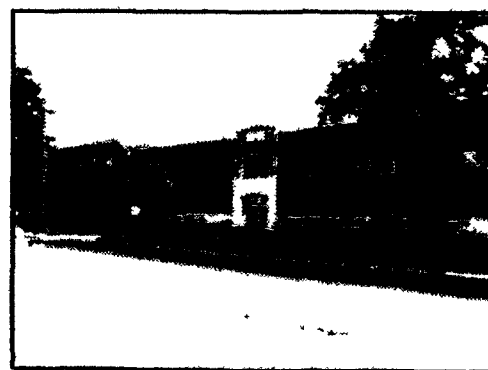
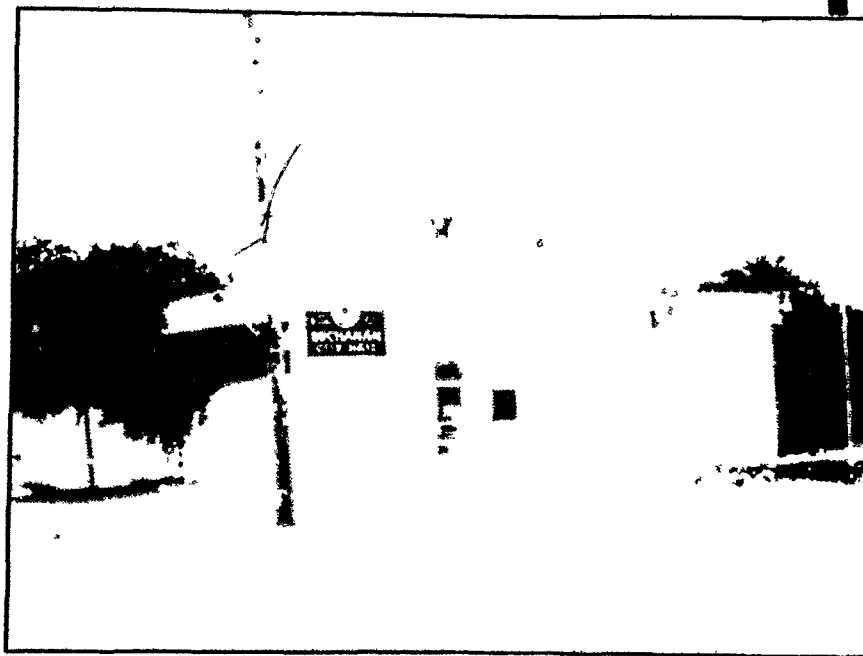


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## Chamber of commerce helps newcomers feel at home

by Jane Peterson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In addition, the chamber office, located at 119 Main St., carries thousands of brochures and pamphlets on areas of interest as well as historical publications, newspapers and phone books. At the touch of a finger, Gauer can locate specific information or make a referral to who can respond.

## Buchanan had very modest beginnings

All newcomers have immediate concerns when they arrive in Buchanan that must be taken care of first. However, once you've found housing, gotten the kids registered in school and learned all the major streets, you may begin to wonder about the town's background and where the place you now call home got its roots.

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

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

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

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

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

The first official school was established in 1838. The first organized church was the Methodist Episcopal in 1842, and the first factory, a tannery, opened in 1845.

In 1929, the government was changed to city commission form and in 1949, adopted a city manager to meet its growing problems.

Current city government officials are Deborah Seager, mayor; Harold Jackson, Doyle Vergon, Tom Gordon and Cathy Paradise, commissioners; Donald Yerrick, police chief; Greg Buckley, city manager; and Warren Weaver, fire chief.

According to the 1990 census, Buchanan has 4,992 residents and all of Berrien County has 161,378.



Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce members are busy every year preparing redbud trees for sale. The event is just one of many the chamber sponsors.

## Fernwood is popular area attraction

by Jane Peterson

Of all the attractions in the Michiana area, Fernwood Botanic Garden is among the most popular. Residents take a peaceful break by walking along the nature trails, students learn about the plants and animals around them and adults learn new skills by participating in classes and workshops.

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

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

"The grounds are gorgeous," said Karolyn Kunz, development director. "Once people come out, they want to come back."

Facilities include a tearoom, gift shop, nature center, fern conservatory and art exhibition gallery. There are also a number of special events and nature, arts and

crafts and gardening programs for children, families and adults.

For example, in August Fernwood will host a picnic and silent auction. In September it will be home to a black tie 30th anniversary party and in December, a Christmas party with stories of holiday plants is scheduled.

Anywhere from 6,000-10,000 school children come to Fernwood for classes each year.

"Everything here is educational,

but it's presented in such a way that people don't resist," said Kunz.

Fernwood is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and every Friday until dusk April-October and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. the rest of the year.

Admission is \$3, adults; \$1, children; free for those under age 6; and \$2 for students ages 9-13 and senior citizens.

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# Diverse recreation activities abound within city limits

by Jane Peterson

If you're bored in Buchanan, then you just need to open your eyes and take advantage of all the recreational activities available.

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

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

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

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

—Ravish Park is a neighborhood playground located on Fulton street between Main, Redbud Trail North and Fifth streets. In addition to playground equipment, there are two basketball courts on this 5½ acre lot.

—Memorial Field Complex is a 16½ acre area located between Smith and Chicago streets. It has a baseball diamond, track, football and softball fields, two tennis courts and restroom facilities.

—Redbud Riverfront Park is located off Redbud Trail adjacent to the St. Joseph River. A special purpose facility park, it includes a boat ramp, ample parking, restrooms, picnic tables and grills. It has 14½ acres.

—North End Park, located at the corner of Victory and Arctic streets,

is a neighborhood playground with a basketball court on one-half acre.

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

The Park Board isn't the only organization offering recreational activities, though. Fishing is a favorite sport in the area as the St. Joseph River provides ample opportunities to catch bass, suckers, tiger muskie and pike.

Several years ago the Michigan Department of Natural Resources began a restocking program in the St. Joseph River. Access sites are located in Buchanan, which also has a fish ladder. McCoy and Clear Lake also offer good fishing.

Trautman Pike Lake Boat Rentals, 4967 Buffalo Road, offers a "quiet little fishing lake" with rental units, a boat ramp facility and 14-foot flat bottom john boats that are available for rent.

According to owner John Trautman, the 1992 second and seventh largest bass in the state were caught here, weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 7 lbs. 3 oz., respectively.

The rental facility is currently developing five recreation sites, a beach swimming area and a new sea wall with 10-by-16 piers. For more information, call 695-2969.

For those who don't know how to drive a boat, but still want to fish in the middle of a lake, Stormin' Norman Charters, 12227 Garr Road, may have the answer. The business charters sports fishing expeditions on Lake Michigan and the St. Joseph River. They offer various services and trips including full package deals. For more information, call 695-9549.

Speaking of water, the southwestern Michigan area has more than its share of beaches and swimming. Fuller's Resort on Clear Lake has a

powdery sand beach open to the public. There is a lifeguard, playground, boats, canoes and recreation pavilion. Weekend activities are also available. Located at 1622 E Clear Lake Road, it is three miles west of Buchanan. Call 695-3785 for more details.

Ronnie's Pavilion and Beach is located off Clear Lake at 15721 Lakeview Drive. This is a private beach with public access. Call 695-9191 for more information.

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

Hold on to your hat, because the area also holds adventure activities. Red Bud Track 'N Trail, 13638 N. Redbud Trail, caters to motorcycle enthusiasts. There is motor-cross riding, sanctioned major events and, on selected weekends, mud bog events. For more information, call 695-6405.

