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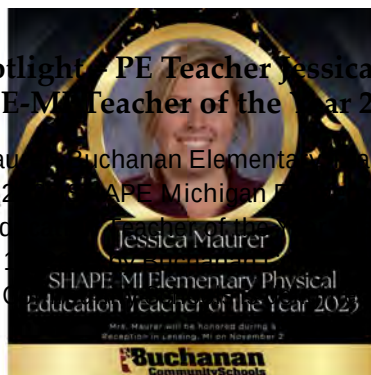
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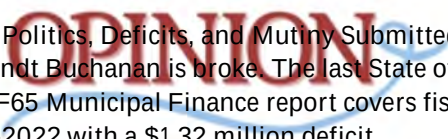
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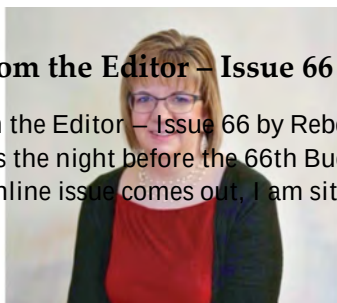
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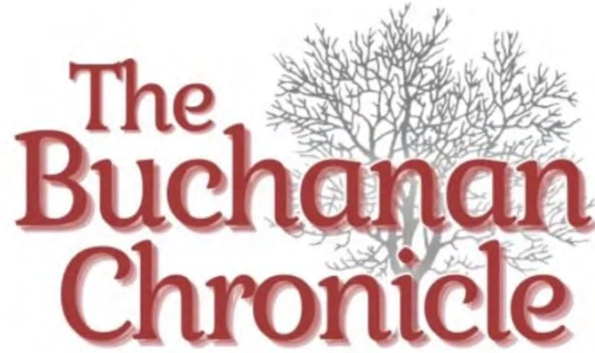


Beautiful Buchanan Common at Christmas 2023, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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- CLOROX WIPES
- LYSOL AND CLEANING SPRAY
- PAPER TOWELS
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Wrap Party for Miller’s Homeless Vets

Submitted by Rebecca Robbins

Hailey Robbins from Buchanan is the current 2nd Runner Up to Applefest queen and she is sponsoring an event for homeless vets. She has been raising money and awareness at the farmers market all summer and many local youth and organizations are helping to support.

Join the fun of the packing Packing Party!!!! December 19, 2023. 5-9 PM at American Legion-Bendix Post 284. 5414 W Sample St South Bend IN 46619. Please plan to drop items off between 5 and 7 PM. We will be sorting at that time and packing individual totes from 7-9 PM. There are still a number of items on our list – please check the list and I will keep it updated as we approach this date!

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For Info Contact Rebecca Robbins 574•514•9652






Wrap Party for Miller's Homeless Vets flyer

For more information visit the Support for Miller's Vets Facebook page.

*A helpful resource shared from a friend: Veterans Guide! Our mission is to assist veterans with the array of issues they may face, including obtaining proper disability compensation, financial assistance, information on the GI bill, and more. We have created some helpful guides and will continuously be adding more. Unfortunately a major cause for veterans going homeless is some sort of underlying disability. Recently we made a calculator that helps veterans calculate how much their VA rating should be, especially when it comes to combining ratings and complicated VA math. This calculator shows how much money they should be getting from the VA. Check it out:

VA Disability Calculator – veteransguide.org/va-disability-calculator/

Event Details:

- *Who:* Miller's Vets
- *What:* Wrap Party for Miller's Homeless Vets
- *When:* **Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – 5-9pm**
- *Where:* American Legion Post 284 – 5414 Sample, South Bend IN



About Support for Miller's Vets: We support the residents of the Robert L Miller center for homeless veterans in South Bend, IN.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SupportMillers

Local Clubs – Miss Buchanan 2024 is Hannah Herman



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Miss Buchanan 2024: The Lucky Girl is Hannah Herman

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer, and Jen Garry, Publisher

Hannah Herman, crowned Miss Buchanan, at the Miss Buchanan 2024 pageant themed, "Who will the lucky girl be?" was held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the six o'clock evening hour in Buchanan High School's Auditorium. The stage set was designed with glitter gold and green shamrocks and a backdrop of a rainbow leading to a pot of gold. American Legion Post #51 presented the flags. Opening ceremonies were by Arianna Hankins, Miss Buchanan 2023 and Lindsay Colip Schmidt, Mistress of Ceremonies. Escorts for the night were Joshua Malstrom and Grant Waggoner.



"Who Will the Lucky Girl Be?" Miss Buchanan 2024, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

All eleven contestants did a dance number to the song "Dance the Night" by Dua Lipa, in green sequined dresses with white go-go boots and about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through, the Miss Buchanan 2023 Court came out in gold sequined dresses and joined in as the sold-out audience cheered on the girls.



Dance Number with Contestants for Miss Buchanan 2024 in green, and Miss Buchanan 2023 with her Court in gold, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Each contestant competed for scholarships. Miss Buchanan received the Buchanan Lodge No. 68 Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan \$1,500 scholarship as well as a \$1,000 scholarship from Southwestern Michigan College. Other scholarships for First and Second Runner-ups, and Miss Congeniality were \$500 each. The Miss Buchanan Pageant Committee received enough donations for scholarships that enabled them to give each contestant a \$250 scholarship.



Reminiscing with Miss Buchanan 2023 and her Court, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

As the night was coming to an end, Lindsay Colip Schmidt, Mistress of Ceremonies announced the Top 5, "Caelyn Hinds, Keegan May, Alaina Kehoe, Hannah Herman and Riley Capron." Former Miss Buchanan 2023 Arianna Hankins gave her farewell speech. Now, for the exciting moment to see who the lucky girl, Miss Buchanan 2024 will be! "Miss Congeniality is..... Lucy Thomas! 2nd Runner Up is..... Riley Capron! 1st Runner Up is..... Alaina Kehoe! Your 2024 Miss Buchanan is..... Hannah Herman!" Judges for the evening were: Matt Money, Roxie Elliott (Miss Buchanan 2014 & Miss Blossomtime 2014), and Barbara Kyles-Morris.



And The Lucky Girl Is....



Miss Congeniality is Lucy Thomas



2nd Runner Up is Riley Capron



1st Runner Up is Alaina Kehoe



Lucy Thomas, Miss Congeniality stated very happily, "Everyone pays attention and getting the recognition is amazing. I have had the best experience and ten new friends."

