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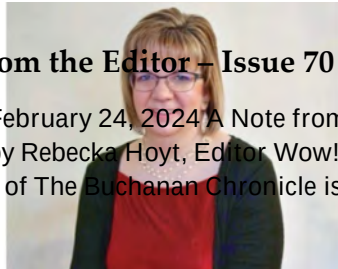
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Local Business – Bebop's Plant Shop



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Bebop's Plant Shop Brings Nature Into The Hometown & Co. Business Incubator

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor, and Jen Garry, Publisher

Step into The Hometown & Co. business incubator on 101 Days Ave in downtown Buchanan, MI, as Bebop's Plant Shop welcomes you with their bright green plants from succulents to hanging baskets. Owner, Jessica Ortiz is sharing her calling of plants with those who want a new plant, asking questions about how to care for an ill plant at home to making terrariums and even kids activities like paint a pot.



Jessica Ortiz, Owner of Bebo's Plant Shop in Buchanan, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The Hometown & Co. incubator is not the first incubator-style setting she has tested for her business. Her first one was in Quad Cities, in the Iowa area. Since being here at 101 Days, even after just a short time (since February 6, 2024), she has a sense that there is much more of a community feeling here, has felt very welcomed, and is happy about that.



You will find what has been described as the best local variety of plants at Bebo's Plant Shop; from snake plants, kokedamas (moss balls), to peperomia, many succulents which are very easy to care for, air plants that need very little water, hanging baskets, as well as all manner of items to fulfill your plant needs. Jessica hand-picks her plants at the nearby wholesaler in Grand Rapids, MI and she also partners with [Atonix Prints](#) in Benton Harbor, MI to provide 3D-printed brightly-colored planters.



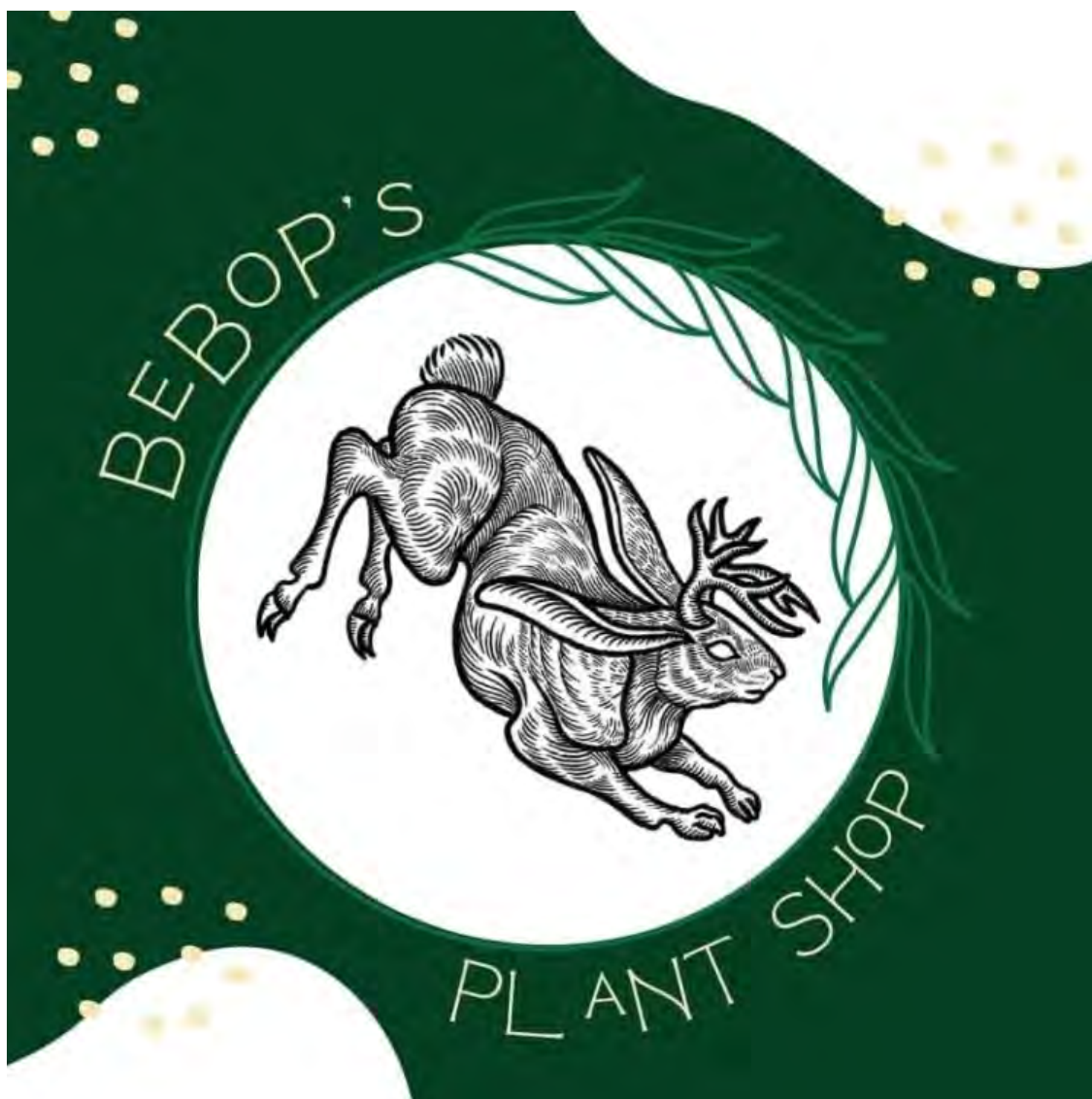
Inside the NEW Bebob's Plant Shop, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