For those who prefer go-karts, fast-paced action can be found just outside Buchanan at the Michiana Raceway Park and professional kart racing school. MRP is located at 2016 Miller Road in Buchanan Township. The raceway has the most up-to-date karts and track available in the Midwest. For more information, call 695-2228.

Bear Cave Resort, 4085 Bear Cave

Road in Buchanan, contains the only cavern in the Great Lakes area. Formed in rare "tufa rock" (a secondary limestone), it is estimated by geologists to be at least 25,000 years old. Today stalactites, petrified leaves and strange shapes are seen throughout the cave.

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

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



These children enjoy making friendship bracelets at Kathryn Park during the Buchanan Park and Recreation Board summer program last year.

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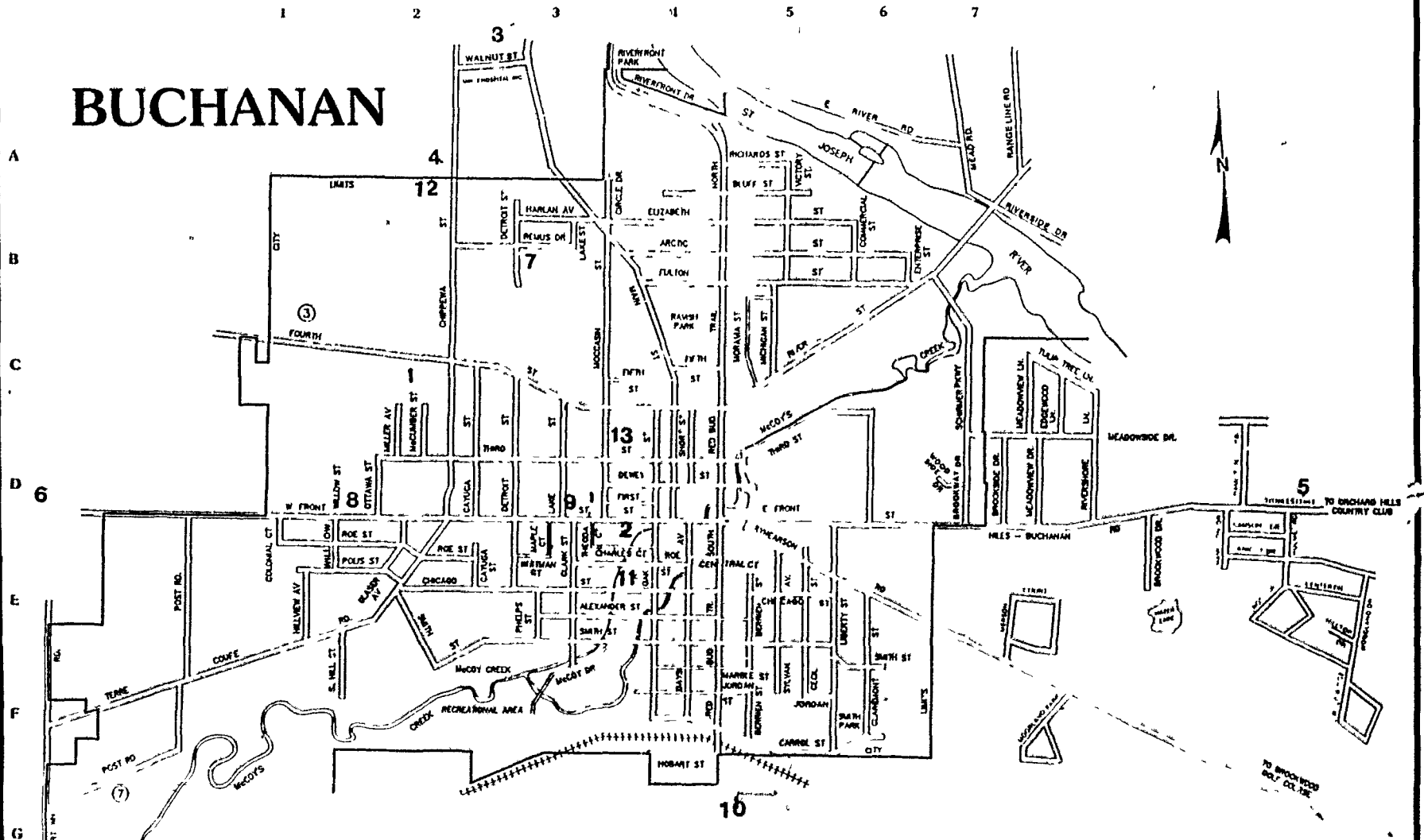
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# Buchanan residents take recycling seriously

by Jane Peterson

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

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

Many people think that recycling is too difficult or time-consuming.

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

In May 1994, 39,620 pounds of materials were diverted from the landfill for recycling. This saved approximately 69.1 cubic yards of landfill space. These numbers compare to July 1993, when 28,512 pounds of materials were diverted

saving 50 cubic yards of landfill space.

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

activities.

The city's Solid Waste Ordinance requires that residents no longer discard recyclable items with their

household trash. Individuals who leave recyclable items in their trash may be subject to termination of city trash collection service or a fine.



City workers sort the recyclables as they collect the bins. Anything not usable is left in the bin.

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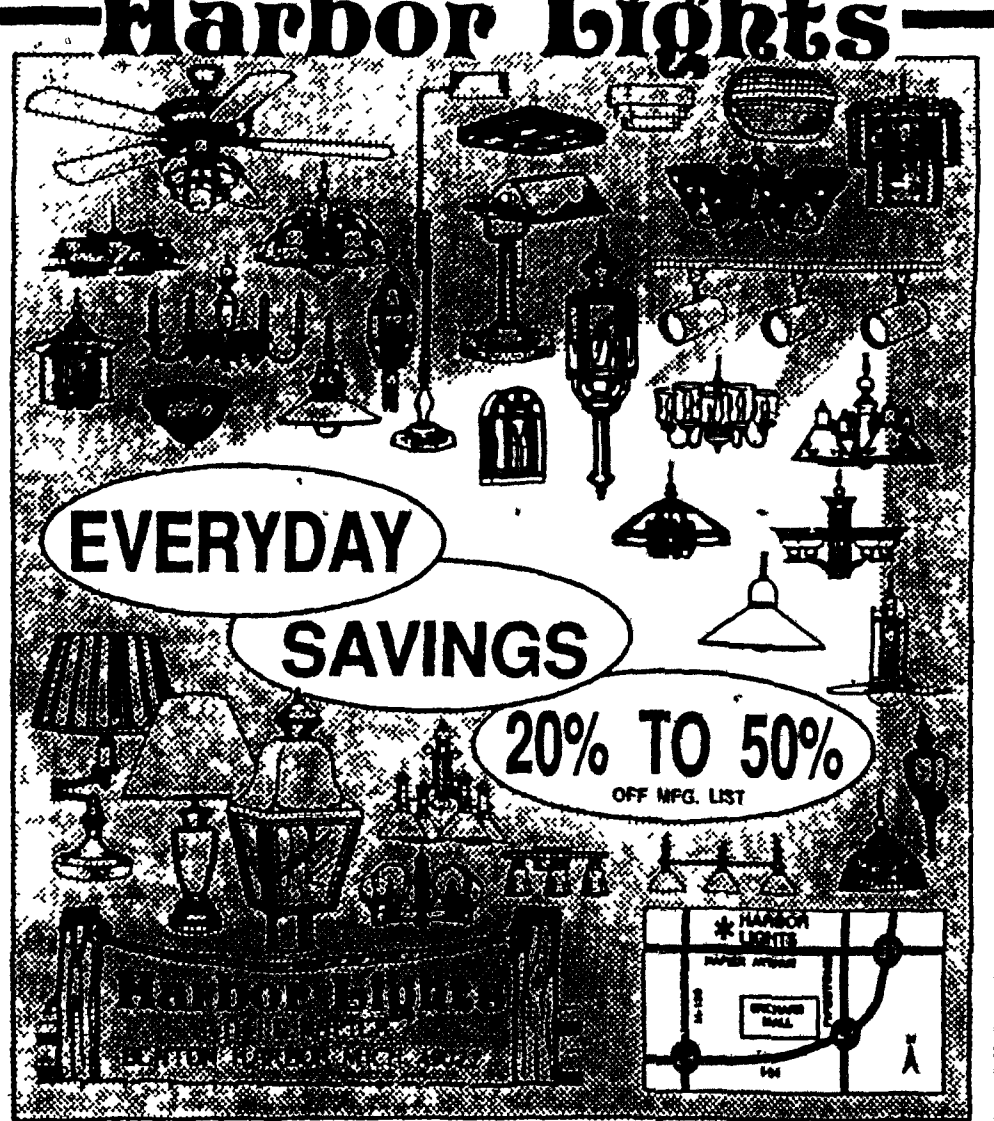
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# Area courses make Buchanan a little greener

