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City of Buchanan Parking Violation Fee Increase June 13, 2022
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AUTHORITY: City of Buchanan Police Department Effective July 1,...

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A Note from the Editor – Issue 30

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor
Welcome to the 30th issue we have produced since March 20, 2021! Just like the school year that is now done, it goes by so fast....

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2021-2022 End of School Year by Patricia L. Robinson, BCS Superintendent
June 2022 Dear Buck Families,
Another school year has come to an end, and we appreciate the patience and...

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by Julie Hoyt I'm sure all of you have seen some kind of weird video. They may be funny, but why they make them, I have no clue. According to...

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Philip George Damico 85 February 22, 1937 June 15, 2022
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Doris...

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Upcoming Event – LifePlan Golf Outing

A flyer for the LifePlan's Golf Outing 2022. The background is a photograph of a golf course with a golf club and a glove in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image. The title 'LIFEPLAN'S GOLF OUTING' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the date 'FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022' is in white. The location 'Blackthorn Golf Club South Bend, IN' is in white. A purple box contains the text 'Enjoy a morning of golf while making a difference for LIFE in your community!'. A white box contains the text 'Check-in opens at 7:00 AM', 'Shot Gun Start at 8:00 AM', and 'Lunch following the outing'. A green box contains the text '\$125/person until May 31', '\$150/person June 1-July 1', and 'Sponsorships Start at \$700'. At the bottom, it says 'MORE INFO AT: LIFEPLAN.ORG/GOLFOUTING 269-684-6200' and includes a QR code.

**LIFEPLAN'S
GOLF
OUTING**

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022

**Blackthorn Golf Club
South Bend, IN**

Enjoy a morning of golf while making a difference for
LIFE in your community!

Check-in opens at 7:00 AM
Shot Gun Start at 8:00 AM
Lunch following the outing

\$125/person until May 31
\$150/person June 1-July 1

Sponsorships Start at \$700

MORE INFO AT: [LIFEPLAN.ORG/GOLFOUTING](https://lifeplan.org/golfouting) 269-684-6200



LifePlan Golf Outing 2022 flyer

LifePlan Golf Outing 2022

Submitted by Ashley Blematl, LifePlan Communications Manager

- **What: Golf Outing 2022**
- **Who: LifePlan**
- **When: Friday, July 1, 2022**
 - 7:00 AM : Registration Opens
 - 8:00 AM: Shotgun Start
- **Where: Blackthorn Golf Club**
 - 6100 Nimtz Pkwy
 - South Bend, IN 46628
- **Details:**
 - \$150 per person
 - Lunch following the outing!
 - Benefitting LifePlan with centers in Benton Harbor and Niles
 - Prizes to best team score, longest drive, closest to pin, longest putt

Our Annual Golf Outing is back!! You still have time to assemble your team (by Wednesday, June 29, 2022)! Prizes will be awarded for: best team score, longest drive, closest to pin and longest putt. Enjoy challenging golf, beautiful scenery, and the perfect getaway from the stress of 2022, all while making a difference for LIFE!

Our Golf Outing is located at Blackthorn Golf Club, in South Bend, Indiana. It has been consistently rated the best course in the area by the South Bend Tribune's Readers Choice Awards!

Click on the link to register or become a sponser! <https://www.lifeplan.org/golfouting/>

- **Sponsorship Levels:**
 - **Bronze Level: \$700** Includes 1 foursome, 1 hole sponsorship, social media recognition, hyperlink to your website.
 - **Silver Level: \$1,000** Includes 1 foursome, 2 hole sponsorships plus one other sign, social media recognition, hyperlink to your website.
 - **Gold Level: \$2,000** Includes 1 foursome, 3 hole sponsorships plus recognition at snack area, social media recognition, hyperlink to your website.
 - **Title Sponsor: \$5,000** Includes 2 foursomes, 4 hole sponsorships, name/logo on lunch centerpieces, social media recognition, hyperlink to your website.

Join us for a Golf Outing at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Indiana benefiting LifePlan with centers in Benton Harbor and Niles MI.



About LifePlan: Caring, confidential support to people facing pregnancy and family related issues is the focus of LifePlan of Niles, Michigan. All our services are offered without any discrimination, and often extend to the family or significant others related to the woman. Many of our clients come for a confidential pregnancy test, but also receive maternity and baby clothing or other supplies. We strive to graciously provide an opportunity for each client to hear the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is our ongoing support from our partners, sponsors and volunteers that allows LifePlan to continue serving those in need in our community.

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Upcoming Event – Buchanna Fest



Buchanna Fest 2022 flyer

Cannavista Wellness to host BUCHANNA FEST in Buchanan Common

- *What:* [BUCHANNA FEST](#)
- *Who:* Cannavista Wellness with the Lyla Grace Corporation
- *When:* **Sunday, July 3, 2022 ~ Noon-8pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Common
- *Details:*
 - Fundraising Event with all proceeds directed toward local charities like improving Buchanan Public Parks.
 - Master of Ceremonies: Freddie Miller

- Enjoy live music, local food, and craft beer.
- Suggested donation of \$10 per family group.

Cannavista Wellness Continues to Give Back by Supporting Local Charitable Organizations!

Buchanan, Michigan July 3rd, 2022, on The Common – Buchanna Fest

Cannavista Wellness proudly supports the Lyla Grace Corporation which is hosting a fund-raising event for the benefit of the citizens of the greater Buchanan community.

Enjoy the best local music, food and craft beer on Sunday July 3rd from 12-8:00pm and help make your community a better place.

Suggested donation is \$10.00 per family unit with all proceeds directed toward improving Buchanan public parks.

Freddie Miller – Master of Ceremonies

- Live Music by:
 - That's What She Said
 - Hour Glass / Sypian Family
 - Tre Marquis / RiverRats
 - Wolf Ticket / The Erly
- Food and Drink by:
 - Woodstock Grill
 - La Chula
 - River St. Joe

* The Lyla Grace Corporation was formed to strengthen communities by supporting programs and facilities where funding is insufficient or nonexistent.

"A continuing commitment to give back to our communities."

About Cannavista Wellness: Cannavista Wellness is here to serve you by providing a compassionate, patient-focused medical and recreational marijuana provisioning center. Our facility is located in the heart of Buchanan, Michigan's storied downtown. Our historic location has been beautifully restored and repurposed into a welcoming medical and adult-use marijuana provisioning center. We have assembled a team of friendly and highly-knowledgeable consultants and provided them with quality cannabis education to help serve as your guides the best cannabis products. We are here to educate our community, serve our community and improve your well-being.

Cannavista Wellness

www.cannavistawellness.com

- Hours:
 - Mon-Wed ~ 10am-7pm
 - Thurs-Sat ~ 10am-8pm
 - Sun ~ 11am-6pm

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Past Event – Unveiling New Sign for Buchanan Art Center



The Roti Roti Family with the new sign for Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
Left to Right: Mary Roti Roti Rogers, Jon Roti Roti, Donna Resetar, Elizabeth Roti Roti Hendrick
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Unveiling New Sign for Buchanan Art Center

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Just before the noon hour on Saturday, June 11 2022 the Buchanan Art Center was given a new name along with a new sign showcasing the name of "Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan." The sign was redesigned with a similar feel with white lettering on a background of a teal – light green color by Alec Graveson who donated his work. Siblings: Donna Resetar, Elizabeth Roti Roti Hendrick, Mary Roti Roti Rogers and Jon Roti Roti removed the green covering that was placed over the redesigned sign.