She stocks her all-time favorite brand of potting soil, charcoal to help prevent fungus, drainage rocks, and many planters of all sizes with such fun colors and designs to choose from. You can also assemble your very own terrarium with her Succulent and Terrarium Bar where you choose a vessel, plants, and pick a top dressing! These can be gifts for the plant lover in your life, administrative assistant's day, or just something for your home or desk to bring more green into your life.



Kids and adults alike can participate in regular "Paint a Pot" sessions, that include a small pot with a succulent, and paint and brushes are provided for decorating. It could be great for Mother's Day, for Grandma, a fun activity for the kids and time together, not to mention the experience of learning how to care for a small plant after you take your creation home with you.

A peek in the windows of The Hometown & Co along Front Street will reveal a new bit of heaven, a green haven lush with plant life and unique home items. If you are looking for a great gift, something fresh to do, or if you happen by the store, make sure you stop in to see all the amazing things they have to offer. Welcome to Buchanan, Bebo's Plant Shop!



About Bebop's Plant Shop: Unique and vibrant plants, garden supplies, and home decor items, shop inside The Hometown & Co by LiveBuchanan.

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Buchanan Politics – An Interview with James Busby



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An Interview with James Busby

by Heather Foster, Writer

James Busby, a name many are familiar with, was able to set aside some time for an interview last Saturday afternoon. He filed a Civil Rights complaint against Buchanan City Commissioner, Dan Vigansky for racist comments in late 2023.

As I sat down with Busby, he started on about how times have changed. The North side of Buchanan isn't 99% African Americans like it used to be. Families of different ethnicities, biracial families, and so much more have joined our community. "Watching Dan spread his racist, sexist comments around town and at meetings is disgraceful," James elaborated. He mentioned Dan Vigansky repeating words such as "coons," "you people," "those people," and others when referring to African Americans in Buchanan. James said that Dan has gone as far as calling all white people "racists" and "bigots."

James said that while Dan likes to showboat his attitude around, he gets a very different side of him when it's just the two of them together. After Busby filed the Civil Rights complaint, he said that Dan found out and asked for him to withdraw the complaint. Dan's actions and choices of words laid the foundation for this complaint to be made, and Busby plans to let it continue as far as it will go.

Shortly after the complaint was made, Busby and Dan had an in-person heated conversation, which led to lies being spread. Busby said that those lies spread like fire and it's a big problem in Buchanan. "Someone says something and runs with it, then it continues, without anyone fact-checking." He mentions that with the issues happening in Buchanan, that it hurts the town when falsehoods are spread, and fueling that fire with misinformation, simply won't do.

"When lies are spread, it affects the town. We can't get investors or money because they see that (referring to negative social media posts). I hope that since the commission has decided to take no action against Denison after the latest complaint, we can see things die down and get back to what they were supposed to be doing, which is making this town better."

When asked about supporting the Commission, James said, "I can still support someone who I normally wouldn't support, if what they're saying makes sense." He continues, "It takes too much energy to hate someone." He mentioned that even if Dan said something that made sense, he'd support it, because the goal overall, is to make

this town better.

Instead of focusing on the negative, Busby wants to focus on the positive. "I bleed maroon, black, and white. I love my town and I love my school," he says. He's here for the community, to make it better, and to use his history and experiences to support the town as much as possible.

"We're working to fix up the town and continuing on the Victory Park Project. James showed me the plans for maroon tables for the new gazebo at Victory Park. He says this park needs to be built for the children, which needs playground equipment, fixed-up sidewalks, and other things. James was proud that he and a few other residents have gotten together and are working through making Buchanan beautiful again.

Busby continued on his Victory Park preparations, "We'll be having a ribbon cutting June 8th at 12pm" to celebrate the completion of the park project. The park will be dedicated to Buchanan athletes, which celebrates the life and accomplishments of those who are still with us and those who've passed. He showed me the signs being made by local business, Pam's Signs, which had names of athletes spanning decades.

Busby said the Civil Rights team had finished up their interviews as of last month and are awaiting to hear the results. If Vigansky won't step down, he hopes that this Civil Rights violation will be the ammunition needed for the Governor's office to step in and relieve Vigansky of his duties. So far, they have over three hundred signatures and are hoping to get more to complete the recall petition made by Jake Brown. If this goes forth, Dan Vigansky could face a recall election with a Civil Rights violation in tow.