by Jane Peterson

Michigan is a summer haven for people who like to hit the golf course. With approximately 700 public golf courses, the state is the world's largest golf resort.

Buchanan and the surrounding area has helped the state reach this achievement as the following golf courses are located in southwest lower Michigan.

Brookwood Golf Course is a public, 18-hole challenge. Located at 1339 Rynearson Road in Buchanan, it has consistently been rated as one of the top 20 golf courses in Michigan. The business offers lessons, carts, cocktails, pro-shop and banquet hall.

Many golf outings and tournaments are held throughout the season, such as the hosting of the

Moose State Golf Tournament last year.

Special rates are available for groups and seniors. Calling for tee times is recommended. For more information, call Brookwood at 695-7818.

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

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

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

Bryn Mawr facilities include a

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

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

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

PebbleWood County Club is an 18-hole public golf course located at 9794 Jericho Road in Bridgman. Built in 1923, it was recently completely renovated. Facilities include a clubhouse, restaurant, banquet hall and bar.

A popular feature at PebbleWood

is the Sunday buffet for 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Costs are \$6.95 adults, half price for kids ages 5-10 and free for children under five. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 465-5611.

# Everyone can keep active

by Ben Peterson

Buchanan offers sports activities for everyone — including the young at heart. Keeping fit and trim can be an easy chore with indoor and outdoor activities.

Men's softball in Buchanan is perhaps the best-run and organized in the state. With over 30 teams participating, finding a team to play is usually not a problem. This year, one team from the Buchanan leagues is destroying the competition. Langford Electric has averaged a 750 winning percentage and recently won an ASA National Qualifier in Holland, which will allow Langford to compete in the national tournament in Montgomery, Ala. Sept. 22-25. Langford defeated F.S. Carbon, another Buchanan powerhouse, in the finals at Holland.

Buchanan also supports a large women's league that sent several teams to the state tournament last year and already has a few that have qualified for the state tournament for this year.

made tennis camps and interest in a tennis league possible in Buchanan. For more information on camps, or

interest in a league, contact the Buchanan Area Recreation Board at 695-8410.

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Buchanan offers baseball and softball for the youngsters in the community with programs starting with T-ball and up to the Babe Ruth league for teenagers. For more information call Wayne Writer at 695-8410.

The World Cup will have a huge effect on the already-overflowing soccer fields in Buchanan. The Optimist soccer league has been a huge success and currently has more children and teens playing in it than the baseball and softball leagues.

Buchanan High School has brand-new tennis courts and activity has been steady. The new courts have

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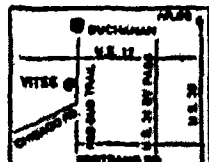
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# Fresh produce abounds in southwestern Michigan

by Ben Peterson

Buchanan and the surrounding area offer 20 different U-pick and farm-market opportunities for those seeking the best in fresh fruit and vegetables. Southwestern Michigan is part of the world renowned fruit belt that travels along the west Michigan coastline from New Buffalo to Traverse City. Surrounding Buchanan are the fruitful communities of Baroda, Berrien Springs, Bridgman, Eau Claire, Niles, Sawyer, Stevensville and Three Oaks.

The following U-pick and farmers' markets are only an hour-and-a-half from Chicago and only a half hour from most of South Bend, Ind. Buchanan area farms produce peaches, cherries, grapes, apples, blueberries, raspberries and many more fruits and a great array of vegetables. Call for current information.

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**Quint's Fruit Farm**  
422-1375

497 E. Shawnee Road, 5½ miles east of Bridgman; or 5½ miles west of Berrien Springs. From I-94 take exit 16 (Bridgman), north on Red Arrow Highway, first stoplight, (Lake Street), turn right. Lake Street becomes Shawnee Road.

Tree-ripe fruit in season, picked or U-pick peaches, grapes, apples. Cider. Open July-September.

**Johanson's Apple World**  
422-2426

I-94 to exit 16, two miles north to Lemon Creek Road, 2½ miles east to Keehn Road. Follow signs.

U-pick apples (ten varieties), pears (three varieties), buy cider Aug 15-Nov. 15.

## BERRIEN SPRINGS

**Hillside Orchards**  
471-7558

U.S.-31 to Hinchman Road, west 2½ miles to Fleisher Lane (between

Scottdale and Hollywood Roads), south to end of Fleisher Lane.

Wholesale or retail sweet and tart cherries, peaches, plums, apples (Paula Red, Empire, Red and Golden Delicious, Jon, Ida Red and others) July to winter months..

**Stover's U-pick and Farm Market**  
471-1401

U S -31, 3½ miles north of Berrien Springs, from west or east I-94 to exit 28, south on U S -31, 8 miles From South Bend, north on U.S.-31, 24 miles.

U-pick or picked strawberries, sweet and tart cherries, red and black raspberries, peaches, plums, grapes, nectarines, apples, pumpkins, apricots, squash, blueberries, tomatoes, peppers, blackberries, broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts. Also cider, caramel apples, jams and jellies, maple syrup, honey, flowers (fresh cut and dried), and gladiolas. June-November

## BRIDGMAN

**Klug Fruit Farm**  
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I-94 exit 16 (Bridgman), north on Red Arrow to red light, east on Lake Street (Lake becomes Shawnee) to Cleveland Avenue, south on Cleveland Avenue, then east on Glendora Road. 1½ miles.

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## PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OPTOMETRISTS

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

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

## DENTISTS

—Dentists Richard Beistle, Joyce Jilek and Jane Smydo all share an office building at 121 Main St. Call 695-3601 for more information.

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

## HOSPITALS

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

—Pawating Hospital, 31 N. St. Joseph St. in Niles, is a 174-bed facility serving the southwest Michigan area. It is staffed with both

primary care and specialty hospital-based physicians such as anesthesiologists, emergency room physicians, pathologists, obstetri-

cians and radiologists. For more information, call 683-5510.