Martha Boyard (Ex- Executive Director of BAC) speaks at the event with Joe Roti Roti on screen (his family honored with renaming), Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



Michael Rowland explains how Michigan Gateway Community Foundation is to manage Joe Roti Roti's donations to the Art Center in perpetuity, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The Roti Roti Family boosted the endowment as the mother, Shirley Roti Roti has made many contributions including her art at the art center. "In 1978, Shirley became a founding member of the Buchanan Fine Arts Council; she remained a member for the next 27 years." (p. 29. The Roti Roti Family in Buchanan, E. Roti Roti (Pille) Hendrick) She was the art teacher at Buchanan High School and retired in 1982. Mrs. Roti Roti (a charter member on the first board) was all hands on deck at the start of Buchanan Art Center and also "helped design the Art Center logo that was unveiled in 2008." (p. 31. The Roti Roti Family in Buchanan, E. Roti Roti (Pille) Hendrick)



New Name Sign Ready to be Unveiled, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

You would probably be safe to say that she has been one of the oldest citizens of Buchanan to partake in the Art Center's activities while she was in her 90+ years young. Shirley lived a long life and passed in April of 2020. So please go and check out the new sign and maybe they have a little booklet for you to read called, The Roti Roti Family in Buchanan, by Elizabeth Roti Roti (Pilley) Hendrick, assisted by Donna Roti Roti Resetar; illustrated with family photographs and art by Shirley Louise Roti Roti. The booklet gives you family history and how they made their adventure to the United States "To live the American Dream."



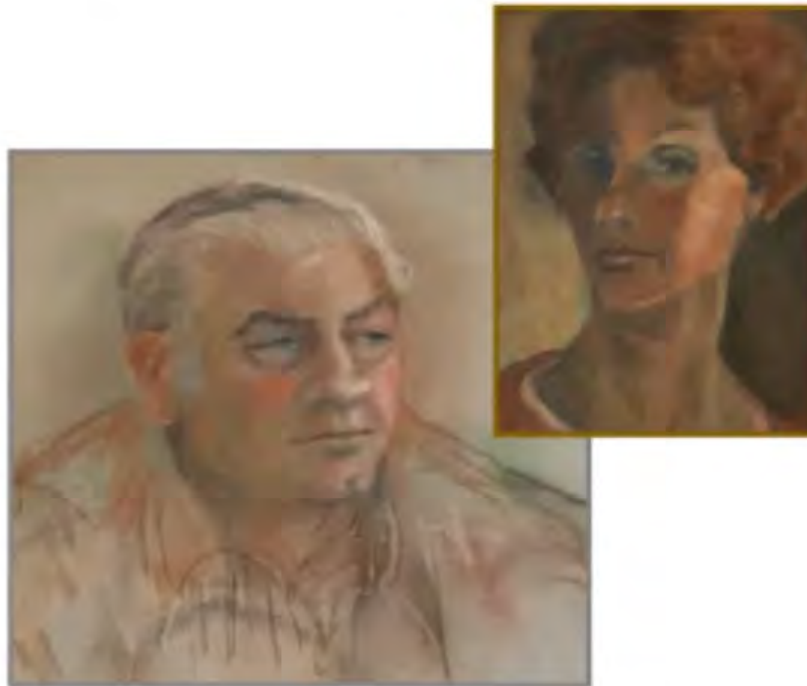
The Roti Roti Family unveil the new sign for Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
Left to Right: Mary Roti Roti Rogers, Jon Roti Roti, Donna Resetar, Elizabeth Roti Roti Hendrick
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Past Event Details:

- *What:* "New Again" Renaming Event
- *Who:* Buchanan Art Center / Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
- *Where:* 117 W Front St
- *When:* **Saturday, June 11, 2022**
 - 10:45am Doors open for members, friends, and families

- 11:15am A VERY special program
- 11:45am We're "New" Again! Help us unveil our New Sign
- *Details:*
 - Light refreshments will be served.
 - No registration or reservations needed.

The Roti Roti Family in Buchanan



Written by
Elizabeth Roti Roti (Pilley) Hendrick

Assisted by
Donna Roti Roti Resetar

Illustrated with Family Photographs
and Art by
Shirley Louise Roti Roti

Roti Roti Family in Buchanan, Image provided by Buchanan Art Center



About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The mission of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan is to provide a place in our community dedicated to nurturing the arts by providing a quality educational program for all ages, as well as gallery exhibits, sales opportunities, and a gift shop that are supportive of class offerings and local artists, thereby enabling the Center to creatively enlist the power of the arts in promoting positive social change.

www.buchananartcenter.com

- Hours:

- Wed-Sun ~ Noon-6

- Mon-Tue ~ Closed (Classes Only)

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Past Event – BHS Centennial Celebration



Anne Schrader performs "Star Spangled Banner" as members of the American Legion Post #51 Honor Guard present the colors
BHS Centennial Celebration, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Centennial Celebration for Buchanan High School

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Students, teachers, administrators, alumni of Buchanan Community Schools along with the Buchanan community and dignitaries came to Memorial Field to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Buchanan High School on Saturday, June 11 2022 at 1:00pm. Volunteers for the celebration included: Akirrah Robinson, Jaden Robinson, Michelle Munyon, Caitlyn Munyon, Mark Kurland, Carrie Brunsting, Nate Will, Karin Falkenstein, Charles Nelson,

Geneva Tabor, Macy Orphanidis, Lillie Spates, Lauren Streffling, Megan Franklin, Isabell Bryans, Claire Lietz, Alexa Burns, and Jordan Mervine. The Centennial Celebration Committee consisted of: Patricia Robinson, Stacey DeMaio, Brian Pruett, Ruth Writer, Jeanne Harris, Jerry Flenar, Kelly Laesch and Michael Rowland.



Raquel George sings Frank Sinatra's song "My Way"



Miss Buchanan/Miss Blossomtime Lillian Waggoner reflects on her early years of attending Buchanan Community Schools



A welcome was given by BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, and the American Legion Post #51 Honor Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the "Star Spangled Banner" which was performed by Anne Schrader. Raquel George sang Frank Sinatra's song "My Way". Buchanan High School Band did a Service Melody which honored armed forces veterans and the "Go You Buchanan" fight song which got the crowd to stand up and sing along. BHS Principal, Stacey DeMaio gave honors and recognition to the veterans, and other current "Most Senior Member" Geneva Swem of the older generations that were in attendance along with Kay Trull who taught and retired in 1989 for the "Most Senior Board Member."



Dedication of the Pines on Phelps Street



From left to right: Dan Kerig from Senator Kim LaSata Michigan's 21st Senate District; State Senate Representative Brad Paquette present a declaration to BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson



Buchanan High School Band performs songs of each branch of service as well as "Go You Buchanan" fight song under the direction of Mrs. Deanna Russell

BHS Centennial Celebration, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Superintendent Patricia Robinson introduced each speaker. Those speakers were: Mayor Sean Denison of City of Buchanan; Senator Kim LaSata who had Dan Kerig, a representative from her office and State Senate Representative Brad Paquette who presented a declaration to Mrs. Robinson. Dr. Michael F. Rice of Michigan's 44th Superintendent of public instruction by Michigan's State Board of Education; Mary Judnich – West Michigan Regional Manager, Senator Stabenow's Office; and Mrs. Robinson also received a letter from Congressman Fred Upton Representative, Michigan's 6th District (Congressional Record). Mayor Denison stated that "The real magic happens in the hallways of a school and not just in the classrooms or football field." He also congratulated BHS on 100 years and said "Go Bucks!"