Heather Foster, Writer for The Buchanan Chronicle, also reached out to Jake Brown for comments on the recall petition for Buchanan City Commissioner, Dan Vigansky, but has not received a response. Dan Vigansky was also contacted and has declined to comment.





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About The City of Buchanan, MI: The City operates under the Commission–Manager form of government as prescribed by the City Charter. Under this model the City Manager is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the City, with the Buchanan City Commission's main function being legislative and setting important policies that chart the future course of Buchanan. The City Commission is made up of five (5) members who serve four (4) year terms. The Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem are selected at the first meeting in November following the City election. Current City Manager: (Interim) ~ Current Mayor: Sean Denison.

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Press Release – Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks' New Bracelet Bar



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Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks Introduces the Bracelet Bar: A Creative Haven for Leather Enthusiasts

Submitted by Ashley Regal, LiveBuchanan

Chandra Williams, the creative force behind Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks, is set to unveil an exciting new venture that promises to add a touch of flair and personalization to South West Michigan. Introducing the Bracelet Bar—an innovative concept where customers can unleash their creativity and design their own custom bracelets.



Chandra of Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks with The Bracelet Bar inside Hometown & Co, Photo provided by Ashley Regal

Located at 101 Days Avenue in Buchanan, MI, the Bracelet Bar offers a unique interactive experience for leather enthusiasts and fashion aficionados alike. Customers can immerse themselves in a world of leather craftsmanship as they craft their own personalized bracelets from start to finish.

The process is simple yet endlessly creative. Visitors to the Bracelet Bar can choose from a wide selection of different size and shape leather bands, allowing them to find the perfect fit for their style. From there, they can explore a diverse range of vibrant colors to suit their preferences.



Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks' New Bracelet Bar inside Hometown & Co, Photos provided by Ashley Regal

But the customization doesn't stop there—customers can also select from a dazzling array of spots, spikes, and studs to adorn their bracelets, creating a truly one-of-a-kind piece that reflects their unique personality and taste. With over 450 bracelets, over 3,000 spots and spikes, and a multitude of dyeing, burnishing, and oiling options, the possibilities are limited only by imagination.

The launch event for the Bracelet Bar will take place at 101 Days Avenue in Buchanan MI this Saturday, February 24th, starting at 12pm. It's a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together, celebrate creativity, and explore this exciting new addition to Buchanan's vibrant downtown scene.



Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks' New Bracelet Bar inside Hometown & Co, Photo provided by Ashley Regal

But the fun doesn't stop there—make it a full day of exploration and creativity by stopping by Bebop's Plant Shop, conveniently located right next door. Build your own terrarium and experience the joy of bringing nature into your home while immersing yourself in the artistic energy of Buchanan.

Join Chandra Williams and the Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks team for an unforgettable afternoon of creativity, self-expression, and community connection at the Bracelet Bar launch event. It's time to unleash your inner artist and make a statement with a custom leather bracelet that's uniquely yours.



Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks inside Hometown & Co, Photo provided by Ashley Regal

For more information about the Bracelet Bar and Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks, please visit GoddessOfTheMoonLeather.com or follow www.facebook.com/Goddessofthemoonleatherworks.



About Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks: Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks is a haven for leather enthusiasts, offering a wide range of handmade leather goods crafted with passion and creativity. From bracelets and belts to bags and accessories, each piece is meticulously designed and handcrafted to reflect the unique style and personality of its owner. With a commitment to quality craftsmanship and personalized service, Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks brings a touch of artistry and individuality to every creation.

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About The Hometown & Co Program: A new small business incubator program and retail location in Buchanan MI run by LiveBuchanan, a MI Main Street Engaged Level Non-Profit Organization, and partially funded through a partnership with Honor Credit Union. Our goal at The Hometown & Co. is to find burgeoning talent and to help it grow and thrive – by and for our local community here in Buchanan. Small businesses can find support when accepted into the program as a cohort, and the public can shop and eat at our market/retail location ~ Tues-Sat 11a-7p at 101 Days Ave, Buchanan MI.

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About LiveBuchanan: LiveBuchanan is Buchanan's downtown economic development team dedicated to revitalizing and enhancing the cultural, social, and economic aspects of the community. Through innovative projects and collaborations, LiveBuchanan strives to create a vibrant and inclusive downtown experience for residents and visitors alike.

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Upcoming Event – Spring Artists' Reception at RRAC

Artists' Reception
Sunday, February 25
2-4pm ET

After image
Exhibit schedule:
February 21-April 6

←← David Baker
Carr Pierce →→
↑ Neil Benham ↑

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Spring Artists' Reception at Roti Roti Art Center

Submitted by Kim Pruitt, Executive Director Roti Roti Art Center

The Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan will host an Artists' Reception on Sunday, February 25th, 2-4pm ET – all are welcome to join us! Three amazing regional artists will be featured in the exhibit which runs, February 21st through April 6th, 2024.

