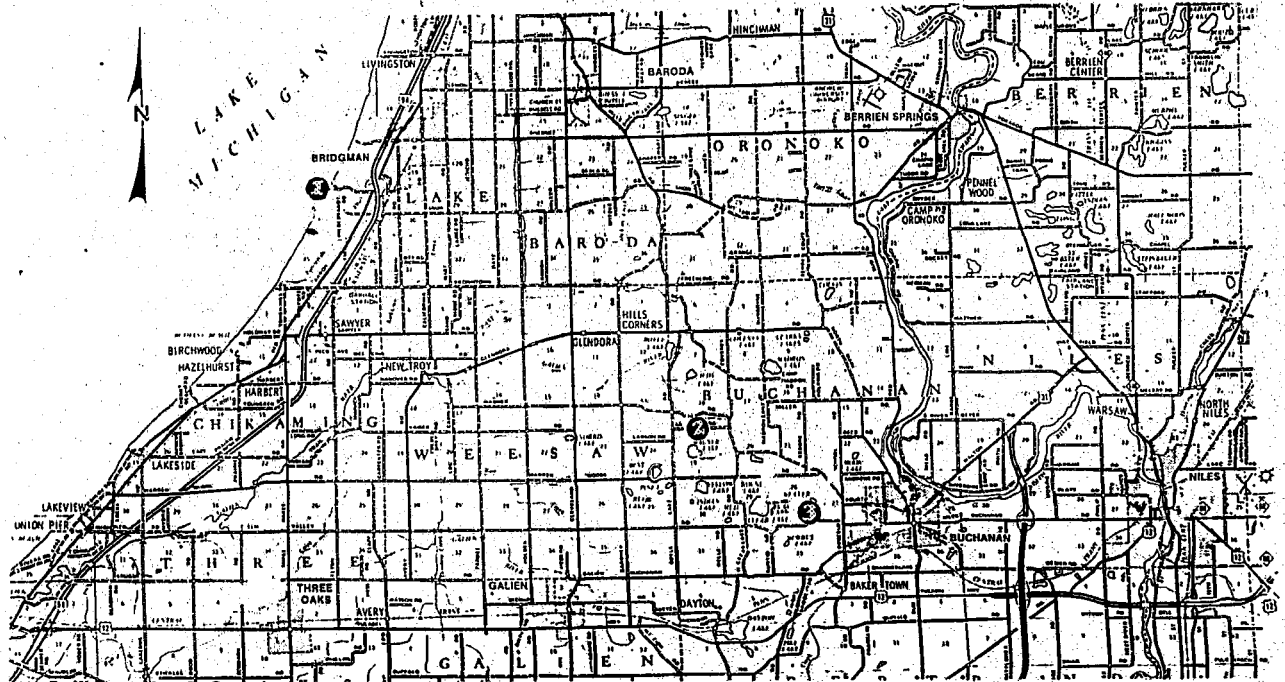
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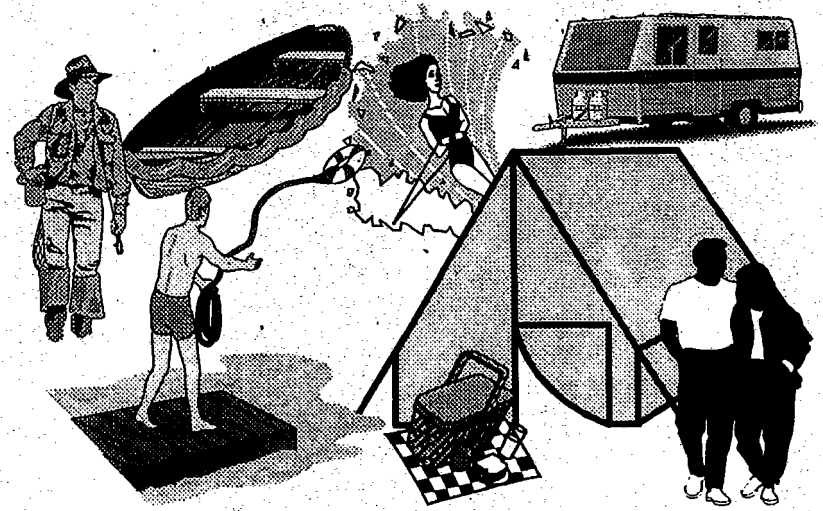
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Many golf outings and tournaments are held throughout the season. Special rates are available for groups and seniors. Calling for tee times is recommended. For more information, call Brookwood at 695-7818.

Orchard Hills Country Club is a private course for members only. OHCC, located on Niles-Buchanan Road, also rents its banquet hall for special occasions. Call 695-5991 for additional information.

Bryn Mawr Golf Club and Resort, located at 26831 Dutch Settlement Road in Dowagiac, offers a very hilly and challenging 18-hole course.

"It's a real pretty layout," said Tim Griffin, general manager for six years. "It's challenging and fun for the beginner as well as the more advanced player."

