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BCS February News

by Patricia L. Robinson, BCS Superintendent

February 2022

Dear Buck Families,

Parent Advisory Committee

Our Parent Advisory Committee met in December and again in January. Each year we invite parents to join the group. The purpose of the Parent Advisory Committee is to :

- *To stimulate meaningful dialogue between community stakeholders, district leadership, and members of the Buchanan Board of Education*
- *To increase the involvement of parents and community members in the education process*
- *To recognize achievements of students & staff*
- *To raise awareness regarding community concerns*

This year we have five subcommittees . These subcommittees are focusing on:

- Maximizing scheduling options for high school students
- Exploring ways to incorporate a second language in early years
- District Calendar
- School Safety
- Retaining and Recruiting students and safety

As a district, we want to ensure that we are working with parents at various levels to continue the journey of success for all students.

Learn by Heart Campaign

We started our Learn by Heart Campaign which is designed to increase the awareness of the dedication of Berrien County educators and foster continuing public school support through a countywide campaign. We will highlight relationships between educators, students, parents and community members through stories and videos. Please visit our website and click on the link [Buchanan Has Heart!](https://www.buchananschools.com/BuchananHasHeart) If you would like to share a story please email Michelle Munyon (mmunyon@buchananschools.com). You should include story background, participant names, relevant pictures, quotes, etc.

As always thank you for your support and, Go Bucks!

Local Arts – Buchanan Art Center

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HCU presents Buchanan Art Center with a laptop, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Local Businesses Network Together to help Buchanan Art Center

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer



The Buchanan Art Center is now using more technology to help their members and guests sign up for art classes and memberships thanks to the help of two local Buchanan businesses. The art center was in desperate need of a "Laptop, keyboard and mouse as our current equipment was aging, unreliable, and, well, archaic," said Jeannine Davie who is the Co-Director of the art center. The cost for a new one is around \$1,000.00. And that is just too much for the art center to afford.

Jeannine contacted Michael Rowland at Michigan Gateway Community Foundation in Buchanan to see if they would be able to help them with this need. Then, Michael reached out to Honor Credit Union just over the next block to see if they would be able to help the art center in any way. Community Assistant Vice President Karol Behrle looked into it and they were glad to help with this request as Honor Credit Union has given some refurbished laptops away to their employees and they had one available!

On Friday, February 4, 2022 Christy Layman, Buchanan Member Center Manager and Karol Behrle, CAVP from Honor Credit Union presented a laptop, keyboard and a mouse along with an HCU backpack to Jeannine Davie, Co-Director at the Buchanan Art Center!

Later on, an addition to this donation was made by the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation who donated a LaserJet Pro 400 printer, two AT&T speakerphone sets as well. Jeannine states that "We are truly grateful for that." Great things happen when caring businesses network together!

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

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Local Clubs – Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022



Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022 with current and past queens, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

It's been two years since the last Miss Buchanan Pageant was held in December of 2019. Buchanan High School auditorium was the venue for the Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022 held on Saturday, January 15, at 6pm. This pageant was different from the past pageants of course as all attendees were to wear masks and the Coronation Ball

was not held, but the bright colors and sequins that adorned the contestants' dresses and their smiles were all beautiful!



Miss Buchanan Pageant 2020 Queen Jade Smith presents the 2022 contestants, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Miss Buchanan 2020, Jade Smith was there to crown Lillian Waggoner, Miss Buchanan 2022! The theme of the pageant was "The Nicest Place in America" as bright yellow decorative lanterns and posters were decorated with fun smiles and a balloon arch of rainbows was the backdrop as well as it lined the front of the stage. The American Legion Post #51 of Buchanan presented the flags for the National Anthem. Opening ceremonies were done by Miss Buchanan 2020 Jade Smith and John Colip, Master of Ceremonies. A dance number was put on by the contestants wearing yellow t-shirts with the famous black smile and black pants along to Pharrell Williams' song, "Happy." Introductions of the Mayor of Buchanan, Sean Denison (not in attendance due to illness; Buchanan City Manager, Heather Grace took his place); Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent Patricia Robinson; Judges: Marie Brown, Dr. Joshua Wahlstrom, and Marsha Watson; Pages: Emily Riley, Maya Schuhknecht and Megan Adkerson; Blossomtime Reps & Tellers: Ronnie Patrick and Sarah Lawrence; Committee Tellers: Sheila Proud and Maddy Vorrath; and Escorts Nick McKean and Brian Proud, were done by Mr. John Colip, Master of Ceremonies.