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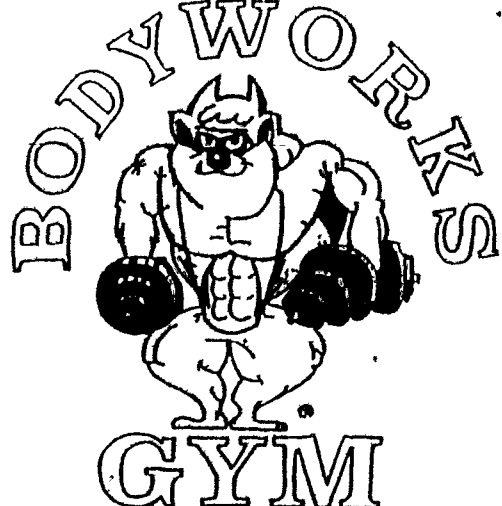
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# YMCA has activities for everyone

by Jane Peterson

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

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

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

According to YMCA assistant director Denise Siegel, the most popular programs are youth sports

which keeps 30,500 area students busy. No child is ever denied an opportunity to participate due to lack of financial resources. Assistance is available.

However, the most little-known programs are water walking and aquarobics. Siegel said the benefit from water training is resistance, allowing participants to work twice as hard and burn off more fat.

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

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

Another important aspect of the YMCA is volunteers. Last year over 800 people gave their time serving on committees, coaching youth sports, helping with building supervision and assisting in other ways.

Siegel invites residents to stop in at the YMCA and check out the programs. The first visit is free.

"Come over and take a look to see how much it has changed and grown," she said. "The only thing we can do is get better."

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

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# Residents fight crime

by Jane Peterson

Neighbors in Buchanan are learning that there is safety in numbers. This is thanks to the city's Citizens Public Safety Task Force, which began implementing the Buchanan Neighborhood Watch Program approximately one year ago.

Neighborhood Watch was developed in 1972 by the National Sheriff's Association to help people recognize crime in their neighborhoods. Buchanan's task force spent 10 months preparing for the program's implementation.

The group started by dividing the city into eight sections to be tackled individually. As of July 20, three-quarters of these residents have been contacted. According to Cheri Aalfs, task force chairperson, the group hopes to have all areas aboard by the end of this fall.

"We're moving along, we really are," said Aalfs.

Residents learn how to watch for danger signals such as suspicious people, cars and activities and what information to remember, such as identifying marks, when reporting to police. Decals and pamphlets are being distributed in each area and signs are located at each of the entrances to the city.

So far the program has been very successful. Bright orange stickers attached to front windows are easy for criminals to spot.

According to Police Chief Donald Yerrick, the police department has seen an increase in the number of calls made from the areas since the Neighborhood Watch Program has been established.

"People are realizing that we can't be everywhere at once," he said. "They have to be our eyes and ears."

Still, Yerrick is disappointed about the lack of people willing to be block captains and take charge of a "phone tree." He hopes that once the program is completely implemented, task force members can go back to some of the first neighborhoods and re-emphasize the program.

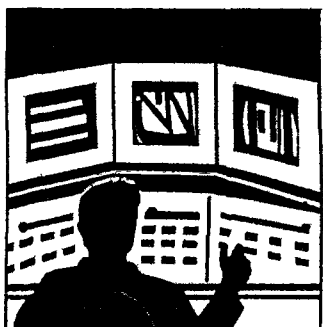
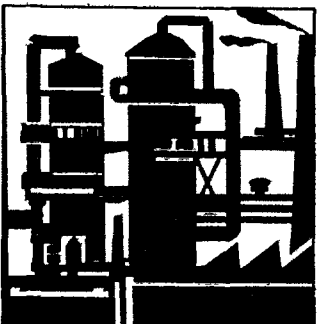
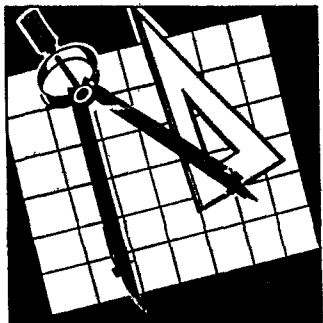
In conjunction with the program, the first National Night Out party was held last year. Over 300 residents gathered at McCoy Creek Park for hot dogs and ice cream and to meet McGruff, the crime dog and Sparky, the fire department's mascot.

The task force hopes that even more people will turn out for this year's event, which is scheduled for Aug. 2, 7-9 p.m.

Aalfs said that all newcomers to the community are invited to join the program. New residents should contact the police department at 695-5120 and leave their name, address and phone number so a member of the task force can get in touch.



Jaime Baber and Michael Smith met with Sparky, the fire department mascot, at last year's National Night Out picnic. The event was held to send a message to criminals to watch out, because chances are someone will be watching you.



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

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

—Babe Ruth/Pony Baseball League involves children ages 13-15 in America's favorite pastime. For

more information, contact Mark Godsey, 695-1008.

—The Berrien Kruzers is an organization dedicated to camping and making leather belts. Proceeds are given in Paws With a Cause, a group that links hearing and service dogs with those who need them. All money stays in Michigan and local people have benefited at no charge since Berrien Kruzers' funds pay for the dog's training. The group consists of 15 rigs, but when there is an opening, new members are accepted. For more information, attend a Berrien Kruzers' sale during local events.

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

Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

—The Buchanan Business and Professional Women help encourage legislation, education and equality in the workplace. They meet once a month and are always looking for new members. For more information, call Maryellen Schutze, 695-7110.

—The Buchanan College Club provides support in the form of loans to Buchanan High School students planning to attend college. Each spring honor graduates are recognized at a banquet and a scholarship is presented. For more

information, call Kay Trull, 695-2183.

—Buchanan Federated Garden Club was organized to beautify the community and link together those who enjoy gardening. Annually the club plants flowers around the city and hosts the Buchanan in Bloom Garden Walk. For more information, call Flo King, president, 695-7161.

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

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

—Buchanan Masonic Lodge, No. 68, F & A.M. was organized in 1854.

During the war, the group split into two separate lodges because of political problems and became the smallest town in Michigan to do so. However, the Masons joined together again and today meet at 201 N. Oak St. Call Kenneth Gearhart, 695-5181.

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

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

—The Buchanan Westerner's Club is a social club for those who have or

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## Boredom cannot be problem

If you're looking for family activities, you won't need to leave the area. Buchanan and its surrounding communities are chock-full of special events during the summer and at many other times of the year.

Although the following events are usually held around the same time each year, it's a good idea to call the local chamber of commerce for exact dates.

—The Blossomtime Festival is held the first week of May. Traditional events include the Miss Blossomtime contest, where 26 area queens compete for the title, the Grand Floral Parade in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, and the Grand Floral Ball. This 87-year-old festival is the oldest still held in Michigan.

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

cleaning efforts. In 1993, over 100 Buchanan residents held garage sales.

—The Buchanan Federated Garden Club has hosted the Buchanan in Bloom Garden Walk for the past two years. The day-long event includes tours of several local gardens, Pears Mill and Fernwood Botanic Gardens in addition to plant sales, lectures and art displays.

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

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

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

—The Fourth of July means more than fireworks in Eau Claire. The

tiny town is famous for its international Cherry Pit Spit Contest held during the Cherry Festival. Local dignitaries face off in the celebrity contest, followed by the real competition as people from all over see who can spit a pit the farthest.

—Galien Americans Together Days, held in July, focus on community members by holding a hog roast, parade, talent show and other family-oriented activities.

—The St. Joseph River Venetian Festival takes place in St. Joseph every July. Music, a Taste of Southwestern Michigan and boat parade are just a few events that attract thousands of visitors each year.

—Discover Stevensville invites area residents to see what this Lake Michigan community is all about.