Miss Buchanan 2024, Hannah Herman is the daughter of Matthew and Angela Herman and she has a sister named Harper. Hannah is involved in many activities: Student Council, National Honors Society for three years, three year spirit team member, one year volleyball, four year varsity softball and basketball, and was a dual enrolled student for two years. She also participates in Leo's Club, Vice President for National Honors Society, 3x All-State shortstop, 2x teammate award winner, 3x All-Conference basketball player and on the Dean's List at Lake Michigan College. Not only is Hannah active in sports, she volunteers with students at a youth softball camp and reads books to kids at Ottawa & Moccasin Elementary schools. She offers a helping hand with raking yards for the elderly in Buchanan and helped the senior citizens at the Buchanan Area Senior Center with their electronics. With all of

those activities she makes time to be with her friends and family, working out, some more softball instruction and shopping.



Miss Buchanan 2024 is Hannah Herman, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

This is Hannah's first time being in a pageant. She entered the pageant "Because I love being involved in my community and would love the opportunity to become a representative of this amazing town." Hannah plans to attend Michigan State University to major in journalism and broadcasting. She hopes to become a sports broadcaster one day.



Miss Buchanan 2023 and her Court with Miss Buchanan 2024 and her Court



Miss Buchanan 2024 and her Court

Miss Buchanan 2024, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

"Honestly, this is out of my comfort zone and I worked hard and represented my team. My cousin Josh was Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Blossomtime back in the day, and my other cousin Meilah won Little Miss Berrien Springs and Jr. Teen Blossomtime. Miss Blossomtime is going to be a culture shock. I'm really excited to represent my community." The advice she gives to younger girls: "Go out of your comfort zone and dream big is the advice she is giving to younger girls."



Legacy of Miss Buchanan Winners



Hannah Herman's Supporters

Miss Buchanan 2024, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

The Buchanan Chronicle would like to congratulate Hannah and the rest of the girls on a fun-filled evening and thank you to Miss Buchanan 2023 Arianna Hankins for representing Buchanan this past year!





About Miss Buchanan, Inc.: Miss Buchanan Inc. was started in 1978. Every December or January, Miss Buchanan Inc. holds a pageant where young ladies compete for the title of Miss Buchanan and her Court of Honor. Through her year of service as Miss Buchanan, she gets opportunities to attend local community events, receives scholarship money, and represents her community in the Miss Blossomtime pageant. Miss Buchanan Inc.'s mission is to always support and encourage the young women chosen as Miss Buchanan and her Court of Honor.

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Press Release – The Hometown & Co Grand Opening



The Hometown & Co Mercantile and Food Market Grand Opening

Submitted by Ashley Regal, LiveBuchanan

The long-vacant building on the corner of Days Avenue and Front Street has been brought back to life and is teaming with exciting new energy. The Hometown & Co. celebrated its Grand Opening with a ribbon cutting on Thursday, December 14th from 4 pm – 6 pm. The event included food, drinks, giveaways, live music, and a Santa photo booth.



Opening Ceremonies and Ribbon-Cutting at Hometown & Co at 101 Days Ave in Buchanan MI, Photos by Jen Garry

The Hometown & Co. Mercantile and Food Market is operated as a small business incubator for emerging businesses in the food and retail sector and is managed by LiveBuchanan, a nonprofit formed this year with the mission of revitalizing Buchanan's historic downtown. The Hometown & Co. and its first cohort of four diverse businesses opened in late November and have already seen immense community support. "We have an advantage," says LiveBuchanan Director Ashley Regal, "Instead of one business trying to make a name for itself, we have four

businesses working together to strengthen a business ecosystem.”



Opening of Hometown & Co – Brought to you by LiveBuchanan & Honor Credit Union, Photos provided by Karol Behrle

These businesses include regional favorite Taqueria Don Chepe which saw the potential in Buchanan after attending the summer event also hosted by LiveBuchanan, Munchie Mondays. Says Peter Mendoza of Tacos Don Chepe, “There were a lot of people that came out for Munchie Mondays and we realized this could be a good opportunity for us.”



Inside Hometown & Co, Special Thank You to Honor Credit Union, Photos provided by Karol Behrle

New to the community, Diana’s Kitchen also saw the potential in Buchanan after the immense response she noted at the weekly food truck event. The space also hosts two retailers including a farm store, McBain Lane’s Mercantile, and a leather goods store, Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks. “I feel like Buchanan is growing and moving in a direction that can support a business like mine. It’s got a small town feel with big city energy,” Chandra Williams, owner/creator Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks.



Santa and the Grinch visited, Photos provided by Karol Behrle

"This is truly a community project come to life," says Regal, "From its inception, we've had dozens of community members and volunteers working together to achieve this goal." Regal goes on to explain that the long-vacant building was bought and underwent an extensive renovation by the Rowland Property Group who met with the LiveBuchanan team early on and saw the potential of their proposal. Also credited with support is Honor Credit Union which partnered with LiveBuchanan by providing business classes and funding. "Without Honor seeing the vision, we wouldn't have been able to get this concept off the ground. Because of them, we're able to create this system of supporting and growing small businesses locally."



The program includes the shared market/retail space, business training, one-on-one coaching, and connections to vital resources that will help support each business as a viable long-term business in the community. "That's the goal," says Regal, "This is more than helping a few businesses, this is about finding a way to make a significant long-term impact on the community by providing a pipeline of viable small businesses ready to call Buchanan home – just like we do."



Diana's Kitchen



Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks



Taqueria Don Chepe



McBain Lane's Mercantile

Inside Hometown & Co at 101 Days Ave in Buchanan MI, Photos by Jen Garry and Ashley Regal

The Hometown & Co. is open Tuesdays-Saturdays 11 am – 6 pm and located at 101 Days Avenue, Buchanan, MI. Learn more at www.livebuchanan.com.



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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Store Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 11am-7pm

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Local Business – Glendora Bookshop Opens in Buchanan



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Glendora Bookshop Opens in Buchanan

by Heather Foster, Writer

After being open for just two weeks, Glendora Bookshop owner, Carla Mayer, couldn't be happier. She had spent a few years wanting to open a store where she could experience the community, bring her cute dog Opal, and talk to people. After a friend of hers suggested that she open a storefront and make it a bookstore prior to the pandemic, Carla said the thought wouldn't leave her head. She began searching for the perfect store front.