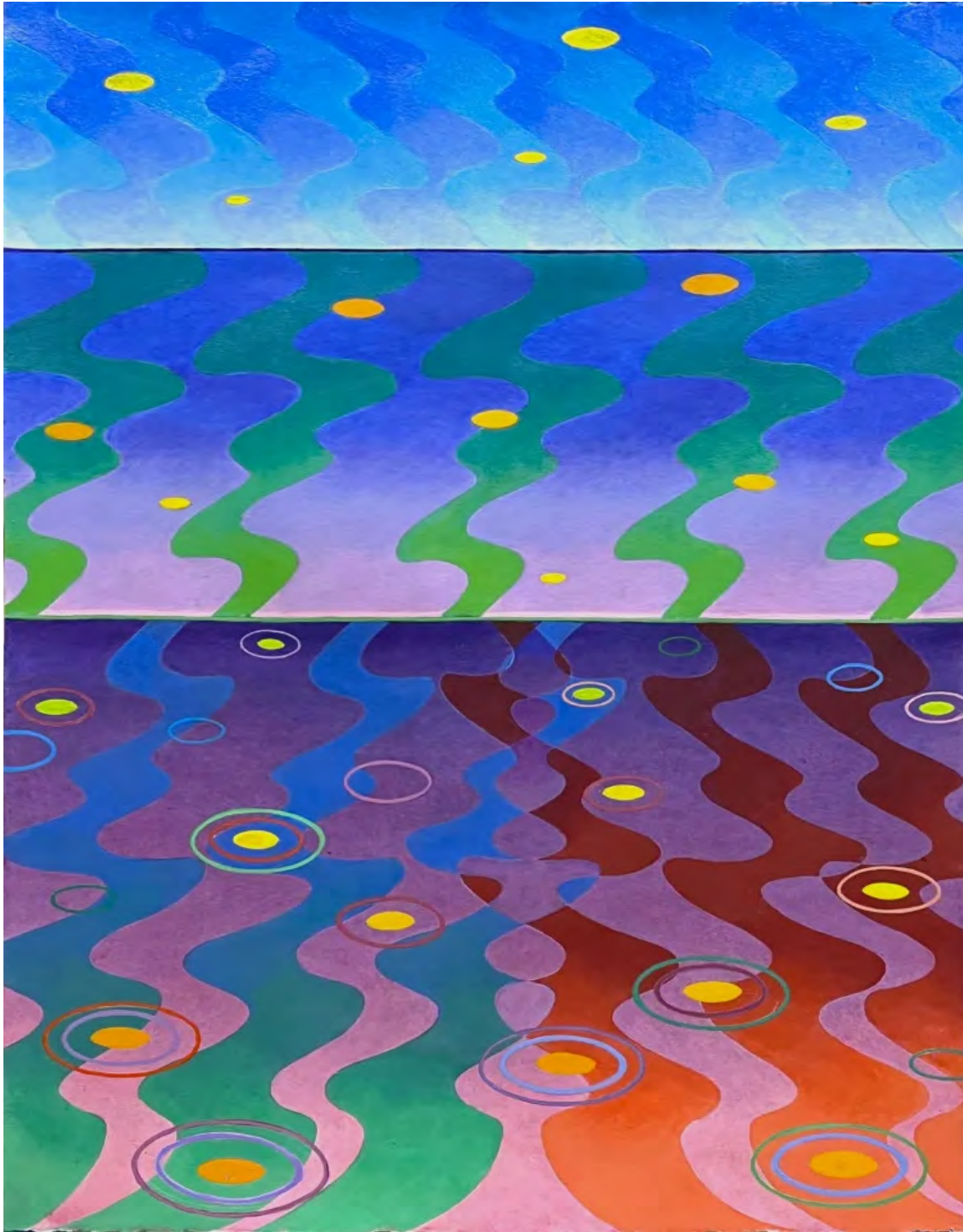
Painter, David Baker, will feature his body of work, Cascades, alongside painter Carr Pierce in an exhibit titled, "After Image." Baker and Pierce will fill the Fehlner Family Gallery with brilliant color in their abstract works – in images which complement each other. Neil Benham, who highlights the natural beauty in the raw wood he turns, will display his wood-turned bowls and sculpture in the Hess Library Gallery.

Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, located at 117 W Front St, Buchanan, MI 49107. Admission is free.
www.rotirotiartcenter.org

David Baker After Image (paintings)

David Baker titled this body of work Cascade which he began three years ago, born of a yen to explore in paint, the inventive process used in making thousands of automatic drawings in his sketchbooks. It also marks a return to David's abstract roots, from this quarter-century flirtation with landscape painting.

"As I explored, this non-representational imagery began to coalesce around a theme of flowing rhythms, falling from above. Though abstract, the paintings allude to landscape, and even religion. Hence the title, Cascade. An effective device seemed to be a fluid zig-zagging rivulet, which diminished in scale as it fell through the strata. This shape was refined into a template that then became the compositional starting point for the more recent paintings. Finally, laid over this foundation is my joyful exploration of color interaction!"



Art by David Baker, Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

David Baker is a visual artist who specializes in poetic landscape painting, much of it done en plein air. His studio pieces are often reinterpretations of paintings done outdoors. His principal media are watercolor, oil, charcoal, and, most recently, acrylic.