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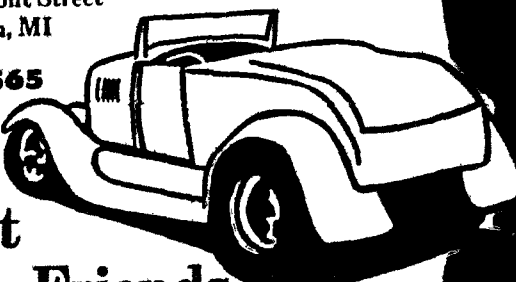
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# Pears Mill is local treasure filled with memories of past

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

When the mill was built, it was a state-of-the-art facility. An 1860 census indicated that it produced 40,000 barrels of flour annually worth \$240,000. In 1884 it contained four sets of millstones, 160 rpm; two roller mills, 200 rpm; one Narnard & Leas grain cleaner, 600 rpm, one

packer; one Silver Creek and one French Purifier, each 600 rpm, two bolting chests with six reels, one Troops Brush machine, 600 rpm, an additional bolting chest and a bran duster, 450 rpm. All machinery had metal bearings lubricated by hand.

Today, Pears Mill has similar equipment acquired from Morley Mill at New Troy and other sources. It also has an overshot water wheel which is 10 feet in diameter and 5 feet wide. Most of the additional machinery is not yet operational, however.

Pears Mill was acquired by the Downtown Development Authority in 1983. By Oct. 31, 1984, the Preservation Society had Phase I of the renovation completed. This included removing all the elevator towers and other additions subsequent to 1857 and putting back on the original lap siding and 12 over 12 windows and casements and trim and doors. The work was done by Amish under the direction of Ivan Hochstetler of Nappanee, Ind.

The next phase of the restoration proved to be difficult as 19th century

machinery, which has not been produced in 90 years, was required. The Preservation Society had to look to many sources to get the mill working again and by Labor Day, 1988, stone-ground flour and cornmeal were produced using water power.

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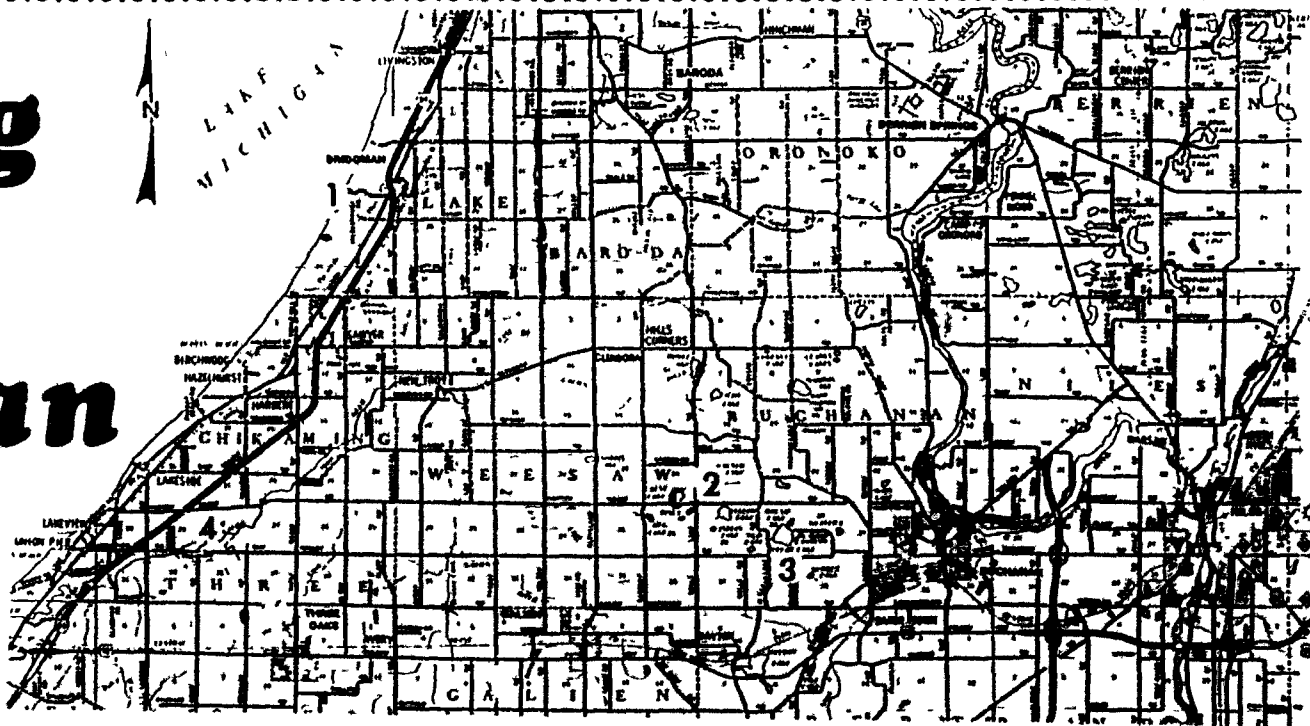
Day, 1989, the mill is now open from Memorial Day to the end of September on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-4 p.m. Each year finds more success for Pears Mill.

In 1992 over 2,500 people visited from Michigan, other states and foreign countries. It is operated entirely by volunteers.

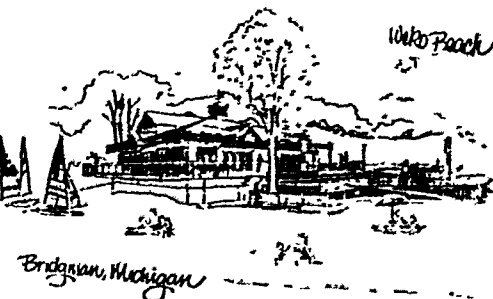
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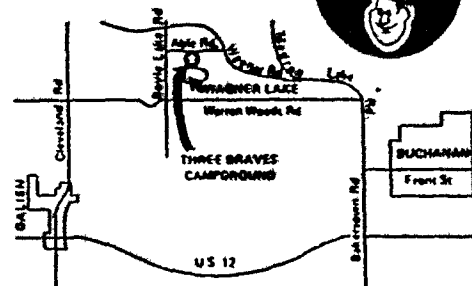
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The St. Joseph River also has plenty of rainbow and brown trout, large and small-mouth bass, pike, perch, carp, walleye, suckers and

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

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

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

There are also two public access and launching sites. In Buchanan, access is available above the dam at Redbud River Front Park and below the dam on North Redbud Trail.

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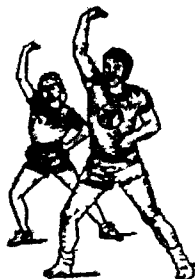
According to Dr. Steven N. Blair, a Fitness researcher at the Cooper Institute For Aerobics Research in Dallas, Texas *people can benefit from exercise even if it's not vigorous or completed in a single sustained time span. Important health benefits can be attained when exercise becomes a daily routine.*

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## Kidkare offers parents an alternative

by Jane Peterson

There are so many things to accomplish when you move to a new town — finding adequate housing, registering children for school, becoming familiar with the area. However, one of the more difficult tasks to complete and perhaps the most important is locating quality childcare.

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

The program operates in accordance with the school calendar.

The morning program begins at 5:30 a.m. and concludes when school begins. The afternoon program starts at 3:30 p.m. and closes at 6:30 p.m.

Any child in grades kindergarten through fifth grade is eligible for admission. Enrollments are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost for the Kidkare program varies depending on how many children participate and the length of stay. There is a multiple children discount, and financial assistance is available for qualifying families.

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

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

Originally, Kidkare was limited to only school days, but due to the amount of interest, this summer it was expected into a daylong program. Summer Kidkare operates from 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and is more like a day camp than a daycare center, said Director Diana Hurst.