Carla and shop-pup Opal in Glendora Bookshop, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

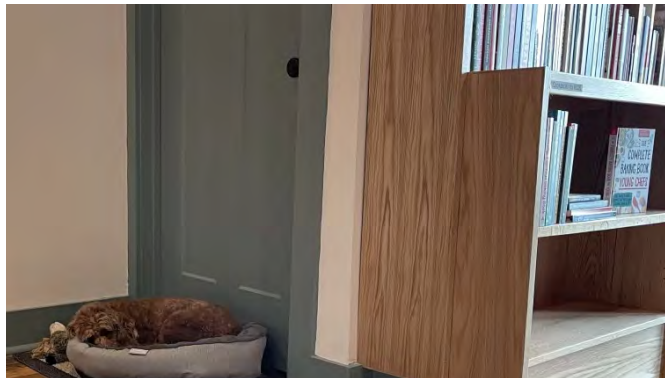
After living in Buchanan for seven years and using her home as a getaway from Chicago, she realized this is where she wanted to be. In August, her current location suddenly opened up, and just three rushed months later, she did her soft opening on November 26th. Over the next few months, she plans to continue to get the store up and running, add in some more decor, and introduce us all to Opal a bit more.

Now, she wouldn't change a thing. "I want to participate in the community, I want this to be a gathering place and hub of downtown," Carla said as we asked her what her goals are. With her full store opening happening in spring of next year, she's looking forward to possible book clubs, being a meeting place, local author readings, poetry readings, and just a place to make and experience our small community.



She has over six-thousand books in stock and is finding it interesting to see which ones are becoming local favorites. Carla, a former teacher, has always found art and books special. She said she watches as books that have made her heart full have walked out the door, realizing that there are so many readers in our small town of Buchanan. She knew that this storefront and our small town were “meant to be.”

Carla looks forward to making partnerships with local clubs and organizations in the future and is open to suggestions. If you have any questions or want to start your own book club at the store, be sure to stop in and see Carla or Amanda after the holidays! She has books of all sorts and you're guaranteed to find something either for yourself or as a gift for someone else.



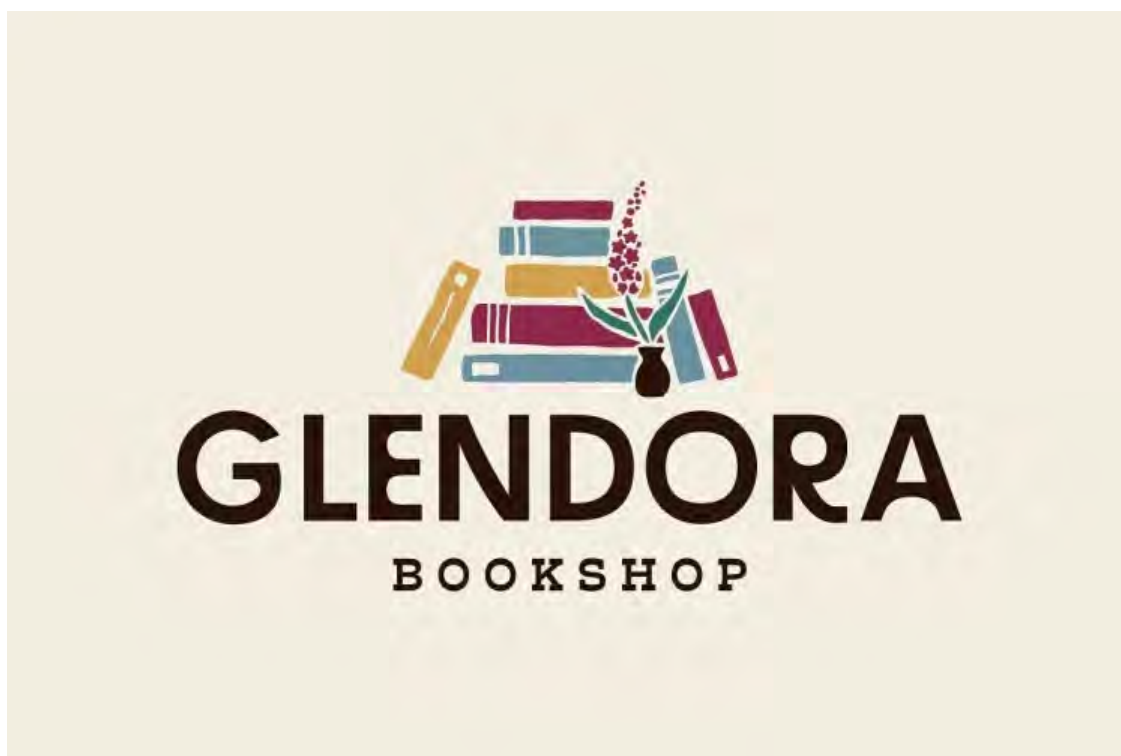
Opal's Spot inside Glendora Bookshop



Inside Glendora Bookshop, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Carla is also offering special orders that can be shipped directly to your home in just two days. Through her website or on site at the bookstore, you can make your special order or ask about getting audiobooks, which in turn, supports Glendora Bookshop.

In support of shopping and supporting local businesses this holiday season, make sure you stop and check out Glendora Bookshop! The current holiday hours are Thursday thru Saturday, 11am-6pm, and Sundays from 12-4pm. After her opening in the spring, the hours may change.



About Glendora Bookshop: Located in beautiful southwest Michigan, Glendora Bookshop is a home for the curious & open-hearted.

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Past Event – Shop With A Cop 2023



Shop With A Cop : A Holiday to Remember

by Heather Foster, Writer

Happiness, excitement, and heartwarming feelings filled up the Niles Walmart during the "Shop with A Cop" event. This event has been happening for over 20 years and police chief Harvey Burnett said, "we're able to do what we were called to do, which is serve." The Buchanan Police Department works closely with school staff members in order to "bridge the gap" and see who could use a miracle this Christmas.



Shop with a Cop 2023, Photo by Heather Foster

Buchanan Police Department, along with all Buchanan and Bertrand area fire departments joined together to escort over 20 children and their families throughout Walmart on a shopping spree for the Christmas holiday. A Christmas holiday, that not many of them could afford otherwise.

I watched as these children, varying from pre-k to middle school, filled up their carts with shoes, snow boots, coats, hats, gloves, and of course, toys! They were all filled with excitement as each child was paired with a first responder as they went to find all of the things that were on their list this year.



Shop with a Cop 2023, Photos by Heather Foster

Each child was able to spend \$225 each this year. The Buchanan Police Department, as well as other Buchanan area first responder teams, worked hard to get donations from local businesses as well as private donors. The Niles Walmart even donated to each child on site, making it a truly amazing holiday shopping trip to remember.



Shop with a Cop 2023, Photos by Heather Foster

Many of these kids decide to spend some of the money they were given on buying gifts for their siblings and parents. One of the police officers shared that he even once saw a child buy a head of lettuce because they overheard that their mother wanted a salad. Many of us who witnessed this event were teary-eyed and filled with such joy, as we watched our community pull together to make Christmas as wonderful as it could be for select kids who need it!