**Past Event Details:**

- *Who:* Buchanan Community Schools
- *What:* BHS Building 100 Year Celebration
- *When:* **Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 1pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan High School
 - 401 W Chicago St, Buchanan
 - At Memorial Field
- *Details:*
 - Guest Speakers:
 - Dr. Bernice Clark Patterson, PHD
 - Owner of Infinity Consultation Group/
 - Class of 2000
 - John "Jay" Town
 - Former U.S. Attorney for the Northern
 - District of Alabama/Class of 1991
 - Local and State Dignitaries
 - Tree Planting Dedication
 - New Sign Dedication
 - School Farm / Barnyard Friend Display
 - High School Tour



History of Buchanan High School

The original high school was built on a hill on Chicago Street in 1871 and could be seen from passing trains. In 1921, foundation work began for the new high schools and was completed in just a few days. On November 20, 1922, the new Buchanan High School officially opened. With 25 classrooms, a gymnasium, an auditorium, and two offices, the cost to build the school was approximately \$200,000.

Since 1922, Buchanan High School has delivered over 10,000 graduates to the Buchanan community and communities around the world. The district continues to push forward with its vision which is to "Develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society."



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BCS Sports Scores – All Conference Buchanan Baseball and Softball 2022



2022 All Conference for Buchanan Baseball and Softball Teams

Submitted by Mark Frey, Buchanan Community Schools Athletic Coordinator

2022 BCS Baseball		2022 BCS Softball
<u>BCS Red Division Champions</u>		<u>BCS Red Division Champions</u>

2022 BCS Red Division Champions, Buchanan Athletics

	2022 BCS Baseball				2022 BCS Softball		
	<u>BCS Red Division Final Standings</u>				<u>BCS Red Division Final Standings</u>		
Rank	School	W/L/T	Nominees	Rank	School	W/L/T	Nominees
1	Buchanan	7-1	6	1	Buchanan	7-1	6
2	Bridgman	5-3	5	2	Bridgman	5-3	5
3	Brandywine	4-4	4	3	South Haven	4-4	4
4	Berrien Springs	3-5	3	4	Berrien Springs	2-6	3
5	South Haven	1-7	2	5	Brandywine	2-6	3

2022 BCS Red Division Final Standings, Buchanan Athletics

2022 BCS Baseball		2022 BCS Softball	
<u>BCS Red Division MVP</u>		<u>BCS Red Division MVP</u>	
Jayce Warren		Hannah Herman	

2022 BCS Red Division MVP, Buchanan Athletics

	2022 BCS Baseball			2022 BCS Softball	
	<u>BCS First Team All Division</u>			<u>BCS First Team All Division</u>	
12	Matthew Hoover	Buchanan	10	Hannah Herman	Buchanan
12	Murphy Wegner	Buchanan	10	Hailee Kara	Buchanan
12	Macoy West	Buchanan	12	Christin Cooper	Buchanan
11	Cade Preissing	Buchanan	10	Camille Lozmack	Buchanan
12	Drew Glavin	Buchanan	12	Olivia Elliot	Berrien Springs
12	Jayce Warren	Bridgman	12	Arie Hackett	Bridgman
12	Nate Necas	Bridgman	12	Hannah Johnson	Bridgman
10	Jamier Palmer	Brandywine	12	Kaylee Shuler	Bridgman
10	Jareemiah Palmer	Brandywine	10	Chloe Parker	Brandywine
11	Garrett Brewer	Berrien Springs	10	Kadence Brumitt	Brandywine
12	Tyler Ewalt	Berrien Springs	9	Madi Dodson	South Haven
			10	Taylor Holland	South Haven
			11	Olivia Wiley	South Haven

2022 BCS First Team All Division, Buchanan Athletics

	2022 BCS Baseball			2022 BCS Softball	
	<u>BCS Honorable Mention All Division</u>			<u>BCS Honorable Mention All Division</u>	
12	Hunter Carrington	Buchanan	12	Alea Fisher	Buchanan
12	Trevor Mulick	Bridgman	10	Jasyl Withers	Berrien Springs
12	Dylan Reisig	Bridgman	10	Raleigh Molden	Berrien Springs
11	Tanner Peters	Bridgman	11	Elise Schmaltz	Bridgman
11	Owen Hulett	Brandywine	11	Emme Slavens	Bridgman
12	James Barnes	Brandywine	9	Adelyn Drotoz	Brandywine
12	Brandon Haygood	Berrien Springs	11	Kadyn Hoyt	South Haven
12	Ray Woodall	South Haven			
10	Brady Osman	South Haven			

2022 BCS Honorable Mention All Division, Buchanan Athletics



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Community Press Release – BCRD CSX Railroad Crossing Repairs



BCRD Graphic – Railroad Crossing Closure(s) Information

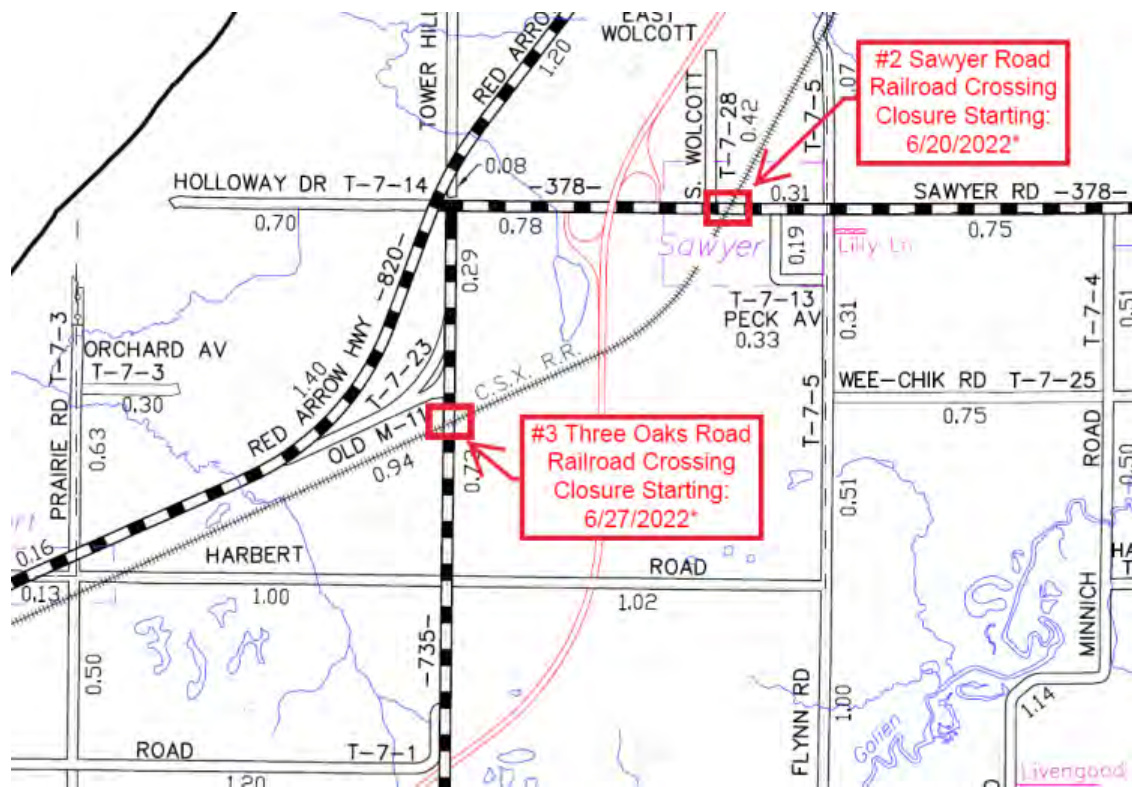
BCRD CSX Railroad Crossing Schedule Updates for Sawyer Road and Three Oaks Road