David is a lifelong artist/teacher. He recently retired as art professor Emeritus from Southwestern Michigan College. He earned his MFA degree from Indiana State University. Over the years he has mounted more than forty solo exhibits. He has taught at Krasl Art Center since 2016 and Ox-Bow School of Art since 2000. He keeps a studio at the Box Factory for the Arts. He serves on board of the South Haven Center for the Arts, and is represented by Rising Phoenix Gallery in Michigan City.

Carr Pierce After Image (paintings)

Artist Carr Pierce completed these paintings over the past 3 years and was inspired by cartoons, comics, emoticons, and user interface icons, then compiled them to create an abstract space- or call it a landscape. The show title "After Image" seemed apropos as she refers to images via symbols or visual conventions, which is an abstraction- as is any representation.



Art by Carr Pierce, Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

"Abstract Expressionism influenced my work and process, except the loose brushstrokes, drips, and marks in my work are very much planned. I say planned, though I do not know where the painting is going nor the end. In this way I really am at one with the Ab Ex painters and all Romantics, I want to find something/somewhere I do not yet know. What I do know is that I love color, playing with shapes, making visual jumps, and working with

fragments that sometimes and suddenly click together to make a new space with its own logic.”

Carr Pierce is currently an instructor at the Krasl Art Museum, St Joseph, MI. She has shown her work in solo and group exhibits and has won several awards over the years.

Neil Benham Wood-turned bowls & sculpture

Neil Benham's wood turned bowls show off the natural beauty of the wood. The wood is aged, then Neil preliminarily cuts the wood to begin shaping the bowl before he turns the wood into the final shape.

In Neil's work career, he was a Chemist. In retirement, Neil and his wife Alice lived on a self-sufficient farm in a rural area of West Virginia (circa 1980) where they became collectors of antiques. Neil came across plans for a Saxony spinning wheel and decided that spinning would be a nice activity. Using sawmill timbers, a trashed washing machine, and some plumbing parts, he built a lathe. Alice spun spools of cotton and wool thread on the spinning wheel.



Art by Neil Benham, Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

In 2006, Neil took lessons on how to turn wood bowls, and purchased a wood turning lathe and the necessary tools. Making bowls from trees (green but not live) is a very satisfying hobby. “I’m constantly amazed at both the sameness of each turned piece of and the difference of the same pieces. While I generally am looking to make a bowl or a vase of any newfound log, the actual shape is finally governed by the idiosyncrasies of the particular piece while it is in the forming stages; being rough sawn to fit on the lathe and while being turned on the lathe.”

Neil and Alice now live on a very special 40-acre property in Southwest Michigan, also home to his workshop, where he's inspired daily by hard maples and a variety of trees.



Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan Artists' Reception graphic

Event Details:

- *Who:* Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* Artists' Reception with David Baker, Carr Pierce, & Neil Benham
- *When:* **Sunday, February 25, 2024 from 2-4pm**
- *Where:* Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
 - 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Exhibit Dates: *February 21 – April 6, 2024*
 - **David Baker:** Painter
 - **Carr Pierce:** Painter
 - **Neil Benham:** Wood Bowls & Sculpture

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Buchanan School Farm's 27th Annual Plow Day and Pancake Breakfast

Shared by Buchanan Community Schools

Come One, Come All, to the Annual Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast at Buchanan School Farm, Saturday, April 20, 2024!



2024 Plow Day flyer

- *Who:* Buchanan Community School Farm
- *What:* 27th Annual Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast
- *When:* **Saturday, April 20, 2024**
- *Where:* Buchanan School Farm
 - 3588 Andrews Road, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - We are always looking for participants with antique farm equipment or traditional/organic farmers who would like to be on display!
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Upcoming Event – Empty Bowls 2024



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Empty Bowls 2024 – Bowl Making Workshops and Empty Bowls Supper

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EMPTY BOWLS WORKSHOPS Details:

Try your hand at clay and help feed the hungry! A Great Family Activity!!

Your bowl will be donated to the 29th Annual Buchanan EMPTY BOWLS SOUP SUPPER (see details under UPCOMING EVENTS) unless you choose to pre-purchase it and pick it up at the Supper.

All profits will be donated to the food pantry of Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) in Buchanan.

- Empty Bowls Events Details:

- All ages welcome (min. 4 students, max. 12 for each workshop)
- Children and Adults \$5/ bowl plus April 19th Empty Bowls Supper ticket.
- Create a clay bowl with the assistance of our experienced instructors and return to glaze it.
- Family, business or Scout groups (min 8) desiring a private session, should call as soon as possible to schedule.
- REGISTRATION REQUIRED 2 DAYS PRIOR TO EACH WORKSHOP.
- Please call us ASAP at the Center if canceling.
- Groups and families must register every participant separately by name!

Choose ONE PAIR OF DATES by time slot, one is to make and one is to glaze.