Police Chief Harvey Burnett said that he loves to see the excitement on their faces, and giving back to the community in a positive way to help these kids and their families move into the holiday season. Mayor Denison said "it's touching to see these kids spend money on their family" and I couldn't agree more.



As I walked through the aisles on the way to the toy section, I overheard kids scream with excitement that they got to pick exactly what goes in the carts. Every first responder who was there with the children gave them back as much excitement, making this event truly a special thing to witness.



At the end of the shopping trip, each kid checked out and was invited into the Niles Subway to have free drinks and cookies while they went through all the stuff they bought and waited for their families to pick them up. The Buchanan Fire Department even took some of the children out to play in one of their fire vehicles.



As the kids played with the sprayer hose and the fire department members giggled with them, many of us were able to sit back and be so thankful that our community partners with our schools and families to facilitate such an amazing experience for some lucky kids!

The Buchanan Police Department takes donations all year long to be able to support "Shop with A Cop." You can donate today by stopping by BPD!



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

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BCS Spotlight – Miss Michigan Visits Ottawa Elementary School



Miss Michigan Visits Ottawa Elementary School

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Miss Michigan Maya Schuhknecht visited her past Ottawa Elementary School this last Tuesday, December 12, 2023 and wowed the preschoolers, kindergarteners, first graders teachers and staff with her talent of painting upside down! Principal, Mrs. Stacey Denison introduced her to the students and they gave a nice Buck welcome. Maya told the students that she was part of the student council/The Herd in high school when they would come to Ottawa and lead the students in the school song and cheers during homecoming.



Good Luck Maya from Ottawa Elementary School, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

After a short introduction of telling the students of where her college was, Michigan State University was and studying Graphic Arts, she began to paint! She told them “When you figure out what I am painting I want you to say it!” She also gave them some clues on the colors that she was wearing. As the painting progressed, they eventually realized what it was and when they did, they started saying “Bluey, Bluey....” (Bluey the cartoon) over and over again until she was done while music was playing. She then turned the painting the way it should be and they were amazed! The painting will stay at the school.



Ottawa Elementary School, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Ottawa students were given the opportunity to ask her questions like: "What kind of food/candy do you like? Have you been to the fair/park?" Her response to food was: potatoes of any kind; and to the fair/park: yes, she loves the park.



Good Luck Maya from Ottawa Elementary School, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Mrs. Denison then shared some special "look back moments of Maya" while she was a young student in her early elementary years and it was a surprise to Maya. She wanted to be a fashion designer and she drew a picture of a stage with lots of lights and girls on it. They wished Maya, Miss Michigan good luck at Miss America on January 14, 2024.



Good Luck Maya from Ottawa Elementary School, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



About Buchanan Community Schools: Public School system for Buchanan, Michigan area.

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Local Clubs – Buchanan Leo Club Delivers Blankets to RMH



Buchanan Leo Club Delivers Blankets to Ronald McDonald House

Submitted by Alice Kring

The Buchanan Leo Club made and delivered blankets to hospitalized children at the Ronald McDonald house in South Bend, IN. This is the first year that Leo club has done this, and they will definitely continue on with this project!



The Leo Club made blankets for the children at Ronald McDonald House in South Bend, and will drop them off early December. Photo by Leo Chairperson Brian Fisher, Submitted by Alice Kring



Our Leo Club delivered their handmade blankets to hospitalized children at the Ronald McDonald house in South Bend, Indiana! Photo submitted by Alice Kring



"We Serve" is our motto – 89+ years strong – and proud to serve in the 2020 Nicest City in America – Buchanan, MI!

About Buchanan-Galien Lions Club: Buchanan-Galien Lion's Club has been serving the community for more than 75 years. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Buchanan American Legion Hall – to learn more about becoming a Lion, contact us. Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Lions extend their commitment beyond sight conservation through countless local efforts that include youth outreach programs, improving the environment, building homes for the disabled, and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

[Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Facebook Here.](#)