Bryn Mawr facilities include a clubhouse, driving range and a resort villa. The villa is a 10,000 square foot home with an indoor swimming pool which is rented out to up to 14 people.

Bryn Mawr also hosts special events such as a hole-in-one competition and Special Olympics activities. For more information, call 782-5827.

Hampshire County Club, 29592 Pokagon Highway in Dowagiac, is a 27-hole public golf course. Features include a pro shop, lunches, cocktails and motor carts. Call 782-7476 for additional details.

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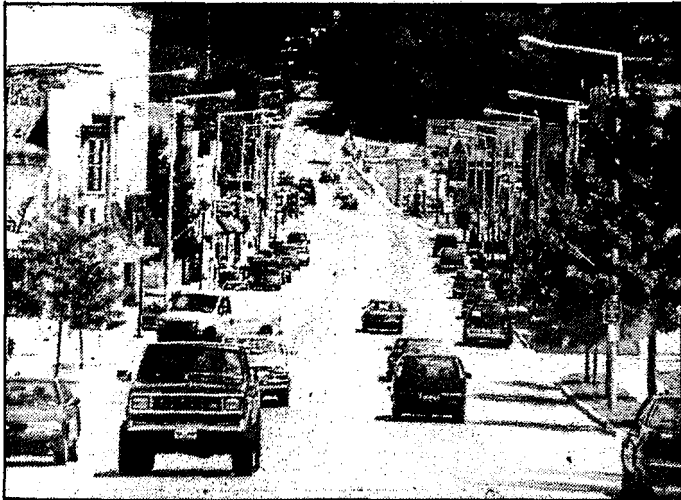
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Buchanan, as you might suspect, was named after Senator James Buchanan of Pennsylvania, who later was elected the 15th president of the United States. Buchanan had taken Michigan's side in its battle for statehood from 1835-37. Miller John Hamilton chose to honor Buchanan when he platted and had it recorded with the county seat in 1842.

Buchanan was incorporated March 3, 1858, with a population of 860. After setting up a government, attention was given to installing sidewalks, building bridges across the creek and impounding cattle and hogs that ran loose at awkward hours.

However, it wasn't as easy as coming up with a name and signing a piece of paper. All along the St. Joseph River settlements of Potawatomi Indians were established. Treaties for land were negotiated and were signed in 1821, 1828 and 1833. In the latter, the Native Americans had given up all of their land in Berrien

County in exchange for land west of the Mississippi River.

Around this time, records show that Charles Cowels was the first settler and he built a shingle mill. Shortly after, Russell McCoy started the first sawmill on

McCoy Creek, which was to become a vital part of Buchanan's industry; from there the town grew.

The first official school was established in 1838. The first organized church was the Method-

ist Episcopal in 1842, and the first factory, a tannery, opened in 1845.

In 1929, the government was changed to city commission form and in 1949 adopted a city manager to meet the town's needs.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

You go into a large business, you first approach a general secretary's desk. When you enter a school building, you report to the principal's office and when you're a stranger in a new town you seek its chamber of commerce.

"The chamber is a great source for information for anything that has to do with the area," said Marlene Gauer, Buchanan Chamber of Commerce executive director. "The potential for promoting the name of Buchanan is huge."

The local chamber office does this as often as it can. It sponsors the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, Pancake Festival, redbud tree sales, community garage sale, PERC Club meetings, Redbud and Keep Buchanan Beautiful awards, and license plate sales, just to name a few.

"The chamber contributes to community pride and development through our promotion of area businesses and support of school and civic projects," said Mark Tumbleson, chamber president.

dent. "All of our activities are driven by our goal to enhance the quality of life in Buchanan."

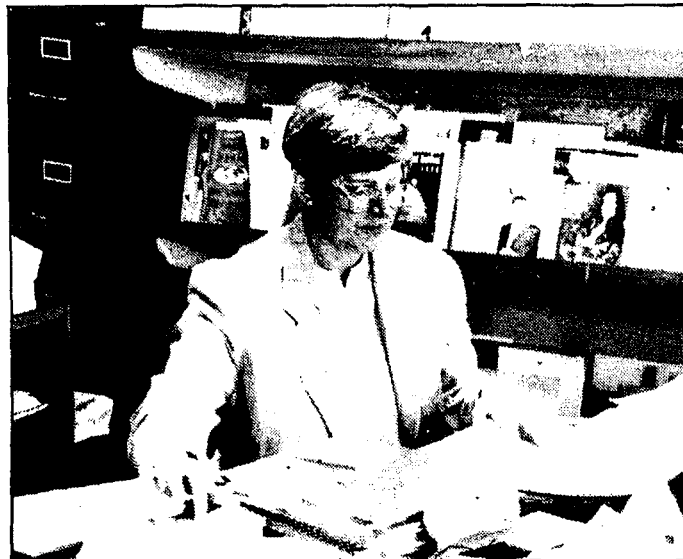
Gauer said the office gets an average of seven to eight phone calls a day about businesses and events. Half the calls are from local people seeking information.

"It's a neat place to work because I feel that I make a difference by putting people in touch," said Gauer.