The children spend about 80-90 percent of their time outside. This summer the program is headquartered in Buchanan High School, so children have access to a wide variety of activities.

For more information, call Wayne Writer, 695-8410.



Sarah Walker (left) and Adam Johnson kept busy during Kidkare last fall. The program, offered by the Buchanan Community Schools, runs year-round.

## Buchanan boasts a variety of industries

Buchanan has more than just quaint parks and Pears Mill to brag about. The city is also full of industries that compete with national and international markets and succeed. The following is a rundown of some of Buchanan's industries and a brief description of the business' nature.

—Bosch Automation Products, 816 E. Third St., creates conveyor work systems for assembly automation equipment and is also successful in the area of robotics.

—Buchanan Industries, 408 River St., makes loam and magnesium die cast parts for automobiles, electronics and furniture. The industry supplies finished machine parts and has a black box design capability.

—Buchanan Pallet Products, 191 S. Post Road, specializes in the repair, buying, selling and recycling of used wooden pallets.

—C & S Machine Products, Inc., 215 S. Post Road, is a precision machine shop for the aerospace industry.

—F.S. Carbon Company, 204 Redbud Trail, makes prepared malted pancake and waffle flour mixes and doughs. The business is well known for its dedication to the community by donating supplies for benefit breakfasts.

—Dalson Enterprises Division makes roof trusses for the housing industry.

—Electro-Voice, 600 Cecil St., is a major employer in Buchanan. It makes microphones and speaker systems. The company has a distinguished history with its systems winning an Oscar, helping in wartime and being on board space flights. The company often allows its products to be used at community events.

—Fapco, Inc., 216 Post Road, specializes in industrial packaging. It packages parts and products for a number of companies and recently acquired the prestigious ISO 900 certification.

—Food Specialties Services Corp., 460 Post Road, manufactures portioned fresh food to 170 customers in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Alabama

and Arkansas. With only 10 employees, Food Specialties produces three-quarters of a million units a month.

—Gearhart Milling & Job Work, 403 S. Oak St., specializes in custom woodworking and pattern making.

—General Machine Services, 501 N. Redbud Trail, is a machine shop which produces air motors and mining equipment for individuals.

—Jemco, Inc., 828 Terrecoque Road, is a job and machine shop for customers.

—Pinlock Engineering, 301 Days Avenue, is a job and machine shop with storage units.

—Pro-Tech Respirators, 107 E. Alexander St., concentrates on the design and manufacture of respirators. The company recently

celebrated its 100th anniversary in Buchanan.

—Quick's Candy Inc., 204 Post Road, produces sugar and confectionery products such as lollipops for distribution to major chains.

—Schneider Food Services, 206 Main St., is a full service vending operation, food and office coffee business serving the southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana area. It has been in Buchanan for approximately 40 years.

—Tech Nickel Inc., 406 E. Third St., is a high technology plating and consulting business specializing in the metal finishing industry.

—Thermo-Treaters, 101 McCoy Creek Drive, is a commercial heat treater business.

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# Buchanan schools are a fine place to learn

by Jane Peterson

Buchanan Community Schools offer quality education to area students whether they want to prepare for the job market, college or military service. A class "C" school, its employees work to be sure that students are ready for the world that lies beyond Buchanan boundaries.

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

The elementary schools serve children in grades kindergarten through fifth.

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

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

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

All elementaries have innovative programs which help track students. Some of these include Science Olympiad, in which students perform different, fun science experiments, and making maple syrup from scratch at the school farm. Also included is the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program for fifth-graders, which involves an officer visiting on a regular basis to teach about the dangers of drugs, students writing an essay on the subject and a graduation where they earn DARE T-shirts; and the 2 Cool 2 Use Drugs program for younger students.

The award-winning Super Star Trading Card program was introduced almost two years ago at the elementary level. Students earn cards that have pictures of Buchanan High School students whom the younger children can look to as role

models. On the back is a list of activities the high schooler is involved in, his/her hobbies and some inspirational advice. Elementary students collect the cards and trade them so when they have five of the

same person, the high school student has lunch at the elementary school with them.

Buchanan Middle School, located at 610 W Fourth St., accommodates students in grades six, seven and

eight. The structure is the newest one in the district, built in 1974. The principal is James Craig and the assistant principal is Don Barnhouse.

Daily attendance at the middle (Please turn to page 22)



T.C. Bugg, the no-drug bug, visited Stark Elementary School students to kick-off the 2 Cool 2 Use Drugs Program.

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are interested in horses. The group is involved with the 4-H and high school equestrian clubs. They also hold picnics, camping trips and grant scholarships. For more information, contact Georgia Rothfuchs, resident agent, at 695-3667.

—Children's International Life-line, located at 400 E. Front St., accepts donations for people in Haiti. For more details, call Arnold Lemke, 695-2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

—The League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass counties focuses on legislative issues. For more information, contact Helen Jackson, president, 695-6227.

—Men's Softball League runs during the season for men of all ages. Games are played at McCoy Creek Recreation Park behind the high school. For more details, contact Al Fisher, 695-6167.

—The Michiana Literacy Council, 602 Ferry St., is a free service in which volunteers assist residents in their reading endeavors. There are three programs: adults, where tutors help the non-or-slow reader; youth, where students are assisted in their reading in conjunction with teacher assignments; and block readers, a summer program for fifth-sixth graders in Niles Community Schools that emphasizes reading to someone while school's out. Tutoring is on a one-to-one basis. For more information, call 683-3313. Office hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

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

—Moose PTA is a parent organization at Moccasin Elementary School. For more details, call 695-

8408  
—Moose Lodge #449 is a membership organization with headquarters at 101 South Redbud Trail. For more information, call Dave Johnson, administrator, 695-5221.

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

—The Niles-Buchanan Chess Club is run by the Salvation Army and meets at 424 N. 15th St. in Niles. The club promotes the skill of chess in the community and brings together people of all ages and levels for a sporting challenge. For more details, call Capt. Thomas Riggs, 684-2660 or Ben Peterson, 697-4402.

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

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

—Olde Boys Toys Car Club brings together Niles and Buchanan

residents who share a love of antique or classic cars. The club sponsors an annual show and attends many cruising events throughout the year. Members do not need to own an antique car to join. For more details, call Elmer Carter, president, 695-1045 or Bruce Wisner, 684-7898.

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

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

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

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

—The Southwest Michigan Volunteer Center is a clearinghouse for those business and organizations that need volunteers and for area

residents who would like to donate some time. For more details, call Kathy Rossow, executive director, 683-5464.

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

—TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Michigan No. 1311 is a chapter of TOPS International, a nonprofit, noncommercial, weight management support team of 300,000 members. For more local information, call Jean at 695-5233. For national information, call 1-800-932-8677.

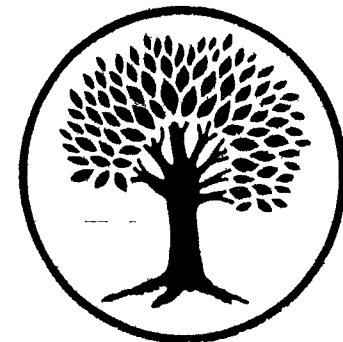
—The Veterans of Foreign Wars accepts members who are overseas veterans and have served in a campaign for which a ribbon has been awarded. The Buchanan Chapter, the Gladys Lyons VFW Post 3102, is named after a local World War I nurse who volunteered to help during an outbreak of meningitis in France. She eventually contracted and died from the disease. The VFW is active in patriotic endeavors such as Memorial and

Veterans Day parades. For more information, call A. D. Adams, 695-6281.