BCS Spotlight – PE Teacher Jessica Maurer is SHAPE-MI Teacher of the Year 2023

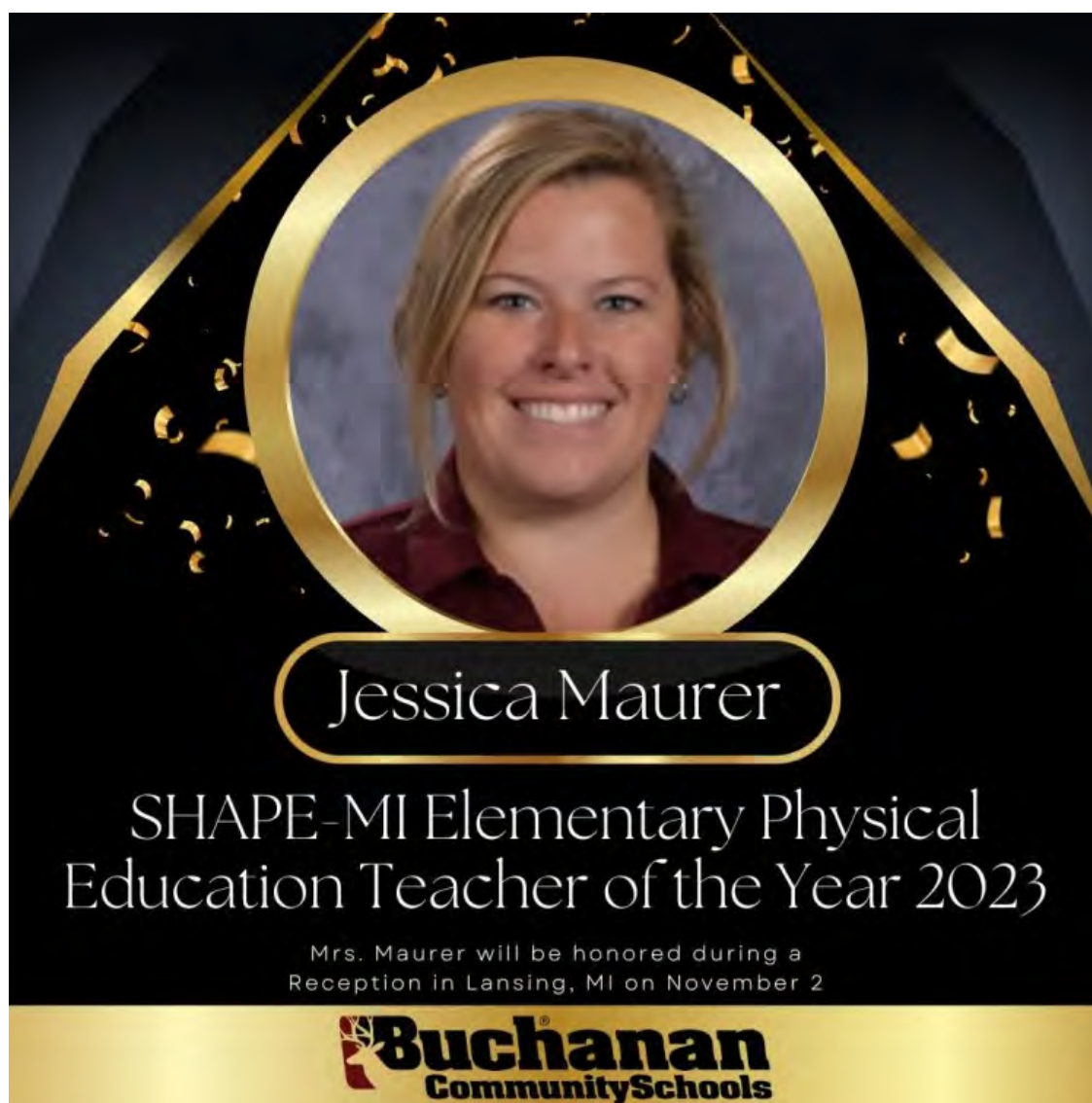


Jessica Maurer, Buchanan Elementary Teacher, Presented 2023 SHAPE Michigan Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Press Release December 13, 2023 by Buchanan Community Schools

Buchanan Community Schools is delighted to announce Buchanan Community Schools Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Jessica Maurer, has been awarded the Elementary Physical Educator of the Year 2023 by SHAPE Michigan for the State.

The criterion for this award requires a strong commitment to excellence. Jessica Maurer was presented the award during the Recognition Ceremony that took place during the SHAPE-MI Professional Recognition Reception on Thursday, November 2nd in Lansing, MI.



Jessica Maurer, Buchanan Community Schools Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Image provided by BCS

Mrs. Maurer has introduced exciting and engaging activities to Ottawa and Moccasin Elementary School students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade. Jessica has sought numerous grant opportunities to provide students with unique experiences. Some of her accomplishments include receiving grants for rock climbing walls in both elementary buildings, the "All Kids Bike" program for kindergarteners, and roller skating for 2nd-4th grades. Her bowling unit not only teaches the game, but incorporates math skills while keeping score. Additionally, each year Jessica organizes the Kids Heart Challenge at Moccasin where students learn about heart healthy choices. Moccasin raised over \$3400 last year to the American Heart Association. Jessica believes that the best physical activities to teach students are ones that can be used for a lifetime, way beyond their elementary years, and promoting the importance of a healthy lifestyle.



Mrs. Maurer, second from left



Mrs. Maurer, center



Mrs. Maurer, right

Jessica Maurer, Buchanan Community Schools Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Photos provided by BCS

Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Ottawa Elementary Principal Stacey Denison and Moccasin Elementary Principal Michael Babcock unanimously agree, "We are proud to have Mrs. Maurer as a beacon of inspiration, shaping the future of physical education and well-being in our schools. Her unwavering commitment to excellence, innovative teaching methods, and dedication to the 'All Kids Bike' program exemplify her passion for fostering a healthy and active lifestyle among our students. Her recognition by SHAPE Michigan is a testament to the impact she has made, and we celebrate this well-deserved achievement with immense pride and gratitude."



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BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics Winter Scores



Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 12/05 – 12/13

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 Wrestling (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
12/13	6pm	Home	River Valley Buck Quad	WON 45-30

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Basketball (Girls) Recent Scores Fall 2023

SPORT: Varsity Basketball (Girls)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
12/11	6:30pm	Away	Vicksburg	LOST 35-67
12/8	7:15pm	Home	Benton Harbor	WON 60-21
12/6	7:15pm	Home	Hamilton	LOST 48-52

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Basketball (Girls) Recent Scores Fall 2023

SPORT: Varsity Basketball (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
12/12	7:15pm	Home	Bridgman	LOST 42-50
12/8	7:00pm	Away	Benton Harbor	LOST 33-75
12/5	7:15pm	Home	Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Prep	LOST 37-48

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Basketball (Boys) Recent Scores Fall 2023



GO BUCKS!

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Local Opinion – Buchanan Politics, Deficits, and Mutiny

OPINION

Buchanan Politics, Deficits, and Mutiny

Submitted by Alan Robandt

Buchanan is broke. The last State of Michigan F65 Municipal Finance report covers fiscal year 2021-2022 with a \$1.32 million deficit. Buchanan's 2022-2023 report is under review by the City's auditors and will likely have a million dollar deficit. The 2023-2024 budget also has an inherent massive deficit.

In 2018 Buchanan voters elected a reform ticket of City Commissioners. One of their first acts was to abolish the Downtown Development Authority, cutting the income flow the DDA generated for the City. This was the first of a number of mistakes and bad decisions by the current Mayor. Next was hiring an unqualified City Manager. That new City Manager went on a spending spree, hiring staff, doling out bonuses and pay raises, and generally burned through Buchanan's cannabis excise tax revenue and ARP money. Suddenly Buchanan was paying \$20,000 a month on accountant's fees and \$10,000 a month on legal fees sorting out historical administrative messes.

City Manager Ben Eldridge was brought in to put Buchanan's financial house in order. Raising taxes is not an option. Buchanan's property tax rate is third highest in Berrien County. Scaling back non-productive staff will be the quickest route back to solvency. Unfortunately, a pre-emptive strike was launched by the employees most likely to be found redundant. This is the crux of Buchanan's current financial mess. Suspending or firing Ben Eldridge will not solve Buchanan's labor and financial problems. Termination will only make it more difficult to find yet another intrepid leader capable of addressing Buchanan's budget shortfalls. Two steps backward and one step forward.

~ Alan Robandt

Buchanan MI

References: State Treasury department's link for the F65 <https://micommunityfinancials.michigan.gov/#!/dashboard/CITY/2611400?lat=41.817985806291176&lng=-86.38094235967867&zoom=9.848587811931848&year=2022&showSidebar=yes>

The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for public opinion to be heard. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submitted opinions as received.

OPINION

Local Clubs – We Can Ride 4-H Club



We Can Ride 4-H Club

by Heather Foster, Writer

The We Can Ride 4-H Club, established in 1979, has been a beacon of hope and empowerment for disabled youth in Michigan. It is the first NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped Association) certified 4-H therapeutic riding club in the state and is part of the Michigan State University Proud Equestrians Program. This unique organization provides a safe and nurturing environment for disabled children and young adults, offering them an opportunity to gain knowledge in horsemanship, stable management, and showmanship. More than just a riding club, We Can Ride 4-H Club instills a sense of responsibility, confidence, and compassion in its members.