Each contestant was escorted out by their father for their presentation and question. Mr. John Colip asked them: "Why would you want to be crowned Miss Buchanan 2022?" Lillian answered, "To be a good role model to those younger than me." As the contestants were asked this question, with only them being on the stage one at a time, the other contestants were somewhere else to where they could not hear the other contestants' answers. The 2020 Court made a fun appearance by dancing to a small number "Walking on Sunshine" by Katrina & The Waves band. Visiting Queens and royalty also joined the stage to give their kind remarks to 2020 Miss Buchanan Jade Smith and the rest of the contestants. Then the key to the city was presented to Jade by Heather Grace, Buchanan City Manager as Sean Denison, Mayor of Bunan was unable to attend. The S.W.M. Blossom Queen Sorority also gave their kind words of encouragement.



Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022 Top 5 Finalists (L-R): Lillian Waggoner, Caitlyn Tucker, Alexa Burns, Hayden Bauer, Joy Kaltenbach,
Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

The excitement was strong in this auditorium as the Top 5 contestants were named: Lillian Waggoner, Joy Kaltenbach, Caitlyn Tucker, Hayden Bauer and Alexa Burns! Before a new Miss Buchanan was announced, it was time for Miss Buchanan 2020 Queen Jade Smith to say farewell with a video of her highlights on being Queen for the past two years.



Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022 Queen Lillian Waggoner, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

So now, the time has come to announce the new Miss Buchanan Queen 2022 and her court!

- Miss Congeniality: Joy Kaltenbach, daughter of Rebecca Kaltenbach, Bret Kaltenbach
- Second Runner Up: Alexa Burns, daughter of Edward Burns, Jamie McLalin
- First Runner Up: Hayden Bauer, daughter of Cheryl and Blake Bauer
- Miss Buchanan 2022: Lillian Waggoner, daughter of Brandon and Crystal Waggoner



Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022 Miss Congeniality Joy Kaltenbach, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

This year's pageant was able to give a scholarship to each contestant provided by area businesses/ organizations.

- \$1,500 Queens Scholarship from Buchanan Lodge No. 68 Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan: Lillian Waggoner
- \$500 Scholarship from American Legion Family Ralph Rumbaugh Post No. 51: Claire Lietz
- \$500 Scholarship from Buchanan Scarecrow Charities: Allison Keser
- \$500 Scholarship from Buchanan Scarecrow Charities: Caitlyn Tucker
- \$500 Scholarship from Redbud Insurance Services, LLC: Lauren Streffling
- \$500 Evelyn June Klingerman Memorial Scholarship from Family of Evelyn June Klingerman: Alexa Burns

- \$500 Roland (Rollie) Carlson Memorial Scholarship from Kelly Freeze and Makayla Miller: Brianna Martin
- \$250 Scholarship from Honor Credit Union: Joy Kaltenbach
- \$250 Scholarship from The Bair Family: McKenzie McMenamin
- \$250 Harold R. Gaul Memorial Scholarship from The Gaul Family: Hayden Bauer
- \$250 Scholarship from Miss Buchanan Committee, Inc.: Kaitlynne Walter
- \$250 Scholarship from Miss Buchanan Committee, Inc.: Cadience Benton
- \$125 Harold R. Gaul Memorial Scholarship from Gaul Family: Nick McKean
- \$125 Harold R. Gaul Memorial Scholarship from Gaul Family: Brian Proud

*Both Escorts & Mr. Blossomtime Representatives from Buchanan will each receive a \$125 scholarship in honor of Harold R. Gaul. (Miss Buchanan 2022 program)



Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022 Queen Lillian Waggoner celebrates with her court, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Master of Ceremonies, John Colip asked Miss Buchanan 2022, "What are your first words as Queen?"

"I just want to say thank you so much to the judges for choosing me. I also want to thank them and for all of the other wonderful women for helping us getting ready for this wonderful event and helped with all these beautiful ladies, I love you guys. I also want to thank my family for helping me and supporting me for this and I want to thank the community for coming out and watching this amazing event, thank you!"

Miss Buchanan 2022 Lillian Waggoner



Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022 Queen Lillian Waggoner and Miss Buchanan 2020 Queen Jade Smith, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

I was able to chat a bit with Lillian being crowned Miss Buchanan 2022 and I asked her what her reaction was when her name was called for Miss Buchanan:

"I was not expecting to win, but I did. I spent about two months of time and heartache to prepare for it. My plans for the future is to go to Lake Michigan College and get a degree in Special Education and then to Western Michigan University. I enjoy singing and acrylic painting as fun activities. I work at Blossomland Learning Center and work with kids everyday and I enjoy it so much. I can be a role model to younger girls and remember looking at Miss Buchanan when I was younger thinking that this is going to be me one day."