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

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

—Women's Softball League. Contact Wayne Writer, 695-8403 for more information.



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

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

Another activity is cards. Earlier this year a lengthy euchre tournament was held with the Central County

Senior Center in Berrien Springs. In the spirit of competition, prizes were awarded to winners and runners-up.

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

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

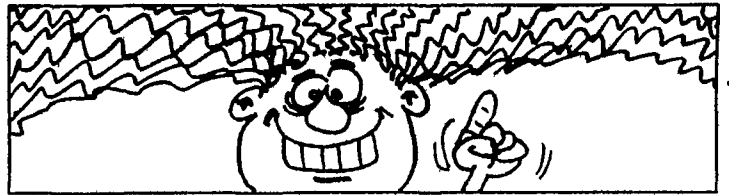
filling out confusing forms such as taxes, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid as well as making referrals for senior programs and legal aid.

Other senior citizen centers in the area are

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

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

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



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## Area full of fun and festivities

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This festival includes food, fun and fireworks

—The Harbor Country Ship and Shore Festival in New Buffalo includes a Blessing of the Boats, parade, children's activities and a craft fair

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

—The Buchanan Old-Fashioned

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

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

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

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

—Three Oaks is well-known for its Apple Cider Century Ride, which draws thousands of bicycle riders to the area in September

—The Downtown Buchanan Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, held in December by Old City Hall, includes performances by high school choirs, bands and a community Christmas carol sing-along, the tree lighting, a parade featuring Santa Claus and the old St. Nick photos at Pears Mill with cookies and hot chocolate afterward

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# There are many housing options offered in Buchanan

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

## APARTMENTS

—Buchanan Place Apartments, 601 W. Fourth St., offer one- and two-bedroom apartments in addition to two-bedroom duplexes. Located just inside the city limits, across from the Buchanan Middle School, residents get all the advantages of city living without actually being in the middle of it all. Other features include an outdoor swimming pool, air conditioning, wall-to-wall carpeting and laundry facilities. For more details, contact Harry Glick, manager, 695-7047.

—Maple Leaf Terrace, 15356 Main St. For more information, call 695-4324.

—Metea Court, 809 Rynearson Road, is a senior citizen complex for those who desire smaller living quarters without having to worry about maintenance. One- and two-bedroom apartments, designed for seniors, disabled or handicapped persons, are available. The facility is named for Potawatomi Chief Metea, who was a peace mediator and

advocate for the care of elderly. Call 695-9842 for more information.

—Mill Pond Apartments, 800 E. Smith St., offer one-bedroom apartments specially designed for senior citizens or those with a handicap. Other features include kitchen appliances, a laundry facility and community room. For information, call 695-0475.

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

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

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

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—Four Flags Farm, located on North Redbud Trail, offers a country retreat. Three rooms are available,

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

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—White Oaks is situated 20 minutes from South Bend or St. Joseph on the St. Joseph River. It is placed in a country setting with activities such as golf, tennis and fishing available. There are four styles of homes, ranging from the Magnolia to the Dogwood designs.

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## MOBILE HOME PARKS

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

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

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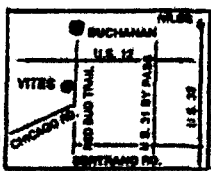


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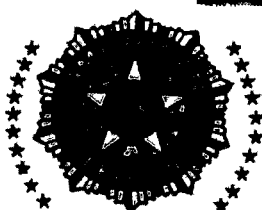
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# Library is a vital part of the community

by Jane Peterson

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

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

Since then the library has changed both inside and out. In addition to the existing Hanley-Newberry Memorial Room, a 1,500 square-foot

addition was built in 1966 and another addition was completed in 1979

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

The library appears destined for more changes as well. The librarian for over 20 years, Nancy Holmes retired last year. She was replaced by Paula Dale, who plans to make several changes in the upcoming months.

For example, Dale eventually wants to automate the library's resources and get the circulation list on computer. She also wants to add

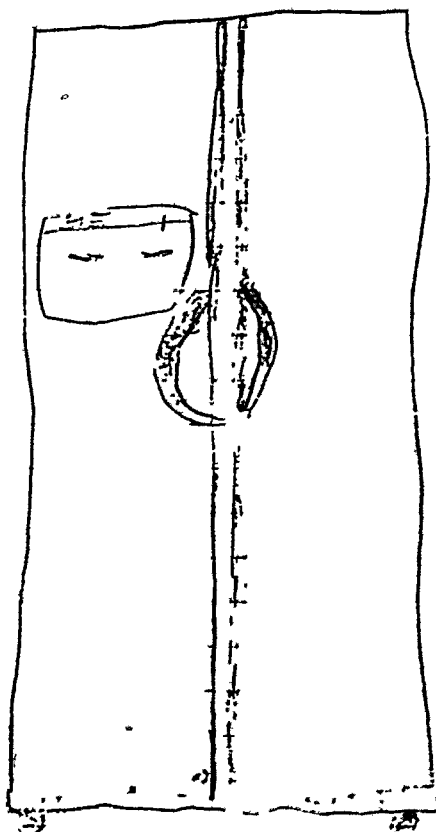
more children's activities. Dale recently reorganized the library's summer reading program so it isn't so competitive. Children set their own goals. The program, "Reading is a Magic Trip," also incorporates several educational programs

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

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



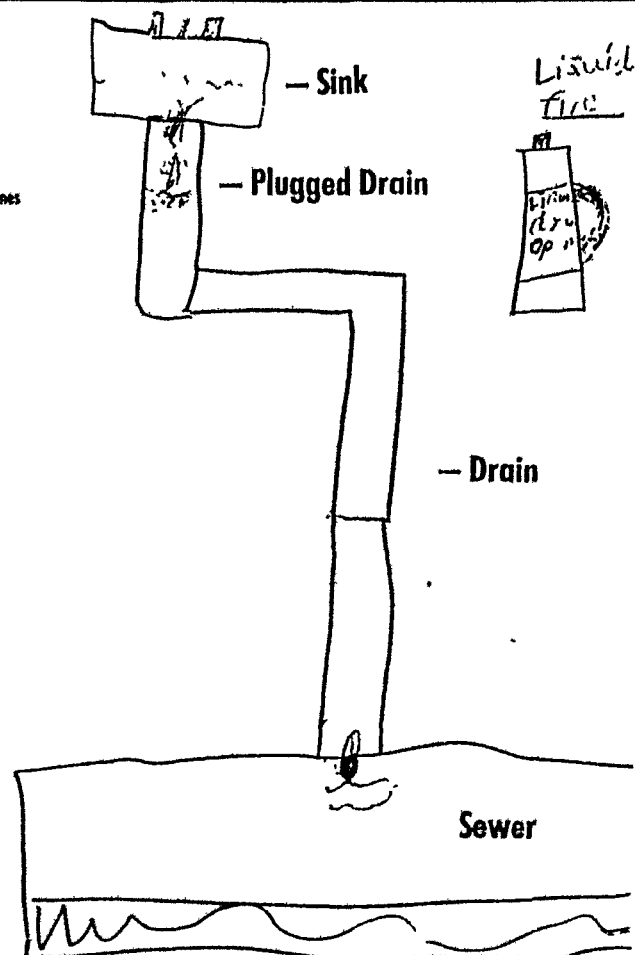
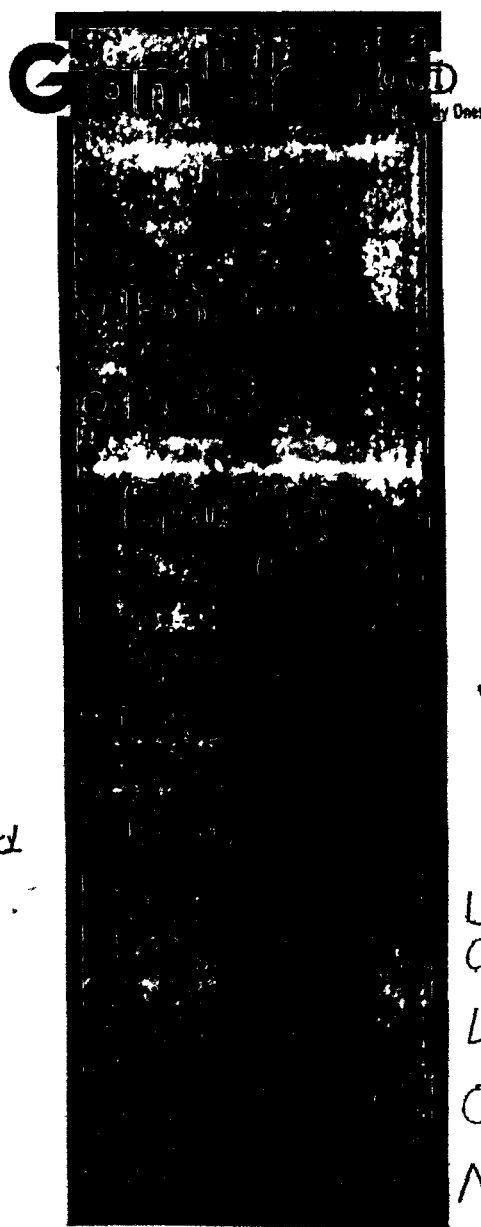
A story hour for preschool children is one of the many programs the Buchanan Public Library has for its younger patrons. Pictured reading is Claire Martin.