The chamber is funded through its members; currently there are 85. Membership services include an annual meeting, monthly newsletter, membership surveys, PERC club meetings and a Distinguished Member award.

"I truly believe the quality of life in Buchanan without the chamber would really diminish," said Gauer. "If we're not here, who would be doing this?"

In addition, the chamber office, located at 119 Main St., carries thousands of brochures and pamphlets on areas of interest as well as historical publications, newspapers and phone books.



Marlene Gauer, Executive Director of the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, is a treasure chest of information. She can be reached at the chamber offices, 695-3291, 119 Main Street.

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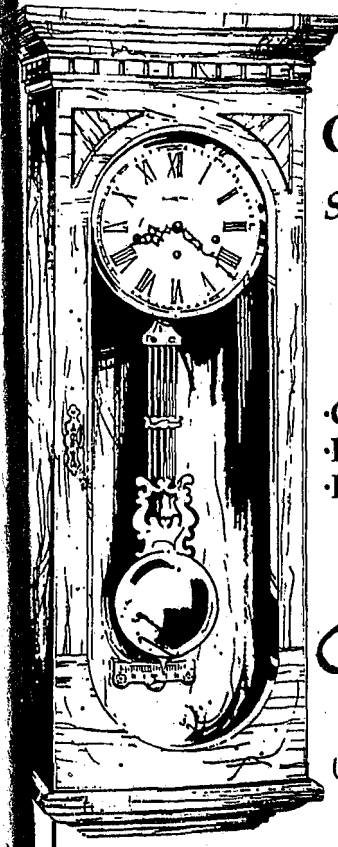
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BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Buchanan Community Schools offer public education to area students whether they want to prepare for the job market, college or military service.

The district consists of three elementary schools, a middle and a high school in addition to alternative education and community education programs.

The elementary schools serve children in grades kindergarten through fifth.

Moccasin Elementary School, located at 410 Moccasin Avenue, was built in 1949. Mark Nixon is the principal.

In 1958, **H.C. Stark Elementary School** was built in memory of Harold Stark, who was superintendent from 1924-56. It is located at 502 Claremont St. The principal is Richard Proud.

Ottawa Elementary School, located at 109 Ottawa St., was constructed in 1967. The principal is Karin Falkenstein.

All elementaries have programs which help students. Some of these include Science Olympiad, in which students perform different science experiments; and making maple syrup from scratch at the school farm. Also included is the Drug Abuse

Resistance Education (DARE) program for fifth-graders, which involves an officer visiting on a regular basis to teach about the dangers of drugs, students writing an essay on the subject and a graduation where they earn DARE T-shirts; and the 2 Cool 2 Use Drugs program for younger students.

The award-winning Super Star Trading Card program was introduced almost two years ago at the elementary level. Students earn cards that have pictures of Buchanan High School students whom the younger children can look to as role models. On the back is a list of activities the high schooler is involved in, his/her hobbies and some inspirational advice. Elementary students collect the cards and trade them so when they have five of the same person, the high school student has lunch at the elementary school with them.

Buchanan Middle School, located at 610 W. Fourth St., accommodates students in grades six, seven and eight. The structure is the newest one in the district, built in 1974. The principal is James Craig and the assistant principal is Don Barnhouse.

Daily attendance at the middle school is 94 percent. A unique program at the middle school is called Homework Hotline. Parents and students can call every night to receive assignments, to schedule parent/teacher confer-



Buchanan Community Schools graduated its 118th class this year.

ences and to learn about weekly activities at school.

The middle school also has block scheduling for seventh-eighth graders. This means teachers will be divided into teams of three and allowed to teach a group of 80 students in math, social studies and language arts. This teaching style will allow teachers common time to communicate, create a flexible learning environment, give students a way to feel part of a group, make less movement between classes and present unified discipline, remediation and efforts processes.

In addition, an alternative education program has begun at the

middle school level. Students who have been identified as "at risk," that is, they are truant, act out disruptive behavior in class or are far behind their classmates will be taken out of their regular classes for awhile and allowed to catch up with lessons. The objective is to reach students before they get old enough to drop out of the school.

The program is located in the middle school building so that the 18-or-so students in the program can participate with their peers in classes such as band, art and physical education. Other than that, the students will use the same textbooks as their classmates.

Students will return to regular classes when they demonstrate the minimum requirements necessary to pass the course. The alternative education teacher will then monitor the student's progress by talking to his/her teachers.

Buchanan High School, on Chicago Street, prepares students in grades 9-12 for graduation through a variety of academic programs and extra-curricular activities. The principal is William McBeth and assistant principal is Mike Young. The school is accredited by the North Central Association.

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cent. Most graduates continue with higher education; about 25 percent of the graduates enroll in a four-year college or university, 46 percent in two-year colleges and 3 percent in trade or technical schools.

During the summer of 1993, the high school building went under an extensive renovation project as roofs were replaced, a new track surface laid and electrical, plumbing and heating units updated. Built in 1922, the project adds an additional 30 years to the structure.