The club places a strong emphasis on therapeutic riding. This type of riding is an incredibly effective way to promote physical, emotional, and cognitive development in individuals with disabilities. All instructors hold certifications with 4-H PEP and PATH. This certification ensures that the instructors have the knowledge and skills necessary to work with individuals who have diverse needs and abilities.

The club works with children and young adults from ages 5-26. They encourage a sense of belonging and acceptance, and works to break down barriers that might otherwise limit participation. The WCR club works to create partnerships between their vitally important teen and adult volunteers with the riders, where they promote a family-like relationship that works on learning, growing, and creating lasting memories.

In order to have success in the program, they are always on the lookout for volunteers – both human and equine! If you or someone you know would be interested in our next season, starting in just a few months, please reach out to the club coordinator, Charity Hackett at charitywcr@gmail.com. The club meets weekly, May to August, with ending their season participating in the fair competition. Meetings take place at Buchanan Westerners on Mead Road.

They'd love to have your help! No experience is necessary. They love and appreciate every horse, teen, and adult volunteer who offers their time in order to make their riders and the entire club feel successful every step of the way!

For more information on the club, please reach out to Charity Hackett or visit their website at www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien_county_4_h/proud-equestrians-program.



About We Can Ride 4H Club: The 4-H Proud Equestrians Program provides therapeutic horseback riding for individuals with disabilities in order to help improve balance, coordination, posture and muscle tone. The Berrien County 4-H PEP program is known as the We Can Ride 4-H Club.

www.facebook.com/WeCanRide4H

[We Can Ride 4H Club Website Here.](#)

Heather Writes – Girl Bullying



Girl Bullying

by Heather Foster, Writer

Over the past several weeks, many parents have begun to come out with how much their children are being bullied across several schools in Buchanan. A few weeks ago, a mother told the story about her son who is being physically assaulted during school hours by a female student and felt that there was a disconnect in handling the situation at school, and wondered if gender was the reason.

Do schools discriminate based on gender when it comes to bullying? That's a hard question to pose, but it does bring up several other questions – what percentage of bullying is based on gender? According to the London School of Economics and Political Science, “males are more likely to be victims than females.” However, this is not taking into account those with transgender or any LGBTQIA+ identities, which shows that members of those protected classes are also likely going to be victims, no matter which gender they identify as.

Overall, bullying is happening regardless of gender and parents are disgusted. As the schools work diligently to identify the areas that they are struggling in, we finally get the sense that parents can begin to feel heard. The Superintendent is hosting times where parents can go talk with her, as well as bringing back the Parent Advisory Committee to ensure that parents also have the ability to be part of the communication process.

As we navigate the waters of a different environment with our children and with our schools, it's important to remain educated, communicative with your children's schools, and with your children. Our kids often have a way of bringing things up and sharing information into what they're dealing with in hopes that we can make some healthy changes.

Reference: https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/87794/1/G%C3%B6rzig_Gender%20Differences%20in%20Bullying_Accepted.pdf



Board of Education Regular Meeting Agendas • 11/20/23 & 12/11/23



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



All completed Board of Education Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Buchanan Community Schools website [HERE](#).

Please note that a few highlights from the latest Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education Meeting Agenda are listed below. At the end of the agenda's highlights, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of that meeting.

Also, meeting minutes may not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they become available.

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

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- Ruth Writer, Vice-President – rwriter@buchananschools.com
- Kelly Laesch, Secretary – klaesch@buchananschools.com
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- Jennie Brackett, Trustee – jbrackett@buchananschools.com

Official minutes of school board meetings are stored and available for inspection in the Superintendent's Office. Meeting minutes are also posted on our district website under the Board of Education: www.buchananschools.com.

If you will be attending the meeting in person, door entrances 1, 2, and 3 will be open. During the winter months, we encourage you to park in the staff parking lot off Phelps Street and enter through entrance #3.

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

- **Regular Meeting ~ 12/11/2023 6:00 PM**
- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
 - 401 W. Chicago Street
 - Buchanan, MI 49107
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Regular Meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education • Tuesday, December 11, 2023 – 6pm

A. OPENING OF MEETING BY PRESIDENT

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

E. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

F. POINTS OF PRIDE

- I. Buck Staff Appreciation December Winner:

- Mary Mitchell, BMS Kitchen Manager

II. Buck Staff Appreciation December Nominees:

- Amanda Horton, BHS Kitchen Manager
- Becky Kaltenbach, BCS Food Service Supervisor
- Brian Bennett, BHS Science Teacher
- Candyce Peppers, Moccasin Special Education Teacher
- David Sokolowski, Moccasin Building Substitute & Varsity Baseball Coach
- Hayley Sater, 3rd Grade Teacher
- Judy Heckathorn, Moccasin Kitchen Manager
- Mark Kurland, Director of Operations & Instructional Systems Coordinator
- Mary Colglazier, Ottawa Kitchen Manager
- Melissa Frost, BHS Science Teacher
- Michael O'Shea, BCS Bus Driver
- Rose Riggins, BCS Bus Driver

III. BHS Science Teacher, Melissa Frost, presenting at American Geophysical Union Conference in San Francisco, CA

G. SUPERINTENDENT/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

I. Board Updates: BHS & CTE, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics & BVA, Business Office, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, and Operations & Instructional Systems

H. INFORMATION/REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

I. Board Policy Committee, November 21st Meeting

II. Parent Advisory Committee, November 30th Meeting

III. Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations, December 6th Meeting

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

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J. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

I. Employment Departures:

- Mike Cornelius – JV Baseball Coach
- Russ Philip – Varsity Men's Soccer Coach

K. BUCHANAN VIRTUAL ACADEMY GRADUATION CERTIFICATION

L. ATHLETIC HANDBOOK UPDATE

M. 2024 BOARD CALENDAR

- Monday, January 8, 2024 – Organizational Meeting
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, March 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, April 15, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, May 20, 2024 – Regular Meeting, 6:30pm immediately following End of Year Celebration
- Monday, June 10, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, June 17, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, July 15, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, August 19, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, September 16, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, October 21, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, November 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Monday, December 16, 2024 – Regular Meeting

N. NEOLA BOARD POLICIES – FIRST READING

O. TRANSITION TO THRUN BOARD POLICY SERVICE

- P. CLOSED SESSION – SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION
- Q. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
- R. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION
- S. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
- T. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6pm
- U. ADJOURNMENT

Read the full minutes [HERE](#).