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# Buchanan has two separate governments

Red Bud Track 'N Trail, Michiana Raceway Park and Harding's Friendly Market all have Buchanan addresses so that must mean they are located in the city of Buchanan, right? Wrong! These businesses are located in Buchanan Township, which completely surrounds the city's borders.

Don't be surprised Buchanan Township Clerk Donna Newsom said people often get confused since the governments are located so close. Even though the two governing bodies have a good relationship, there are differences of which newcomers should be aware.

The Buchanan Township Board consists of five elected officials with specific duties. They are:

—Supervisor Ralph Wiggers. He heads the board and represents the township in any legal matter, is in charge of affairs, makes proposals for problems, negotiates with other governmental bodies and completes the budget.

—Clerk Donna Newsom. She is in charge of all records and elections in addition to acting as accountant and

purchasing officer.

—Treasurer Mary Chadderdon. She collects taxes and makes investments with board approval.

—Trustees Lynn Ferris and David Reitz attend meetings, serve on the board and gather information from residents.

On the other hand, the city of Buchanan is run by City Manager Greg Buckley, who is hired, and a five-member elected city commission. Commissioners are Mayor Deborah Seager, Doyle Vergon, Thomas Gordon, Cathy Paradise and Harold Jackson. Unlike the township, City Clerk Janet Colip is appointed by the city manager and treasurer Deann Reith is appointed by the commission, not elected.

The commissioners set city policies and the staff carries them out. They are not employees of the city and do not have offices at Buchanan City Hall. However, Buckley has a paid, full-time position and keeps regular office hours.

Newsom believes this is where the township has an advantage. She and Chadderdon are regularly available at

the office so residents have easy access to their elected officials.

"I think that any form of local government is so important because it allows people closer contact to the people who serve them," she said.

However, the differences go further than just government structure or availability. The township has limited taxing power.

They can levy 1 mill and if they wanted to levy another one for road or capital improvements, they must hold a special election.

The township also is unable to offer many of the services the city provides to its residents. Both have their own fire departments, but the township contracts its water/sewer services with the city and its roads are controlled by the Berrien County Road Commission. The city has its own control over these items.

The city and township need to work jointly on some items. Newsom said they work together with a joint water/sewer board, the township has representatives on the city's re-

creation and library boards and both governments cooperate with surrounding municipalities on the landfill and Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service.

"Two units of government as close as we are need to work together," said Newsom.

Buchanan City Hall is located at 302 Redbud Trail Township Hall offices are at 15235 Main St. The township hall is available for special

events. Residents need to reserve the space by calling the office.

Newsom said it's important that people understand when they move from the city to the township, or vice versa that Michigan law requires residents to re-register to vote even if they keep a Buchanan mailing address.

For more information, call Buchanan City Hall, 695-3844, or Buchanan Township Hall, 695-6442.

## Finding bank is a priority

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

—Country Heritage Credit Union,


16580 Bakertown Road, 695-2334.

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

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## Buchanan gives students an excellent education

(Continued from page 15) school is 94 percent. A unique program at the middle school is called Homework Hotline. Parents and students can call every night to receive assignments, to schedule parent/teacher conferences and to learn about weekly activities at school.

A mini-honors assembly is held after each six-week marking period to recognize pine-free (no disciplinary problems), attendance, honor roll and principal winners.

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

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

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

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

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

Daily attendance at Buchanan High School averages 94 percent. Most graduates continue with higher education, about 25 percent of the graduates enroll in a four-year college or university, 46 percent in two-year colleges and 3 percent in trade or technical schools.

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

The 1993 graduating class obtained an average score of 21.4 on the ACT and an average of 470 on the SAT verbal and 501 on the SAT math.

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

Buchanan is also fortunate to have a hard-working school board. Current school board members are Jerry Flenar, president; Janet Racht, vice president; William Cameron, treasurer; Marlene Gauer, secretary; and Kay Trull, David Cangelosi and John Colip, trustees.

The school board usually meets the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month, with the exception of some months, when they meet only once.



Director Dixie Detgen prepares the Buchanan High School band for its upcoming festival where the group will be rated by a judge.

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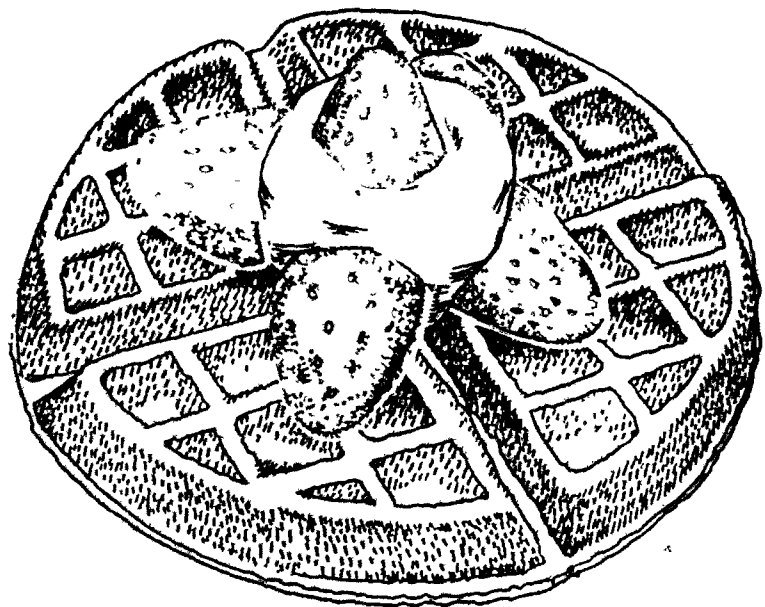
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