Of course, as with any school district, parent support is vital. There are many programs parents can get involved in at Buchanan Community Schools. Some are Parent Teacher Organizations, College Night, award banquets, athletic contests, vocal and instrumental music concerts, Parent Information Nights and financial aid conferences.

Buchanan's current school board members are Jerry Flenar, president; Janet Racht, vice president; William Cameron, treasurer; Marlene Gauer, secretary; and Kay Trull, William Carson and John Colip, trustees.



The Buchanan High School marching band, led by Director Dixie Detgen, is a favorite at every parade.

CHILDCARE

In 1993, Buchanan Community Schools recognized that some parents need to either leave for work before their child goes to school or they must arrive home a few hours after school lets out. So, the districts community education program developed Kidkare.

The program operates in accordance with the school calendar. The morning program begins at 5:30 a.m. and concludes when school begins. The afternoon program starts at 3:30 p.m. and closes at 6:30 p.m. Any child in grades kindergarten through fifth grade is eligible for admission. Enrollments are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost for the Kidkare program varies depending on how many children participate and the length of stay. There is a multiple children discount, and financial assistance is available for qualifying families.

Currently Kidkare is located in Stark Elementary School and children who attend Moccasin and Ottawa elementaries are bussed to and from the program. There are future plans to start a Kidkare room in Moccasin elementary as well.

The children are kept busy during the Kidkare program by playing games in the gym, learning arts and crafts, enjoying snacks and using playground facilities.

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There's no better way to meet new people in Buchanan than to join a club. These organizations serve a number of different interests as well as age levels. Listed below are some of the clubs Buchanan has to offer:

—The American Legion, Ralph Rumbaugh Post 51, has been active in Buchanan for 75 years. Named after a Buchanan boy who was killed in action, the legion is housed at 403 E. Front St. Its members participate in many patriotic affairs, including local parades. The current post commander is Dick Best. For more information, call 695-6633.

—The American Legion Auxiliary, 403 E. Front St., assists area veterans. The group sends Christmas gifts, Mother's and Father's Day cards and coffee money to the Battle Creek Veterans Hospital. For more information, call the American Legion, 695-6633.

—Babe Ruth/Pony Baseball League involves children ages 13-15 in America's favorite pastime. For more information, contact Mark Godsey, 695-1008.

—The Berrien Kruzers is an organization dedicated to camping and making leather belts. Proceeds are given to Paws With a Cause, a group that links hearing and service dogs with those who need them. All money stays

in Michigan and local people have benefited at no charge since Berrien Kruzers' funds pay for the dogs' training. The group consists of 15 rigs, but when there is an opening new members are accepted. For more information, attend a Berrien Kruzers' sale during local events.

—Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Niles-Buchanan Inc. works to enrich the lives of children, primarily from single-parent families, providing positive one-to-one relationships with qualified adult volunteers, supported by professional staff. The children, ages 5-15, live in the Brandywine, Buchanan and Niles school districts. For more information, call 684-1100. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

—The 30 Club is a discussion group that was organized in 1897 for the purpose of studying a wide range of topics and socializing. For more information, call chairperson Virginia Nichols, 695-5860.

—The Buchanan Area Foundation is a not-for-profit group that gives donations to area causes.

—The Buchanan Business and Professional Women help encourage legislation, education and equality in the workplace. They meet once a month and are always looking for new members. For more information, call Dorine Young, 695-5708.

—The Buchanan College



The Buchanan Federated Garden Club is one of the largest and most active clubs in Buchanan.

Club provides support in the form of loans to Buchanan High School students planning to attend college. Each spring honor graduates are recognized at a

banquet and a scholarship is presented. For more information, call Kay Trull, 695-2183.

—Buchanan Federated Garden Club was organized to

beautify the community and link together those who enjoy gardening. Annually the club plants flowers around the city and hosts the Buchanan in Bloom Garden

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—**The Buchanan Fine Arts Council** meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Buchanan City Hall in order to discuss and plan fine arts events. For more information, contact City Hall, 695-3844.

—**The Buchanan Lions Club** is a service organization that meets at the American Legion once a month. For more information, call Tim Sullivan, 695-7979.

—**Buchanan Masonic Lodge, No. 68, F.&A.M.** was organized in 1854. During the war, the group split into two separate lodges because of political problems and became the smallest town in Michigan to do so. However, the Masons joined together again and today meet at 201 N.

Oak St. Call Kenneth Gearhart, 695-5181.

—**The Buchanan Preservation Society** is dedicated to restoring Buchanan's history. The society was responsible for restoring Pears Mill, an 1853 restored gristmill, that still operates today. For more information, call Donald Ryman, 695-6552.

—**The Buchanan Sports Club**, is a nonprofit organization that gives its funds back to Buchanan High School athletic programs. The goal is to give students background to succeed in the future.

—**The Buchanan Westerner's Club** is a social club for those who have or are interested in horses. The group is involved with the 4-H and high school equestrian clubs. They also hold picnics, camping trips, and grant scholarships. For more information, contact Georgia Rothfuchs, resident agent, 695-3667.