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C. ROLL CALL

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

E. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

F. POINTS OF PRIDE

I. Buck Staff Appreciation November Winner:

- Ali Kyles, Elementary Behavior Specialist

II. Buck Staff Appreciation November Nominees:

- Bryant House, BMS Custodian
- Carrie Thompson, Moccasin Administrative Assistant
- David Short, BCS Maintenance
- Donna Southwell, BHS Interventionist
- Elizabeth Johnson, Ottawa Administrative Assistant
- Hailey Kline, Moccasin Media Assistant
- Holly Martin, BHS Special Education Teacher
- Judy Heckathorn, Moccasin Kitchen Manager
- Kara Barrett, Moccasin Special Education Teacher
- Kathy Paturalski, Ottawa Interventionist
- Laura Morris, BCS Payroll Coordinator
- Melissa Frost, BHS Science Teacher
- Samantha Bentley, Moccasin Food Service
- Shane Farley, 3rd Grade Teacher
- Trinity Young, BMS Media Assistant

- Valerie Phillips, BCS Bus Driver
- Vicki Toms, Moccasin Paraprofessional

III. NRG Carvana Combine Esports Event – Kyler Withers

IV. Fall Athletics Season

V. Iconic Michigan Teacher Fellowship Project, Mrs. Luke & Mrs. Kratky

G. SUPERINTENDENT/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

I. Board Updates: BHS & CTE, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics & BVA, Business Office, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, and Director of Operations & Instructional Systems Coordinator

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. Audit – Alex Shaeffer, Kruggel Lawton & Company, LLC

I. INFORMATION/REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

I. School Farm Advisory Committee, October 17th Meeting

II. Finance Committee, October 19 th Meeting

III. Human Resources Committee, November 1st Meeting

IV. Curriculum & Programming Committee, November 6 th Meeting

V. Facilities Planning Committee, November 16 th Meeting

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K. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

I. Recommendations to Hire as submitted for:

- Jessica Hasse – Intervention Facilitator (BMS)
- Julia LaMar – Intervention Facilitator (Ottawa)
- Chelsea Spenner – Paraprofessional (Moccasin)
- Nicole Sing-Morris – Paraprofessional (Ottawa)
- Symanthe Phillips – Paraprofessional (Ottawa)
- Marcus Williams – Custodian

II. Coaching Recommendation for Winter 2023-24 submitted for:

- Moses Kyles – Varsity Mens Basketball Assistant Coach – Class/Level 6 – Step 2

L. BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL EARLY GRADUATION CERTIFICATION

M. BUCHANAN VIRTUAL ACADEMY GRADUATION CERTIFICATION

N. 2023-2024 MHSAA ATHLETIC STATE QUALIFYING TEAMS – OVERNIGHT STUDENT TRIPS

O. 2023-2024 EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

P. SUMMER TAX RESOLUTION

Q. RESOLUTION CALLING ELECTION

R. PROPOSED TREE PLANTINGS AT BHS

S. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

T. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, December 11th at 6pm

U. ADJOURNMENT

Read the full minutes [HERE](#).



Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

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

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

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

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Local Faith – BAMA Meeting December 2023



December BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

December 5, 2023 held at Life Plan in Niles at 9am

Attendance: Lyndon Aczuna, Dan Barz, Dave Mitchell, Rebecka Hoyt, Greg Pensburry

Lyndon gave the devotion to encourage us in ministry as gospel workers. Perspectives of the gospel: historical 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; redemptive event Romans 3:24-25; cosmic event Romans 8:19-20; transformative Mark 5:1-15. When someone understands when they meet Jesus, gospel is the answer for every single event.

Treasurer report: \$686.02 of the love offering at the BAMA Community Christmas Concert Sing half will go to Redbud Area Ministries and the other half will go to Life Plan. 170 people attended the event with 8 churches and Life Plan participating. Next year's event is planned to be at Faith Global Church in Buchanan.

RAM Toys for Tots event happening Dec. 16, 2023. Volunteers are needed.

Life Plan wants the communities to know that they are more than just a pregnancy center. They offer: peer to peer counseling and educational classes that are gospel centered, pastors can send others to them, parents, infants, teenagers. They have 3 or 4 good relationships with their school outreach. To be in more schools they are asking for pastors and parents in the community to take it to the superintendent. They also have a men's ministry. Life Plan has a new location at 1161 E. Napier Ave. in Benton Harbor, MI.

Pickleball court is all setup at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

January 28, 2024 Community Prayer 6pm at New Life Church on Cleveland in St. Joseph, MI.

Next BAMA meeting will be at St. Anthony's on January 9, 2024 at 9am.

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

buchananchronicle@att.net



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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BAMACHurches/

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – Early January 2023



A Few of January's Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

MEDITERRANEAN DIET INFORMATION

Are you looking for a healthy eating pattern to reduce cardiovascular risks, reduce inflammation, and support healthy aging? The Mediterranean Diet has proven to help with these things and more. Learn what foods fit into a Mediterranean style of eating, how to incorporate specific foods into your daily eating and tips to get started. Lisa Powell RD, CSG from the Area Agency on Aging will offer you information along with a couple food samples. Munch on the Mediterranean Thursday, January 11, 1:00 pm Registration is required, please call 695-7119 to register.

MICHIGAN VACCINE PROJECT

Michigan State University Extension Program Instructor with the Michigan Vaccine Project, Yolanda Thrash, will share information on vaccines and what vaccines to ask your doctor about. Vaccine Information Friday, January 5, 2:00 pm Please call 695-7119 to register.

CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS

Buchanan Middle School Mentoring Program Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal Thursday, January 4, 2:00 pm.

ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR CELL PHONE & TABLET

Some members of the Buchanan High School Leos Club will be at the BASC on Tuesday, January 23 from 3:00—4:00 pm to help you on how to use your cell phone & tablet. Please call 695-7119 to register. Bring your cell phone & tablet with you to class.

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!



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

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Press Release – Review of Christmas Classic Book



Review of New Christmas Classic Book by Local Author

Submitted by Author, Santa Vin (Kevin) Haislip

Cozy up this Christmas with a good book for the whole family. Santa Claus takes your whole family on a scavenger hunt to find the true meaning of Christmas that brings all the joy of the season. For years, I have looked for great stories and then found one that used to be read to children a century ago. I recrafted it and added beautiful Christmas graphics, fun secrets and challenges and have published it. Your whole family will enjoy it!

'Help Santa Hunt for Christmas Treasure'

I really love this book!

Dalen Garris, missionary to Africa

This is a fabulous book – a Christmas treasure for your entire family! A great keepsake....