- *Community Empty Bowls Workshops Time Slots:*

- **10-11am** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 9, 2024
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024
- **1-2pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 9, 2024
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024
- **3-4pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 9, 2024
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024
- **4-5pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 8, 2024
 - Saturday, March 15, 2024
- **6-7pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 8, 2024
 - Saturday, March 15, 2024

Register for the 10-11am EMPTY BOWLS 2024 Workshop Time Slots [HERE](#) ~ Full!!

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EMPTY BOWLS SUPPER Details:

The Buchanan Community Empty Bowls Soup Supper will again be hosted at Buchanan High School. Pre-registration is not required.

We hope that you will attend and purchase a hand-made ceramic bowl along with a simple soup supper and help end hunger. All profits from the supper and pre-sales, which usually exceeds \$5000, will be donated to Redbud Area Ministries' (RAM) food pantry in Buchanan.

This international philanthropic project was started in 1990 by a group of Detroit Area Public School art educators who were also potters, one of them a 1962 Buchanan High School graduate! Our local project, now 29

years old, is made possible by a partnership of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, Buchanan Community Schools, Redbud Area Ministries, and local potters, as well as the continuing generosity of local merchants, area foundations, and our caring community.

Pre-Buy Tickets to the EMPTY BOWLS 2024 Supper [HERE](#)



Image of past Empty Bowls, Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Event Details:

- *Who:* Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* [Empty Bowls Soup Supper Fundraiser](#)
- *When:* **Friday, April 19, 2024 from 4-7pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan High School
 - 401 W Chicago St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Purchase a Bowl, Fill it with Dinner, Support your local Food Pantry (Redbud Area Ministries)! Thank you for your past and continued support of this important fundraising event!!



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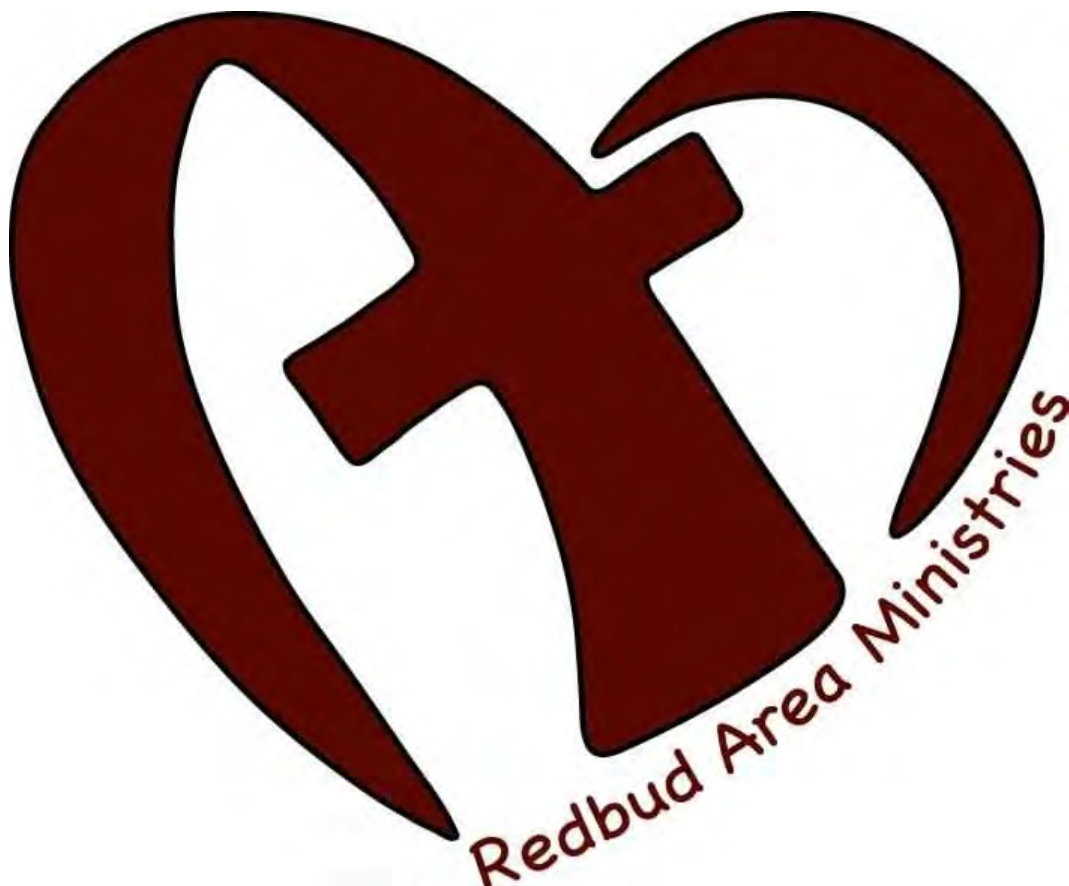
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About Redbud Area Ministries: RAM is an interdenominational and interracial ministry center started

to organize the churches in the Buchanan and Galien School Districts to respond to individual and family needs.
269-695-5083

redbudareaministries.weebly.com

[Redbud Area Ministries Facebook Page](#)

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About Buchanan Community Schools: Public School system for Buchanan, Michigan area. Our vision is to develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

www.buchananschools.com

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Buchanan Community Schools

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Upcoming Events – St. Anthony's Spring Events

SAUSAGE DINNER
Includes Sausage, Potatoes, Noodles, Cabbage, a Roll and Dessert

**Saturday,
March 2nd**
5:00pm – 7:30pm
St. Anthony Catholic Church
509 W 4th Street Buchanan, MI

Tickets:
Pre-Sale: \$12.00 Adult / \$8.00 <10yrs
At the Door: \$15.00 Adult / \$10.00 <10 yrs
****Take-Out Also Available****
All Proceeds Support the
Youth Mission Trip

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Fish Fry!
Fri. Feb. 23, 4-7 pm or till we run out.