—**Children's International Lifeline**, located at 318 Post Rd. accepts donations for people in Haiti. For more details, call Arnold Lemke, 695-2300.

—**Four Flags Genealogical Society** presents monthly programs that assist area residents in tracing their heritage. For more information, write to P.O. Box 414, Niles, MI 49120.

—**Friends of the Buchanan Public Library** help support and promote the library through fundraisers and other special events. For more information, call the library at 695-3681.

—**Friends of McCoy Creek** is an organization dedicated to cleaning up McCoy Creek and each effort focuses on a different part of the creek. For more information, call Scott King, 695-4413.

—**The Girl Scouts of Singing Sands Council Inc.** covers the Buchanan area in leading girls through scouting activities. For more information, call 219-277-0900.

—**Girls Softball League** is organized for girls ages 7-14. For more information, contact Wayne Writer, 695-8410.

—**LaSalle Council, Boy Scouts of America** helps boys in scouting activities. For more information, call Ron Jaicomo, council president, 219-289-0337.

—**The League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass counties** focuses on legislative issues. For more information, contact Alice LaHaie, president, 683-0612.

—**Buchanan Softball Association** runs during the season for men and women of all ages. Games are played at McCoy Creek Recreation Park and Memorial Field. For more details, contact Al Fisher, 695-6167.

—**The Michiana Literacy Council**, 602 Ferry St., is a free service in which volunteers assist residents in their reading endeavors. There are three programs: adults, where tutors help the non- or slow reader; youth,

where students are assisted in their reading in conjunction with teacher assignments; and block readers, a summer program for fifth-sixth graders in Niles Community Schools that emphasizes reading to someone while school is out. Tutoring is on a one-to-one basis. For more information, call 683-3313. Office hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

—**Miss Buchanan Inc.** is designed to help contestants in the Miss Buchanan contest and assist the winner in Blossomtime, Festival activities including the Miss Blossomtime pageant. The group also donates items to city and school causes, offers scholarships and creates the Miss Buchanan Float. For more information, call 695-3200.

—**Moccasin PTA** is a parent organization at Moccasin Elementary School. For more de-

tails, call 695-8408.

—**Moose Lodge #449** is a membership organization with headquarters at 101 South Redbud Trail. For more information call Dave Johnson, administrator 695-5221.

—**Mothers of World War II** was formed during the war to unite mothers with sons and daughters in the military. Today the group includes mothers of all wars including operation Desert Storm. They assist veterans by supporting VA hospitals and helping needy families during the holidays. For more details, call Roberta Bishop, 695-5984.

—**The Niles-Buchanan Rotary Club** is located at 210 E. Main St. For more details, contact John Huffman, 683-0730.

—**The Niles Service League** seeks to support the Buchanan, Brandywine and Niles school districts and donate to community causes. Many members are from Buchanan and the club hosts an annual Memorial Day race downtown.

—**Olde Boys Toys Car Club** brings together Niles and Buchanan residents who share a love of antique or classic cars. The club

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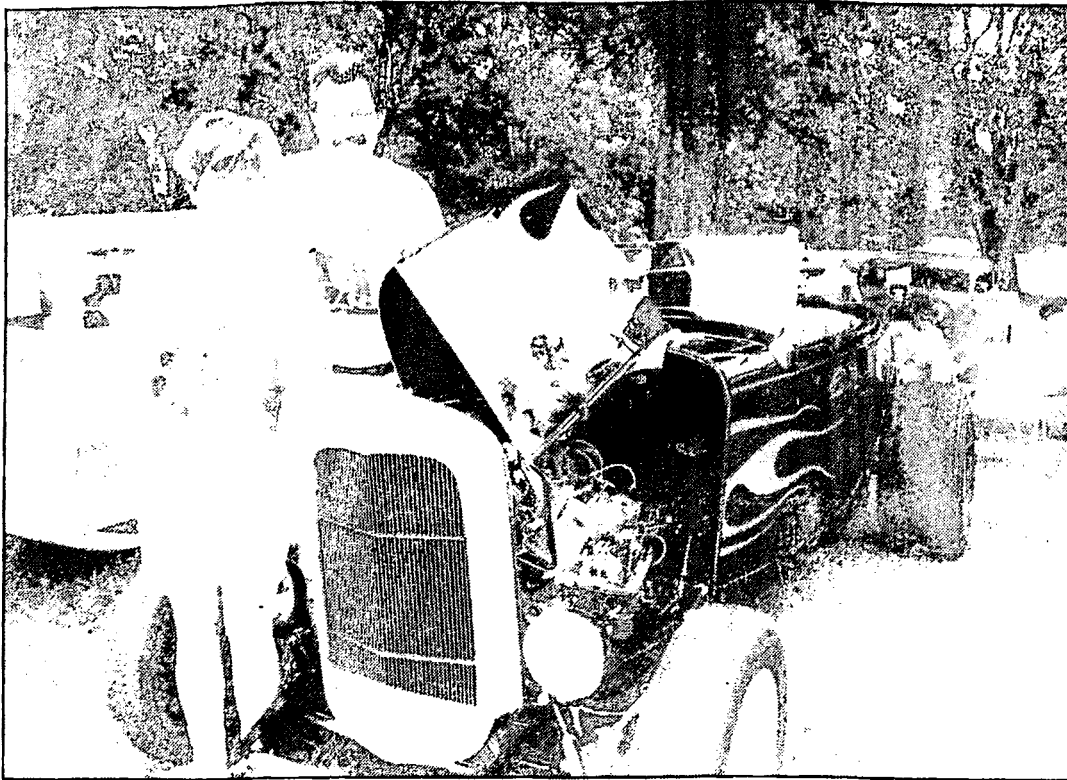
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Olde Boys Toys is a club for classic and antique cars buffs which holds a large show every year in Buchanan.