Berrien County, MI – June 08, 2022

Construction and closure start dates have changed for Sawyer Road and Three Oaks Road.

- **TOWNSHIP:** Chikaming Township
- **LOCATION(S):**
 - Lakeside Road CSX Railroad Crossing (Repairs completed and reopened)
 - Three Oaks Road CSX Railroad Crossing (Revised Start Date: Monday, June 27, 2022)

- Sawyer Road CSX Railroad Crossing (Revised Start Date: Monday, June 20, 2022)
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Three Oaks, Sawyer, New Buffalo
- **START DATE:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 for Lakeside Road Railroad Closure
- **ESTIMATED END DATE:** Early July 2022
- **PROJECT:** CSX will be closing railroad crossing(s) to allow for maintenance work to take place on the railroad crossing and railroad tracks.
- **SAFETY BENEFITS:** The repairs contracted by CSX will improve safety and ride quality for motorists using the railroad crossing locations.
- **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Indicated road location(s) will be completely closed to thru traffic at the railroad crossing. Traffic will not be permitted through once the closure begins. Railroad crossings and road closures will take place one at a time. Please seek alternative routes or use the established detour route until work is completed. Further details regarding timing are as follows:
 1. **Lakeside Road crossing closure repairs have been completed and has reopened to thru traffic.**
 2. **Sawyer Road crossing closure is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 20, 2022.**
 - Closure to begin after Three Oaks Road has been completed and reopened.
 - Duration of Sawyer Road closure is anticipated to last 6-7 days. Duration of closure is weather and work permitting.
 - *Detour Route:* Flynn Road to Harbert Road to Three Oaks Road to Sawyer Road.
 3. **Three Oaks Road closure is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 27, 2022.**
 - Closure to begin after Lakeside Road has been completed and reopened.
 - Duration of Three Oaks Road closure is anticipated to last 6-7 days. Duration of closure is weather and work permitting.
 - *Detour Route:* Old M-11 to Red Arrow Highway to Harbert Road to Three Oaks Road.
- **CONTACT:** Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
 - aboone@bcroad.org – 269-925-1196 ext. 4410



BCRD Image – CSX Railroad Crossing Repairs

[Full Two Page PDF with Location Map HERE](#)
[Link to BCRD Alert HERE](#)



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Community Press Release – PHS Welcomes Dr. Grady Hilge



Dr. Grady Hilge joins Professional Hearing Services,
Photo submitted by Julie Duensing

Professional Hearing Services Welcomes Dr. Grady Hilge

Submitted by Julie Duensing, Chief Operating Officer

June 06, 2022

Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services is pleased to welcome Dr. Grady Hilge, Audiologist. Dr. Hilge will work alongside Dr. Gyl Kasewurm, Dr. Terry McIlvaine, Dr. Sarah Groff, and Tony Meyer, Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist, at the office in St. Joseph.

Dr. Grady is an Indiana native, and moved to St. Joseph a year ago to complete his final year of graduate training. He is an outdoor enthusiast, and loves to hike and camp all around Michigan with his wife. He also enjoys playing music and reading books on history, science, and nature. He received his Bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Ball State University. As a recent graduate, he is committed to bringing a fresh perspective and new ideas to hearing health. He loves getting to know his patients in order to provide them the best service possible.

"Grady is a great addition to our team, we were fortunate to have worked with him during his externship. He provides a level of care that sets our practice apart and patients are thrilled he will be here to continue to serve them. He's excited to help educate patients on personalized care with the new Starkey Evolv AI hearing devices," said Dr. Gyl Kasewurm.

Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services is Southwest Michigan's #1 choice for hearing healthcare. We specialize in helping people find the perfect hearing solutions for their hearing needs. Our tailored approach combines advanced hearing testing, sophisticated technology, and most importantly, caring and experienced professionals. Our services include diagnostic hearing testing, fitting and servicing of hearing devices, custom

hearing protection, cerumen management, tinnitus treatment, and balance testing.

Contact us today at (269) 982-3444 or infodesk@prohear.net to schedule your hearing screening. Learn more about Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services by visiting www.prohear.net.



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Police Points – City of Buchanan Parking Violation Fee Increase



City of Buchanan Parking Violation Fee Increase

June 13, 2022

WHAT: City of Buchanan Parking Violation Fee Increase

WHEN: Effective July 1, 2022

AUTHORITY: City of Buchanan Police Department

Effective July 1, 2022 the fees for any parking violation in the City of Buchanan will increase to \$25 per violation. If the parking citation is not paid within five (5) days, the fee will increase to \$50. After 15 days if the parking citation is not paid, the late fee will increase to \$75. If the parking citation is not paid after 30 days, it will be referred to the 5th District Court where the fines and fees have been established by the court.

As a reminder, there is no parking on any city street or in any municipal parking area between 2:30 am and 6:00 am. Residents who reside in the downtown area that do not have private parking access available to them, are required to park in the marked designated parking spaces and display a valid parking permit. Other parking violations that are subject to a fine can include parking in a yellow zone, parking next to a fire hydrant, or parking in a marked no parking zone.

If you are unfortunate to receive a parking citation, you can pay the citation with cash or check by either

visiting in-person the Buchanan Police Department located at 720 E. Front St, Suite A or by placing your payment in the provided envelope and mailing it in. Please note that postage is required. You may also visit the City of Buchanan website at www.cityofbuchanan.com to pay your citation by clicking on the Pay My Bill icon and then click on the Credit Card Service icon and then complete the displayed fields to make a credit card payment.

Therefore, we are encouraging our residents to be cognizant of this fee increase in order to avoid incurring the new fines associated with any parking violation. Feel free to contact the Buchanan Police Department at (269) 695-5120 if you have any questions.