St. Anthony Catholic Church
509 W. Fourth St.
Buchanan, MI

Adults: \$14 Children 4-11: \$7

- Fried and baked Pollock
- Fries
- Coleslaw
- Dinner Roll

We are need of desserts for the Fish Fry. You may drop them off Thursday 8-4 pm or Friday before Fish Fry at SOUTHEAST BASEMENT DOOR. There will be cart there.
Thank you for your donations for the Spaghetti Dinner

St. Anthony's
BAZAAR
and Food Drive
March 9, 2024
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
St. Anthony Parish Hall
509 W. Fourth
Buchanan, MI 49107

Variety of Crafts, Baked Goods
Boutique Items and so much more

Lunch available for purchase
Admission: **Free**
Please bring a non-perishable food item
Redbud Area Ministries (R.A.M.)
Food Pantry
Sponsored by:
St. Anthony Conference of Catholic Women
(C.C.W.)

**For information or to set up a booth,
please call (269) 695-3863**

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Some Upcoming Spring Events at St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan

Shared by St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan

February 23 – Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry 2024

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Knights of Columbus 2024 Fish Fry flyer

Event Details:

- *Who:* Knights of Columbus Buchanan
- *What:* Annual Fish Fry 2024
- *When:* **Friday, February 23, 2024 ~ 4pm-7pm**
- *Where:* St. Anthony Catholic Church
 - 509 W. Fourth St, Buchanan, MI
- *Details:*
 - The cost is:
 - Adults are \$14
 - Kids 4-11 are \$7
 - Under 4 are free.
 - The dinner includes Fried and baked Pollock, Fries, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll.
 - Available while supplies last.

March 2 – St. Anthony's Annual Sausage Dinner 2024



St. Anthony's Annual Sausage Dinner 2024 flyer

Event Details:

- *Who:* St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan
- *What:* Annual Sausage Dinner 2024
- *When:* **Saturday, March 2, 2024 ~ 5pm-7:30pm**
- *Where:* St. Anthony Catholic Church
 - 509 W. Fourth St, Buchanan, MI
- *Details:*
 - The cost is:
 - Adults are \$15 / \$12 Pre-Sale
 - Kids Under 10 are \$10 / \$8 Pre-Sale
 - The dinner includes Sausage, Potatoes, Noodles, Cabbage, a Roll, and Dessert
 - Take-Out Also Available
 - All Proceeds Support the Youth Mission Trip

March 9 – St. Anthony's Annual Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2024



St. Anthony's Annual Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2024 flyer

Event Details:

- *Who:* St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan
- *What:* Annual Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2024
- *When:* **Saturday, March 9, 2024 ~ 9am-2pm**
- *Where:* St. Anthony Catholic Church
 - 509 W. Fourth St, Buchanan, MI
- *Details:*
 - Variety of Crafts, Baked Goods, Boutique Items, and so much more.
 - Lunch Available for Purchase.
 - Admission is Free.
 - Please bring a non-perishable food item for Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) Food Pantry.
 - Sponsored by St. Anthony Conference of Catholic Women (C.C.W.).
 - For information or to set up a booth, please call 269-695-3863.



About Knights of Columbus: Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. As a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Meets 2nd Thursdays at 7pm

KoC #14409

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St. Anthony of Buchanan

509 W Fourth St

Buchanan, MI 49107

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About St. Anthony Parish: St. Anthony invites you to celebrate Mass with us; Please see the times below.

Our pastor, Leo Cartagena, is pleased to welcome guests to our parish. We are located in Buchanan, MI. Mass times for St. Anthony are below. Once again, we welcome you! Diocese of Kalamazoo ~ Rite: Roman-Latin
discovermass.com/church/st-anthony-buchanan-mi/
office@stanthonybuchanan.com
[269-695-3863](tel:269-695-3863)

- MASS TIMES:
 - **Saturday** ~ 4:00pm
 - **Sunday** ~ 8:30am
- OTHER SERVICES:
 - **Confessions** ~ 3:00-3:45pm

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BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics Spring Scores 2024



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Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 2/9 – 2/23

Scores Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

Below you can find some of Buchanan Athletics recent sports scores. Current sports include Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball.

Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list. Go Bucks!