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sponsors an annual show and attends many cruising events throughout the year. Members do not need to own an antique car to join. For more details, call president Bruce Wisner, 684-7898.

—**Ottawa PTA** is a parent organization at Ottawa Elementary School. Call the school at 695-8409 for more information.

—**RAM/Love Inc.** is an organization designed to involve members of each church in responding to individual needs in the community. Needs are met by providing emergency food, clothing, counseling and transportation among other things, such as working for compromises between utility companies and landlords. For more information, call the office at 695-5083.

—**The Salvation Army** distributes food and clothing to people in need among many other services to area residents. For more information call Capt. Thomas Riggs, 684-2660.

—**The School Farm Advisory Council** is dedicated to servicing the school farm on Andrews Road by planning activities. For more information, call 695-8408.

—**The Southwest Michigan Volunteer Center** is a clearinghouse for those business and organizations that need volunteers and for area residents who would like to donate some time. For more details, call Kathy Rossow, executive director, 683-5464.

—**Stark PTA** is a parent organization at Stark Elementary School. Call 695-8407 for more information.

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—**The Veterans of Foreign Wars** accepts members who are overseas veterans and have served in a campaign for which a ribbon has been awarded. The Buchanan Chapter, the Gladys Lyons VFW Post 3102, is named after a local World War I nurse who volunteered to help during an outbreak of meningitis in

France. She eventually contracted and died from the disease. The VFW is active in patriotic endeavors such as Memorial and Veterans Day parades. For more information, call A.D. Adams, 695-6281.

—**The VFW Auxillary** is a women's group organized to support veterans. For more details, call Vera Harpole, 683-2859.

—**Women of the Moose Buchanan Chapter 450** is active in the community. Meetings are held in the Moose Lodge. For more information call 695-6540.

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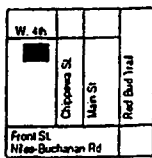
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—**The Blossomtime Festival** is held the first week of May. Traditional events include the Miss Blossomtime contest, where 26 area queens compete for the title; the Grand Floral Parade in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, and the Grand Floral Ball. This 90-year-old festival is the oldest still held in Michigan.

—**Communitywide Garage Sales** are held in Buchanan and Bridgman. Residents have the opportunity to make some money off their spring cleaning efforts.

—**The Buchanan Federated Garden Club** hosts the Buchanan in Bloom Garden Walk. The day-long event includes tours of several local gardens, Pears Mill and Fernwood Botanic Gardens in addition to plant sales, lectures

and art displays.

—**Three Oaks** hosts a weekend **Flag Day Celebration** each year with a parade and other activities.

—**Log Cabins** all over southwestern Michigan are open for visitors during **Log Cabin Day** the last Sunday in June. Tours and other activities highlight the event.

—**Harbor Fest** is Benton Harbor's June celebration along the St. Joseph River.

—**The Fourth of July** means more than fireworks in Eau Claire. The tiny town is famous for its inter-national Cherry Pit Spit Contest held during the Cherry Festival. Local dignitaries face off in the celebrity contest, followed by the real competition as people from all over see who can spit a pit the farthest.

—**Gallen Americans Together Days**, held in July, focuses on the community by holding a hog roast, parade, talent show and other family-oriented activities.