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

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A Note from the Editor – Issue 30



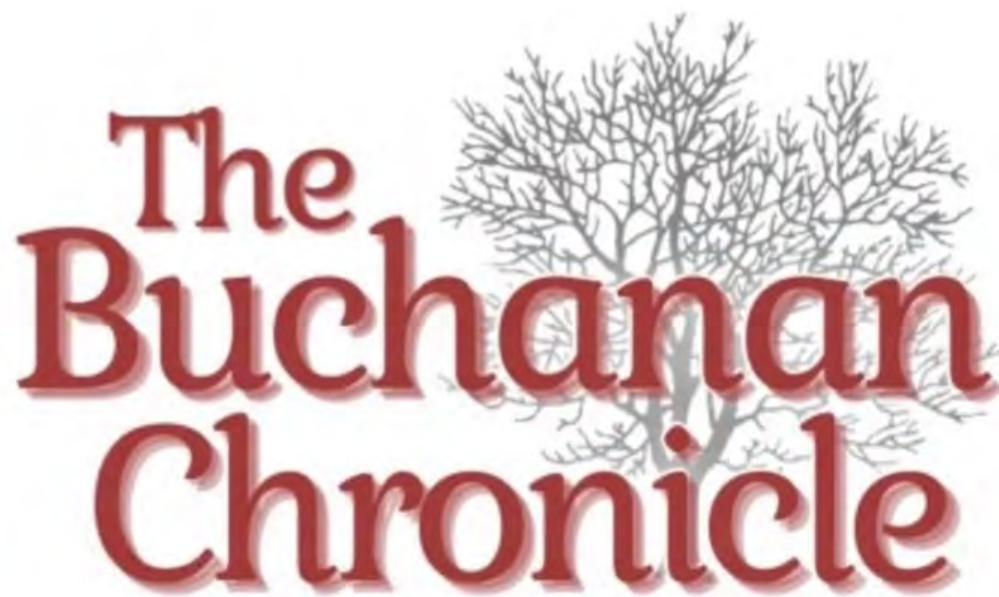
by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Welcome to the 30th issue we have produced since March 20, 2021! Just like the school year that is now done, it goes by so fast. Compared to the last time I wrote my Note From the Editor, it is a rainy day as I sit at my dining room table. We do need the rain for our crops and flowers. I have flowers to plant, just have to get a day where I am not busy and plant them!

Do you have a garden or have you added flowers to your yard? Email us a photo to: buchananchronicle@att.net with your name, city, and state and we can put them in our next July 9 issue by Saturday, July 2nd to share the beauty of what is being added to your/our community.

For the month of July, our issues will be ready for you to read on Saturday, July 9 and Saturday, July 23. We are giving our team some time off from The Buchanan Chronicle during the 4th of July weekend. However, on July 23, please visit our bake sale booth at the Buchanan Farmers' Market from 8am – 1pm. All sales/donations will go towards future printed issues.

Happy Readings,
Rebecka Hoyt



**Buchanan Community Schools – End of School Year
2021-2022**



Graphic from Buchanan Community Schools

2021-2022 End of School Year

by Patricia L. Robinson, BCS Superintendent

June 2022

Dear Buck Families,

Another school year has come to an end, and we appreciate the patience and support you provided us. We were able to address areas of growth and celebrate areas of progress. Our students ended the year with more

knowledge and confidence as they continue to grow to be responsible, resilient, and creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

In addition to helping students academically, we were able to restructure our business office, provide a plethora of professional learning opportunities for staff, and redesign and launch our new and improved website. We have much to do in maintaining and renovating our facilities in order to retain and recruit staff and students to our district.

Here are some highlights:

- Launched updated website
- We continue to show increases in our NWEA data K-8 and SAT ELA data
- Updated our calendar based on input
- Updated classroom audio at high school and middle school
- Expanded 1:1 Chromebooks to all K-12 students
- Exploring a referendum as a means to update our aging schools
- Provided 473 breakfasts and 1,031 lunches daily
- Empty Bowls raised almost \$5,000 to donate to RAM
- Welcomed over 150 guest readers at Ottawa Elementary School
- Partnered with Buchanan Library to provide tutoring for students at Moccasin Elementary
- Buchanan Middle School continued its spirit of service by donating socks, hats, and gloves to RAM, participating in Rake a Difference Day, and the students made a substantial donation to the Devos Children's Hospital
- Celebrated the 100th year of Buchanan High School
- Buchanan Robotics took 2nd place at the St. Joseph competition
- Middle school and High school placed 3rd in the county for Science Olympiad
- Buchanan Esports finished with a perfect record
- High School Fall, Winter, and Spring sports which lead to post-season games and district, regional, and state participation (Go, Bucks!)
- Celebrated Title IX- Women in Sports
- Hosted home cross country and track meets

I am excited about our accomplishments and anticipate many more in the upcoming year.
As always thank you for your support. Go Bucks, and enjoy your summer!

Educationally yours,



Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools



BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021,
Photo from BCS



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The Clark Barker – Issue 30



Be Kind to Your Surroundings

A little birdie told me that there was some vandalism on the McCoy Creek Trail down on the southern part of the trail by the factory area. This happened sometime between Thursday, June 2 – Sunday, June 5. Luckily, the mural of the trail wasn't damaged. However, spray paint was used on benches that people do exercises on and other various things.

Please spread the word to your kids/grandkids/other people to be kind while they are on this trail. It is there for all of us to enjoy and we don't need this kind of damage being done. Respect is what it comes down to. If you happen to see anything like this on any part of the trail, please report it to the Buchanan City Police Department and give them as much information as you can.

Woof-Woof!

Now That's Funny! – Issue 30



by Julie Hoyt

I'm sure all of you have seen some kind of weird video. They may be funny, but why they make them, I have no clue. According to YouTube, a video titled "STAR WARS HISHE Complication Volume One" from the YouTube channel called HISHE (How It Should Have Ended), it explains the alternate endings of the prequel and original trilogy. To watch the video, here is the link:

(304) STAR WARS HISHE Compilation Volume One – YouTube

I have been watching them for a short amount of time, and when I came across that one, I immediately thought, "I must watch this!" In the end I found that some stuff would have made the franchise worse or better. And some stuff that was just downright bizarre. 🤔

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Remembering – Issue 30



Buchanan Losses • 05/27-06/15

Name	Age	Born	Died
Philip George Damico	85	February 22, 1937	June 15, 2022
Linda Rose (Woodbury) Maxon	74	March 17, 1948	June 11, 2022
Doris Catherine May	100	October 23, 1921	June 11, 2022
Lonnie James Thomas	56	July 1, 1965	June 8, 2022
Sally Ann Wetzel	73	1949	June 8, 2022
Frank Brady Jr.	84	March 21, 1938	June 5, 2022
Carole Jean Schlutt	84	September 11, 1937	June 4, 2022
Arnold Clarence Ender	87	September 12, 1934	June 1, 2022
Ila Mae Proud	83	December 20, 1938	June 1, 2022
Jermain Thompson	40	1982	June 1, 2022
Jean McNees	86	1936	June 1, 2022
Juanita "Wanita" Emily Spalding	90	September 9, 1931	May 27, 2022

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

Also, below please find the list provided by Buckteens Buchanan High School 2022 of BHS Alumni 2022 – In Memoriam "Once a Buck, Always a Buck":