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Santa Vin

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Image provided by Kevin Haislip

Remembering – Issue 66

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Buchanan Losses • 11/21 – 12/12

Name	Age	Born	Died
Marlin R. Turbett	73	November 27, 1950	December 14, 2023
Kelly Burrell	60	December 12, 1963	December 12, 2023
Donald Richard Harvlie	77	April 22, 1946	December 12, 2023
Henry James Mayo	81	November 15, 1942	December 12, 2023
Christie Sue Ripley	68	February 8, 1955	December 10, 2023
Richard Forest Scott	81	June 1, 1942	December 8, 2023
Charles Leonard Lewis	57	August 16, 1966	December 6, 2023
Rodney Lee Jacoby	58	March 7, 1965	December 2, 2023
Aaron Arthur Six	67	January 20, 1956	December 1, 2023
Thomas Wayne "Tom" Castle	71	September 4, 1952	December 1, 2023
Angela J. "Angie" Parquette	43	July 19, 1980	December 1, 2023
Susan Theresa McNew	77	March 11, 1946	November 28, 2023
Donn Edwards	90	December 4, 1932	November 23, 2023
Samantha Jayne Whitney	28	September 26, 1995	November 21, 2023

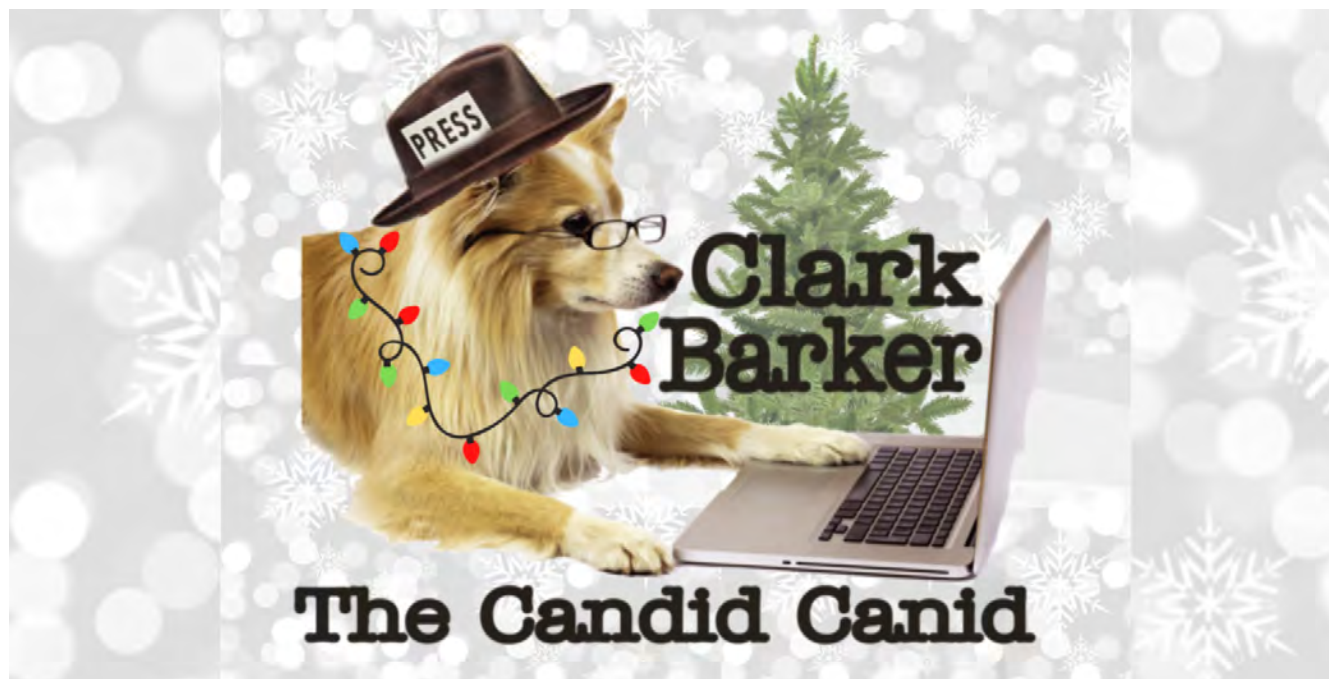
We wish to respectfully honor the memory of anyone we lose in the Buchanan community. Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list.

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Season's Kindness

A Friendly Holiday Reminder:

Out and about you'll encounter many individuals in our community. Each person is going through so much you could never know. Restaurant staff want to feed you and your tip feeds them and their families, retail staff want to help you find the perfect gift and your patience and understanding will help them remain positive through their next customers who may not be so kind. Everyone is under extra pressure and working extra hard, keep that in mind.

Let's be the positive in our community, wherever we go! Be the nice surprise of kindness wherever you are this season, and while a smile may seem so simple, it can positively impact our world so much more than you realize! 'Tis the season for kindness!

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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

'Twas the night before the 66th Buchanan Chronicle online issue comes out, I am sitting here typing my "Note From the Editor" and still in shock that in southwestern Michigan we do not have snow. Being that we had a high of 50 today, there wouldn't be snow! Even though there is no snow, it can still feel like Christmas as my family has the Christmas tree up, Christmas cards are filling up the mailbox, the indoor and outdoor decorations are a

delight to see, and of course Christmas music playing in the background, in the car and in the stores, and how about throwing in some Christmas concerts and Christmas goodies too!

How amazing has this year gone by and it's the 66th issue! Our team will be celebrating our 3rd year anniversary next February! I would like to thank everyone who has supported us by your kind words, subscribing to the email notifications for when we post a new issue, mailed subscriptions of the printed issues, those who have given donations to us at the Buchanan Farmers' Market and on our website as well as our sponsors and advertisers. Also, thank you to these five locations: Buchanan Area Senior Center, Buchanan City Hall, Buchanan District Library, Harding's Friendly Market in Buchanan, Honor Credit Union in Buchanan, and the NEW Glendora Bookshop, for hosting stacks of our printed issues which your patrons can grab for FREE. You still may be able to pick up a Winter 2023 printed issue as they have been out for a week now and there may be a few left.

We are hoping to add a couple more locations for the next printed issue come spring time if we can get more subscribers/advertisers/sponsors. Feel free to subscribe to the quarterly mailed printed issue [here](#), donate one time, monthly, or yearly [here](#), or to sponsor us for a short time or for a whole year [here](#).

This issue has some exciting articles/events that have happened recently and we would like for you to share and/or comment on them on our Facebook posts. We hope these articles and photos will bring a smile to your face during this Christmas season.

Our next online issue will be January 13, 2024 so we can give our team time to spend with their families and friends during the holidays and I hope that you do the same. As I end my letter for 2023, I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2024.

Happy Reading & Merry Christmas,
Rebecka Hoyt