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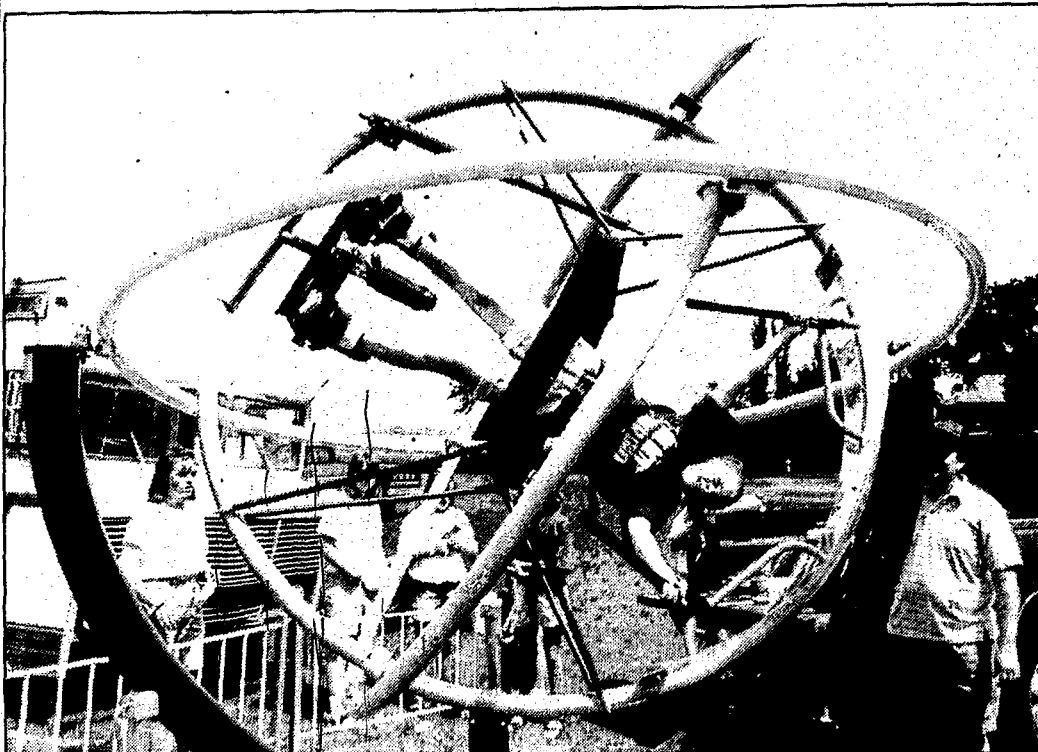
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—The Harbor Country Ship and Shore Festival in New Buffalo includes a boat parade, children's activities and a craft fair.

—The Berrien County Youth Fair is held at the county fairgrounds in Berrien Springs in August. Exhibitors show sheep, cattle, horses, goats, poultry and other animals in addition to home crafts and flower arrangements. The fair also includes top-notch entertainment by celebrity performers and a carnival.

—The Buchanan Old-Fashioned Labor Day Celebration has been a staple of the city for 15 years. The three-day event, held annually on Labor Day weekend, emphasizes the "good old days." Past activities included an arm wrestling contest, beard and mustache contest, and various concession stands in addition to local entertainment and street dances.

—The Tri-State Regatta is held on Labor Day weekend in St. Joseph and is one leg on the Chicago-St. Joseph-Michigan City race.

—The Four Flags Apple Festival celebrates this versatile fruit by holding parades, contests, tournaments and a carnival in September.

—The Baroda Business Association hosts a Harvest Festival in September celebrating its local assets in the farming industry.

—Three Oaks is well-known for its Apple Cider Century Ride which draws thousands of bicycle riders to the area in September. For more information call 756-3361.



The annual Elkhart Jazz Festival is another festival favorite.

—The Downtown Buchanan Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, held in December by Old City Hall includes performances by high school choirs, bands and a community Christmas carol

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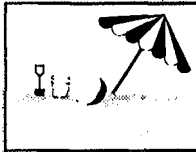
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JULY

28- July 2	Summerfest '95, Clare, (517) 386-2442	11-15	Alpenfest, Gaylord, (517) 732-4000
29- July 1	Jordan Valley Freedom Festival, East Jordan, (616) 536-7351	11-15	Founders Festival, Farmington/ Farmington Hills, (810) 474-3440
29- July 9	Bessemer Fourth of July Festivities, Bessemer, (906) 663-4542	13-16	Auburn Cornfest, Auburn, (517) 662-4001
30- July 4	Greatest Fourth in the North, Lake City, (616) 839-4969	13-22	Blue Water Festival, Port Huron, (810) 985-9623
30- July 4	Manistee National Forest Festival, Manistee, (616) 723-2575	14-15	Cadillac Arts Festival, Cadillac, (800) 22-LAKES
30- July 4	Michigan Tastefest, New Center, Detroit, (313) 872-0188	14-16	Muskegon Air Fair, Muskegon, (616) 737-6696
1-2	Annual Fourth of July Festival, Port Hope, (800) 35-THUMB	18-23	National Baby Food Festival, Fremont, (616) 924-2270
1-3	Fourth of July Fireworks Festival, Bay City, (517) 893-1222	19-23	Festival Ironwood '95, Ironwood, (906) 932-1122
1-8	12th World Hot Air Balloon Championship and Air Show, W.K. Kellogg Airport, Battle Creek, (616) 962-0592	19-23	Marinerfest '95, Tawas City and East Tawas, (800) 55-TAWAS
1-16	Julyfest, Gladwin County, (517) 426-5451	21-22	Manchester Summer Festival, Manchester, (313) 428-8173
2-4	International Food Festival, Marquette, (800) 544-4321	21-23	Afro-American Music Festival, Hart Plaza, Detroit, (313) 877-8077
3-9	Beach Festival, Caseville, (800) 35-THUMB	21-23	Historic Fort St. Joseph Reenactment Rendezvous, Niles, (616) 683-3720
6-8	Polish Festival Days, Bronson, (517) 369-9742	21-23	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Powwow, Ojibwa Park, Baraga, (906) 353-6623
6-9	Heritage Days, West Branch, (800) 755-9091	22-23	Michigan Antique Summer Festival, Midland, (517) 687-9001
7-8	Michigan Story Tellers Festival, Flint, (810) 232-7111 ext. 225	27-29	Doe-Wah-Jack Fun Fest, Dowagiac, (616) 782-8212
7-8	Razzasque Days, LeRoy, (616) 768-4421	27-30	Munger Potato Festival, Munger, (517) 659-3270
7-8, 14-15	All American Musicfest, Houghton Lake, (517) 422-4695	27-30	Pigeon Farmers Festival, Pigeon, (800) 35-THUMB
8-9	Civil War Re- creation, Nike Park, New Port, (313) 654-8265	28-30	Bologna Festival, Yale, (810) 387-9253
8-9	Smokey Bear Weekend in the Park, Paradise, (906) 492-3415	28-30	Ossineke Old Fashioned Days, Ossineke, (517) 354-3130
8-15	National Cherry Festival, Traverse City, (616) 947-4230	28- Aug 6	Coast Guard Festival, Grand Haven, (616) 846-5940
10-13	Gogebic Fair, Gogebic County, (906) 932-1122	29- Aug 5	Cheboygan County Fair, Cheboygan, (616) 627-7183