BHS Alumni Deaths List, Buckteens 2022

BHS Deaths
August 2021 - June 2022

	Walter Vanderbush	05/02/22
1937	Marie (Montgomery) Kangas	12/23/21
1942	Agnes (Travis) Leazenby	04/29/22
1943	Ruth (Shtukas) Pridavaka	06/06/21
1944	Jean (Skinner) Schneider	08/05/21
1946	Jack Hemminger	01/27/22
1946	Murriel (Skinner) Jerue	12/30/21
1946	L. Dewey Spencer	08/04/21
1946	Don Holmes	10/23/21
1946	Clyde Weaver	02/11/22
1947	Norene (Fuller) Wregglesworth	08/22/21
1947	Pat (Reinholt) Benites	06/01/21
1947	Robert Surch	04/24/22
1947	Ralph Thurston	11/24/21
1948	Mary Jane (Fagras) Georgen	10/18/21
1948	Agnes (Fletcher) Zebell	08/20/21
1948	Don O'Bryant	09/19/21
1948	Nedra (Smith) Sebalj	01/01/22
1949	O'Dean Toll	03/08/22
1949	Phil Stroud	01/23/22
1949	Frances (Pinkerton) Swaim	02/08/22
1949	Jacky Wesner	05/20/22
1950	Mildred (Pazder) Olmstead	10/15/21
1951	Dora (Kohn) Mann	09/16/21
1951	Dick Marsh	02/11/22
1951	Jack Runyon	10/18/21
1952	William Koenigshof	05/20/22
1952	Patricia (Quinn) Ross	
1953	Richard Beistle	03/01/22
1953	Turner Bobbitt	11/18/21
1953	Don Garling	04/14/22
1953	D'Eldra (Phoenix) Ehlert	04/24/22

BHS Alumni Deaths List, Buckteens 2022

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August 2021 - June 2022

1953	Dan Smith	08/27/21
1955	Bill Karpinski	10/30/21
1955	Betty (Davis) Schinske	03/30/22
1956	Dennis Brado	12/17/21
1956	Jack Cauffman	09/16/21
1956	Glen Carlson	12/08/21
1956	Mae Proud	06/01/22
1958	Lee Lyon	04/20/22
1959	Larry Cronin	01/26/22
1959	Melody (Clemans) Weaver	11/04/21
1959	Joyce (Schrimsher) Galbreath	01/25/22
1959	Martha (Hatfield) Curtis	01/07/22
1960	Paul Gearhart	03/04/22
1960	Pat (Lane) McNeely	01/23/22
1961	Bill Anderson	04/11/22
1962	Kay (Frame) Flynn	09/06/21
1962	Linda (Ralston) Mast	05/01/22
1966	Shirley (Templeton) Bennett	08/31/21
1966	James Wallace	12/03/21
1967	Beverly (Inkton) Miller	02/22/22
1967	Linda (Topash) Yazell	12/15/21
1968	Sandy (Cramer) Braswell	12/16/21
1968	Jewell (Harvel) Vader	08/15/21
1968	Florence (Pruett) Hinkle	02/07/22
1968	Shirley Brown	5/15/2022
1969	Ted Florey	10/05/21
1969	Willie Francis	03/27/22
1969	Mary (Gray) Newman	02/12/22
1970	Debra (Mitch) Card	11/28/21
1971	Gerald Kring	09/24/21
1973	Don Pelley	Dec. 2021
1973	Gerald Weaver	03/26/22

BHS Alumni Deaths List, Buckteens 2022

BHS Deaths
August 2021 - June 2022

1973	Elizabeth "Liza" Moon	04/29/22
1973	Steve Davidson	05/24/22
1974	Cheryle (Granger) Foust	05/01/22
1975	Roger Patton	12/18/21
1976	Gary Jones	01/14/22
1976	Steve Shreve	11/08/21
1977	Mary (O'Bryant) Wawrzynczak	10/31/21
1977	Jeff Swank	05/07/22
1978	Greg Frazier	01/06/22
1978	Kirk D. Morris, Sr.	08/21/19
1978	Warren Libby	05/24/22
1979	Eric Thompson	01/04/22
1980	George Naragon	04/11/22
1981	Rich Davidson	09/01/21
1981	Shawna (Bartlett) Freehling	12/09/21
1981	Robert Hudson	03/25/22

BHS Alumni Deaths List, Buckteens 2022

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Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
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City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • May 23 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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

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

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

The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, May 23rd 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, May 23, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

– Meeting was called to order by Mayor Denison at 7:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

– Mayor Denison led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

– Mayor Sean Denison, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon, Commissioner Cameron Downey, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem

– City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Community Development Director, Richard Murphy; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Director of Public Safety, Tim Ganus; Sergeant, Harvey Burnett, Sergeant John Leonard

IV. Approve Agenda

– Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Money to approve the agenda as presented.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

V. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

– Grace briefly introduced the budget with a highlight of the millage rates reduction in the city due to Headlee tax act going from 17.6 mils to a reduction 16.9793, due to the growth in the city.

V.A.1. Open Public Hearing on Budget

– Consider opening the public hearing to receive comment on the proposed City budget for fiscal year 2022 – 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

– Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Swem to open the public hearing at 7:02 P.M. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

– No public comment was made.

V.A.2. Close Public Hearing on Budget

– Consider closing the public hearing to receive comment on the proposed City budget for fiscal year 2022 – 2023

(July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

- Motion made by Downey, seconded by Weedon to close the public hearing at 7:03 P.M.
- 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)

VII.A.1. May 9, 2022 Minutes

- Consider approving Regular Meeting Minutes from 05/09/22.

VII.A.2. May 6, 2022, Minutes

- Consider approving Special Meeting Minutes from 05/06/22.

VII.B.1. Expenditures

- Consider approving expenditures for May 23, 2022, in the amount of \$158,653.96.

VII.C.1. Street Closure

- Consider approving a Street Closure on June 4th, 2022 at Smith Street from Chicago to High School Parking Lot, to help accommodate Baseball and Softball District games.

VII.D.1. Authorization to Sign Agreement with Baker Tilly

- Consider authorizing Manager Grace to sign the agreement with Baker Tilly to perform the water/sewer rate study at a cost of \$9,000 per fund, as was previously approved by the Commission.

VII.E.1. Treasurer Employment Agreement

- Consider authorizing Manager Grace to sign the employment agreement to formally hire Deborah Perez as the City Treasurer/Finance Director, as was previously approved by the Commission. Position advertised pay as \$65,000 – \$80,000+ DOQ, Manager Grace negotiated a contract with Ms. Perez for a starting salary of \$70,000 due to Ms. Perez having over ten years of experience as the City Treasurer for Fennville, MI.

VII.F.1. Resolution 2022.05/436

- Consider approving Resolution # 2022.05/436 to adopt the 80%/20% employer/employee health care cost option as set forth in 2011 public act 152, the publicly funded health insurance contribution act. This is a general housekeeping resolution that the city is required to complete annually in order to remain compliant with state law related to street funding.
- Motion made by Downey, seconded by Swem to approve the consent agenda.
- Swem asked for discussion pertaining to the expenditures for weed eaters and wanted clarification on why 6 were bought. Baker was able to go into more detail on why they were purchased.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- None

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

IX.A. Community Development Report – Director Rich Murphy

IX.A.1. Redbud Roots Adult Use

- Consider Redbud Roots 2022 renewal of Adult Use Processing License at 455 Post Rd.
- Murphy stated that the application is in good order and permit fees have been paid.
- Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Downey to approve the 2022 renewal of Adult Use Processing License at 455 Post Rd, contingent on background checks.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.A.2. Redbud Roots Medical

- Consider Redbud Roots 2022 renewal of Medical Processing License at 455 Post Rd.
- Murphy stated that the application is in good order and permit fees have been paid.
- Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Swem to approve the 2022 renewal of Medical Processing License at 455 Post Rd, contingent on background checks.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.A.3. Walpole Microbusiness

- Consider Walpole Limited Craft Market 2022 Renewal of Microbusiness Permit at 303 Carroll St.
- Swem asked for a status update, Mr. Walpole able to provide that to the Commission. They

currently waiting on the State to approve the mechanical inspection, their hope is to have everything up and going by late fall early winter.

- Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money to approve the Walpole Limited Craft Market 2022 Renewal of Microbusiness Permit at 303 Carroll St.

- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.A.4. B&W Redevelopment Liquor License

- Consider Resolution 2022.05/434 for Redevelopment Liquor License of B&W, SVV entertainment holding LLC at 116 Main St.

- The owner of B&W, SVV entertainment holdings LLC has prepared the application for the State for Redevelopment Liquor License. Murphy is looking for approval of the resolution at the local level, then they may send the completed application to the state where they will decide if he is approved. This is the first application for this path.

- Downey had questions about the application not being complete. The part he was referring to has to be done by the clerk after the vote for approval or denial, since it's a stock resolution.

- The affidavit for his attempts to secure liquor licenses must be proven by him to the State. The owner has had to document the process of trying to secure a liquor license. Murphy is trying to give them everything he needs to be able to submit it to the state.

- Swem asked for clarification from Murphy. The city's responsibility is to create the environment for him to apply and agree that his physical location is acceptable location. Any additional due diligence is on the State level, or do we have additional measures we have to take?

- Murphy compared it to the Social District, it's a law that's written that gives the local unit of government a heads up that someone is applying for a liquor license and if you see any reason why they shouldn't the commission would have a say so.

- Murphy is trying to bring in more restaurants and retail to the city. He is trying to use these tools for investors to bring in more to the city.

- All the figures are included with sign off by the assessor and building inspector as well as Murphy and Grace.

- Motion made by Swem, seconded by Weedon to approve resolution 2022.05/434 for Redevelopment Liquor License of B&W, SVV entertainment holdings LLC at 116 Main St.

- Yes: Weedon, Swem, Money, Denison

- No: None

- Abstain: Downey, conflict business

- Motion carries.

IX.A.5. Zoning Update

- Director Murphy will provide a brief update regarding the City's progress towards a new Zoning Code.

- Murphy met all day this past Friday with Susan and Andrew from Placemakers. He had a series of meetings with the downtown stakeholders, Northside Neighborhood group, Buchanan preservation society, and then a joint meeting with City Commission, Planning Commission and BARB members. They reviewed the objectives of the project, asked a lot of questions, introduced some ideas, got a feel of what everyone was feeling as a conscience. For those that were not able to attend Murphy is available to follow up with the Commission with any questions and more details.

- People are open to ideas that will guide the vision. From here the team will create a first draft and will be back in 6 to 8 weeks. They will want feedback on that first draft. Murphy thought it was a great first meeting. The project could take anywhere from 6 to 9 months total.

IX.B. City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority – Kalla Langston

IX.B.1. Recognition of Removal of Stephanie Powers from the City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority.

- Consider recognizing Stephanie Powers' removal from the City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority, due to her resignation from her position as Treasurer for the City of Buchanan. There is only a need for three members, so the remaining members of City Manager Heather Grace, Community Development Director Rich Murphy, and City Clerk Kalla Langston, all of whom were appointed to the Authority in February 2022, will continue to serve, and shall constitute a full board.

- Motion made by Money, seconded by Downey to recognize the removal of Stephanie Powers from the City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority.

- Roll call vote unanimously.

IX.B.2. Set Terms for Municipal Building Authority

– Consider a motion to establish terms of the Building Authority Commission members for the 3 appointed members, as follows: (i) City Clerk Kalla Langston shall serve as a commissioner of the City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority for a term ending on June 30, 2022; (ii) Community Development Director, Rich Murphy shall serve as a commissioner of the City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority for a term ending on June 30, 2023; and (iii) City Manager Heather Grace shall serve as a commissioner of the City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority for a term ending June 30, 2024.

– Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Money to establish terms of the Building Authority Commission members for the 3 appointed members, as follows: (i) City Clerk Kalla Langston shall serve as a commissioner of the City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority for a term ending on June 30, 2022; (ii) Community Development Director, Rich Murphy shall serve as a commissioner of the City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority for a term ending on June 30, 2023; and (iii) City Manager Heather Grace shall serve as a Commissioner of the City of Buchanan Municipal Building Authority for a term ending June 30, 2024.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.B.3. Resolution 2022.05/435

– Consider approving Resolution # 2022.05/435 approving the City to proceed with the Municipal Building Authority Project, which creates the funding mechanism for the new DPW building.

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Downey to approve Resolution # 2022.05/435 approving the City to proceed with the Municipal Building Authority Project, which creates the funding mechanism for the new DPW building.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX.C. Public Safety Director Report – Tim Ganus

IX.C.1. Naming of Acting Chief of Police& Transition of Ganus to Public Safety Director

– Public Safety Director Tim Ganus and City Manager Grace both strongly recommend the naming of Dr. Harvey Burnett to the position of “Acting Chief of Police” for the City of Buchanan. Naming Burnett as “Acting Chief” will allow Ganus and Grace to formally post the open position of Police Chief (allowing formal applications from other interested parties) with a goal of having the Commission vote on the permanent naming of a new Buchanan Chief of Police during our 06/27/22 meeting. In turn, this will enable the City Administration to begin the work of fully transitioning Ganus to the full-time role of dedicated Director of Public Safety, as was discussed during previous City Commission special meetings and work sessions.

– Grace introduced the proposal of naming an acting “Chief of Police” in this instance we are seeking to name Dr. Harvey Burnett. Ganus and Grace strongly recommending Burnett that he be named “acting Chief of Police” effective immediately. This will allow Ganus and Grace to post the position for Chief of Police. As well as the transition for Ganus to be full Ganus Director of Public Safety.

– Motion made by Money, seconded by Swem to appoint Dr. Harvey Burnett as the “Acting Chief of Police” for the City of Buchanan, and authorize Tim Ganus to continue serving in the role of “Director of Public Safety”.

– Downey asked for discussion asking Swem to elaborate on the discussion Ganus and Swem had earlier on what his role would look like now.

– The discussion was related to what the Commission had talked about on Saturday and what roles Ganus would be taking on as the Director full time. Noting more than what was discussed on Saturday was what Swem and Ganus had discussed.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.C.2. SMCAS Ambulance Board

– Ganus, who serves on the Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Services (SMCAS) Board, will present to the Commission regarding an upcoming request by the SMCAS Director related to SMCAS funding approvals needed to continue the current provision of ambulance service within the City.

– Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Money to table until next meeting, when SMCAS Director Brian Scribner can present to explain exactly what he is requesting.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.D. Buchanan Area Recreational Board BARB Report

IX.D.1. Bylaws

– Consider approving updated bylaws for the BARB committee, as recommended by the BARB during their 05/11/22 meeting.

– Motion made by Downey, seconded by Swem to approve the amended Bylaws submitted by the BARB, as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.D.2. New Member Appointment

– Consider approving the application of Cayde Heyliger to join the BARB, as was recommended during the 05/11/22 BARB meeting.