SPORT: Varsity Basketball (Girls)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
2/20	7:00pm	Away	Three Rivers	WON 51-50
2/14	7:00pm	Away	Saugatuck	LOST 35-49
2/13	7:00pm	Home	Coloma	WON 52-23
2/9	6:00pm	Home	Berrien Springs	WON 55-49

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Basketball (Girls) Recent Scores Spring 2024

SPORT: Varsity Basketball (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
2/23	7:00pm	Away	Stevensville Lakeshore	LOST 51-69
2/20	7:15pm	Home	Three Oaks River Valley	WON 73-21
2/19	7:15pm	Home	Marcellus	WON 62-36
2/13	7:00pm	Away	Coloma	WON 82-73
2/12	7:15pm	Away	Eau Claire	WON 59-55
2/9	7:15pm	Home	Berrien Springs	LOST 33-51

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Basketball (Boys) Recent Scores Spring 2024



GO BUCKS!

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Buchanan Losses • 2/2 – 2/21

Name	Age	Born	Died
Richard F. "Dick" Hickok	83	August 7, 1940	February 21, 2024
Barbara Jean Young	83	June 5, 1940	February 17, 2024
Richard Findley	73	March 27, 1950	February 15, 2024
Charles Hall	76	May 16, 1947	February 15, 2024
Alfred Unger	83	April 6, 1940	February 11, 2024
Doren Preston	72	July 15, 1951	February 10, 2024
Barbara Eichorst	64	October 17, 1959	February 5, 2024
Annette O Shaw	94	April 6, 1929	February 2, 2024

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.

Hoven Funeral Home
www.hovenfunerals.com
info@hovenfunerals.com
269-695-2363
[414 E Front St](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
[USA](#)

Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel
269-695-6881

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Watch Your Garage Door

So, we have had quite a few days without snow and just recently some days with snow. My owner tells me that the first day of spring is coming soon and hopefully the snow stays away until next winter and the temperatures go up. With the temperatures going up, I have been noticing more action going outside from Dad's office window and the living room window. There are more squirrels, people walking their dogs, kids and cats. Mom told me she saw a cat run out from our garage as she closed the garage door from the inside of the house! The cat got out in time and the garage door went back up before it even got half way down because it detected the movement of the cat when the door was going down. I did not know that garage doors could do that, but that is a good thing!

So, word of advice: when it's getting dark out, get your pets back home and do a check inside your garage or

under your vehicle before you close the garage door. You never know what could run out of your garage when you open it or might be in some other not-so-good condition.

Woof-Woof!



A Note from the Editor – Issue 70



A Note from the Editor – Issue 70

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Wow! The 70th online issue of The Buchanan Chronicle is ready for you to read today! And today also happens to be our 3rd year anniversary! It is still hard to believe that just over three years ago I was coming up with ideas to start this business. And it amazes me by how fast it has gone and all of the different topics/stories we have shared with you. So many memories of meeting new people and getting to know others even more, our booths at the farmers market, tours of businesses, farms, schools, concerts and plays, churches, parades, city hall meetings and there are probably more to list that I am forgetting!

Writing this Editor's Note can sometimes be challenging, believe it or not. As I was trying to figure out what to write about in my Editor's Note on this very cold February night, I decided to see what a fun national holiday is for today. So, here's to National Tortilla Chip Day! Maybe you are on Facebook seeing our list of article posts and enjoying tortilla chips with your favorite salsa or guacamole, or even nachos, chips & cheese or a taco salad. What is your favorite way to eat tortilla chips? Or do you enjoy the blue corn chips? Do you like the mini round chips, regular size round chips, traditional tortilla shape or tortilla strips topped on salads, soups or chili? Growing up, my family would put tortilla chips on a microwave-safe plate and add shredded cheese to the chips, put it in the microwave and watch the cheese melt and hit the stop button when it looked just right. We would enjoy chips and cheese while watching a football game or golf, or even as a snack in the afternoon or evening. I have passed on the tradition to my daughter and she makes it on her own (but not a lot). However, my family now enjoys homemade guacamole which I never had until a couple of years after getting married, but we also like salsa too with tortilla chips. Share with us a photo of your tortilla chips in the comments of this post on our Facebook page.

I hope you will enjoy this issue. It may seem a little smaller, but sometimes that's how it goes and that's okay. For the end of my Editor's Note, I do have to mention and give a huge "THANK YOU" to our great all-volunteer Buchanan Chronicle team! Without you, we would not be able to put this publication together. And I thank you for the time you have put into it whether it's only been a few months or a few years! Thank you for your ideas and willingness to write different articles which you may have not thought to write about before and also for the ones that you really enjoyed. To Jen, my business partner and friend, our Publisher for putting the website together and uploading articles and photos as well as joining me on interviews, and her husband Dan helping out with our swag. Thank you for your time and effort, it does not get unnoticed! Lastly, to my husband Tom, and daughter Julie, thank you for your encouraging words and prayers, sometimes tagging along with me to concerts or some meetings/events for an article, and understanding what happens on publishing day/night.

Our next online issue comes out March 9, 2024 so be sure to read it then and please share this issue with your friends and family. Have a great weekend!

Happy Reading,
Rebecka Hoyt



The Buchanan Chronicle