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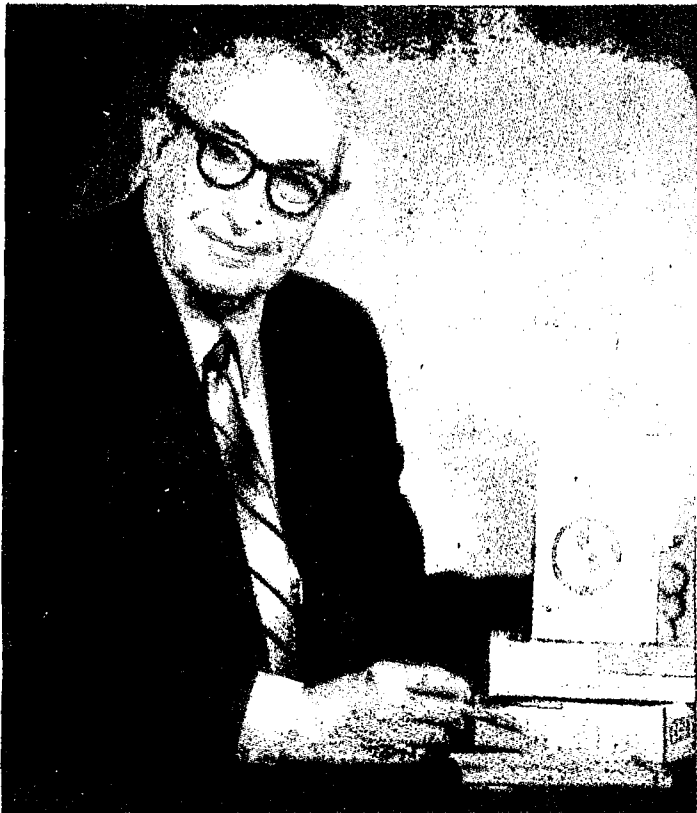
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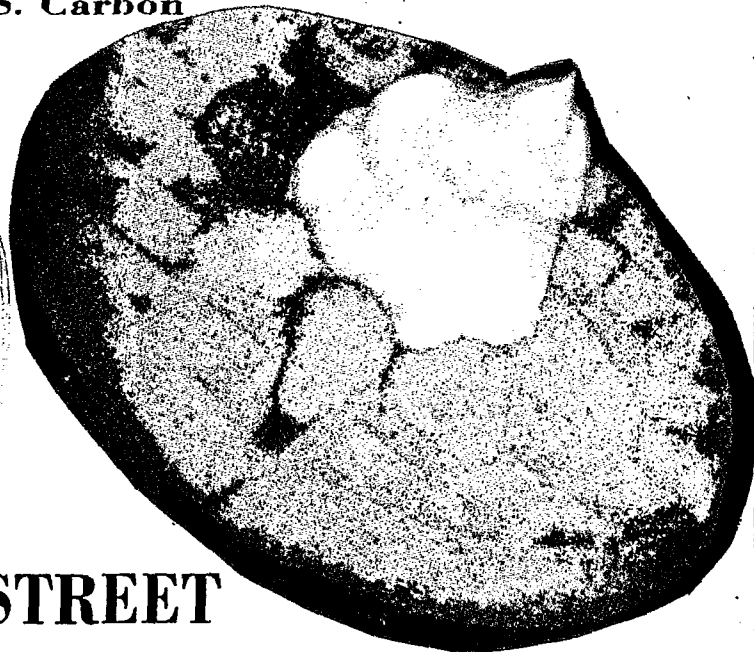


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