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money to appoint Cayde Heyliger to join the BARB.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX.E. Buchanan Area Fine Arts Committee Report

IX.E.1. Budget Report

– The BAFAC wanted to share their budget report with the City Commission.

– Grace noted that BAFAC just wanted to share their budget report with the Commission and public.

IX.F. Public Services Report – Mike Baker

IX.F.1. Mike Baker

– Baker will provide a Public Services Report, as well as an update regarding the Third Street Sewer Project. The Commission can consider any updated proposals that may be submitted by Selge in time for review during the meeting.

– Baker and Selge have been going back and forth on numbers. Baker had asked Scott from Selge to be here tonight to answer questions. He is not present for the meeting. The numbers we are receiving now are \$20,000 higher than the first quote. There was confusion about the different quotes coming in from Selge. Commission asked for Grace to get into contact with Selge and get a clear view of what the cost is going to be.

X. New Business

XV.A.1. Adoption of the FY 2022 – 2023 Buchanan City Budget

– Consider adopting the FY 2022 – 2023 Budget for the City of Buchanan, as presented (keeping in mind that the budget needs to be adopted at this meeting to meet State requirements and could not be submitted earlier due to the City only just receiving vital budgetary data from Berrien County Equalization on 05/17/22, and also keeping in mind that the budget can always be amended at subsequent meetings, which is anticipated to occur once the new Treasurer/Finance Director comes aboard and gets a chance to further review the budget in collaboration with Manager Grace). FY 2022 – 2023 refers to the time period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. As presented, this budget represents a REDUCTION IN TAXES for the Citizens of Buchanan, as the effective tax rate millage is being reduced to 16.9793.

– Grace presented the Budget for 2022-2023.

– The commission would like to 0 out of account 101-000.000-675.000 Sales of City Owned Property under revenue.

– Swem would like a work session soon with edits they need to make. He's having a hard time wanting to approve all the staff wage increases. He wants to do wage increases, but it's hard to approve it with what they are given at the moment.

– Grace let the commission know because it is tied to so many different line items, she would not be able to make all the changes in this meeting. However, if they could vote on it as it is and know that it won't go into effect until July 1. We can have that work session before then and make edits to it before it goes in effect.

– Motion made by Swem to move to adopt the budget for the City of Buchanan, for the fiscal year 2022-2023, as presented, with the amendment of 101-000.000-675.000 Sales of City owned Property under revenue to equal \$0, and the pay raises won't effectuate until after a work session before July 1, with a general operating millage set at 16.9793 and the Dial-A-Ride millage set at .9846, seconded by Weedon.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XI. Communications

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

None.

XII. Public Comment

Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

– Shelly King: Comments made about the noise ordinance and other ordinance violations that are happening in the neighborhood.

– Norma Ferris: Comments about comcast channel 17, Norma is reaching out on behalf of the residents.

- Rita Hughes: Comments about her sewer lateral and issues with backups. Asking for the City to start a program for replacing the lateral lines. As well about the infrastructure on the Northside, asking for more attention given to the residents.
- James Busby: Comments about the Elizabeth St. being redone. With multiple incidents of injury on the Street because of the dip. Just wondering why certain things are delayed for so long. Wants to know when it will be fixed. Also comments about the abundance of stray cats and trash being ripped open the garbage company won't pick up if it's ripped open or on the ground. Asking for them address the ordinance violations.
- Jean Harris: Comments about code enforcement. When she is making a complaint for an ordinance violation, she is not getting a quick response back. Northside neighbors have created an advocate group to try and get some of these issues resolved. Is there a code enforcement officer? As a group can they have the authority to write a complaint and get it to the code enforcement officer.
- Jim Cronin: Comments about Baker doing a good job since he has taken over the Public Works Department.
- Steve Rothenberg: Comments about how to file a complaint against a Withrow Autobody.
- Norma Ferris: Comments about having a meeting about the repair for streets.
- Tony Houser: Comments about grant programs with water/sewer infrastructure

XIII. Executive Comments

XIII.A. City Manager Comments

– With so many public comments that require follow-ups, Grace is asking that everyone grab her card and contact with her through email so she can direct the concerns in the correct places. She doesn't want anyone to not get the follow-up they all deserve. Thanking the Commission for this evening. Excited to see the process of the liquor licenses redevelopment, additional restaurants are desired throughout the community, and this will increase are economic developments substantially to make us that destination to live, work and play. Thank you to everyone for all our contributions you give to the city.

XIII.B. Commissioner Comments

- Money: It's good to see everyone coming out and expressing their concerns of Buchanan. We haven't had a lot of this and its good. This commission has talked about the Northside neighborhood and have discussed what we need to do at that end of town and what needs to be taken care of up there. Appreciate everyone expressing their concerns and to get the interaction from everyone. Wanted to thank Baker and the DPW for putting the new veterans' banners up. This commission has worked hard to help the residents of Buchanan and thanks to the staff and to the commission. Congrats to Harvey and Ganus.
- Downey: Concerned about Channel 17. Grace explained that it's a Comcast problem nothing that we can do. Also wondering about the Plante Moran details, Grace will get him an answer. Had questions about utility billing on the DPW building would like the invoices.
- Swem: Blight enforcement is a big focus of the commission. We will begin to start tackling those problems. Incredibly confident in Chief Burnett and Director Tim Ganus on getting that acted upon. The infostructure report that was referenced before we will make that available to everyone. As part of that there is phased strategy on to what areas to handle first. Therefore, were looking at the 24-million-dollar project for the downtown area. You are 100 percent right the northside needs to be addressed next. Unfortunately, there was no funds being saved in the past for this. When we make those enhancements, it will naturally affect your water/sewer bill. Congratulations to Harvey. Truly appreciate everyone for coming tonight.
- Weedon: Thank you to everyone who came from the Northside, the more you come and the more we hear what the issues are that is gold to us. We have talked many nights about what can be done in the Northside. There is a lot of vacant lots and opportunity and truly believe that it's just going to be a couple of things where it starts to head to a positive thing. Appreciate Dr. Harvey's time and service, looking forward to your service as the Chief. Thanked Ganus very much.

XIII.C. Mayor Comments

– Started by thanking everyone for coming tonight, it's great seeing the folks from the northside attending and giving us your thoughts. The eight percent raise in water/sewer rates every year is to pay for the oxidation ditch, that was the only way to get it done. The city is on a tight budget, we have a city that is aging, and it seems as if every time we turn around something is breaking, and we only have so much money. We are trying to find ways to stretch every dollar. We are doing everything we can to get grants and looking everywhere we can to find money to get all of these done. The street issue, we know they are bad, and a lot of these streets are going to be torn up in a few years because of work that needs to be done underground. We are trying to band aid them, so we are not wasting money

to turn around and rip them up. Congratulations to Burnett and we expect some singing at some of these city meetings, much like the D.A.R.E graduations. I wanted to thank Grace for her work on the budget, she had a lot of work in the budget then in the middle of the week she got new information dumped on her that that made her pull an all nighter before the Saturday meeting. Thanked all the city staff for doing such a great job.

XIV. Adjourn

- Motion made by Weedon to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M., seconded by Money.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

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