Miss Buchanan 2022 Lillian Waggoner



Miss Buchanan Pageant 2022 with Escorts/Mr. Blossomtime Representatives Brian Proud (on left) & Nick McKean (on right); 1st Runner Up Hayden Bauer, Miss Buchanan 2022 Queen Lillian Waggoner, 2nd Runner Up Alexa Burns, Miss Congeniality Joy Kaltenbach , Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The Buchanan Chronicle would like to congratulate all of the contestants of Miss Buchanan 2022 on a great night of supporting each other! We look forward to next year's pageant.

About Miss Buchanan, Inc.: Miss Buchanan Inc. was started in 1978. Every December, 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. For more information, website is www.buchanan.mi.us/item/miss-buchanan-inc.html.

Buchanan District Library – A Farewell



Sarah's Farewell Cake, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Farewell to a Terrific Programmer, Sarah Gault at Buchanan District Library

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Thursday, January 13, 2022 was the day Buchanan District Library held a "Goodbye Party" for Program Coordinator, Miss Sarah Gault. She will be moving down to Knoxville, TN and start her dream job at the Make-A-Wish Foundation as an event programmer.



Slideshow of Memories with Sarah, Photos by Rebecca Hoyt

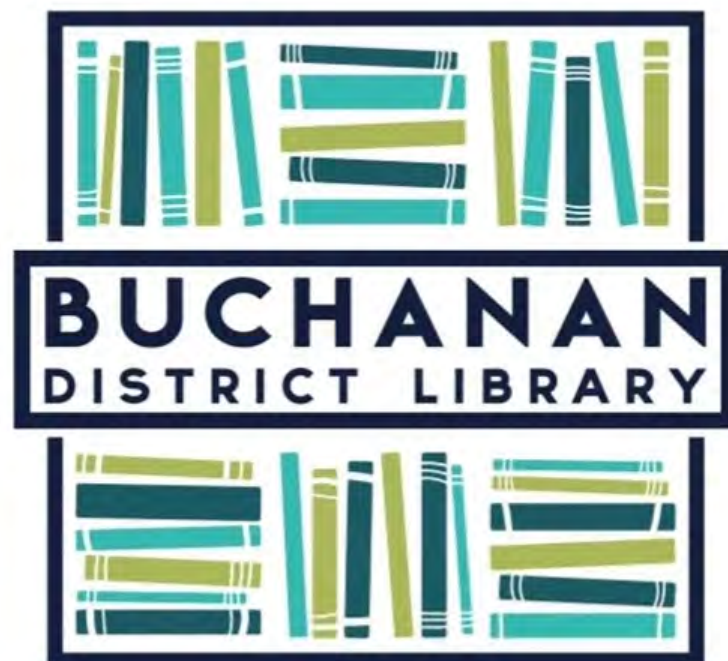
A personalized cake with Sarah holding an alligator, mini cupcakes and a few beverages were enjoyed as people of all ages came with “Congratulations,” and “We’re going to miss you” tears. There was also a slideshow of the many storytimes, summer reading programs, senior days, Star Wars Reads Day, Rock & Read, teen clubs, past and current library directors and other staff, as well as contributors to the library. Photos were taken with her friends and small kids and kids who have grown up who benefited from these past/current programs at the library.



Hoyt ladies with their close friend Sarah, Photo by Thomas Hoyt

The Buchanan Chronicle would like to thank Miss Sarah for her 10 & ½ years at the library and we wish you all the best in your future at the Make-A-Wish Foundation and safe travels. You truly have been a blessing to our small community and your heart shows it! We will miss you and will look forward to seeing you when you come back for a visit.

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



About Buchanan District Library: Our mission is to provide quality material, superior programming and exceptional services delivered with care and integrity to meet the needs of our diverse community.

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Local Clubs – An Interview with Miss Buchanan 2020



Jade Smith, Miss Buchanan 2020, Photo by Dylan Catalano, Submitted by Jade Smith

Jade Smith, Miss Buchanan 2020

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

December of 2019 was the last time the Miss Buchanan Scholarship Pageant was held and Jade Smith was crowned Queen for Miss Buchanan 2020. During a recent phone interview while she's attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, I learned more about how she handled college, and any duties of her being Miss Buchanan and a part of Blossomtime during a pandemic.

Jade is majoring in Biopsychology Cognition Neuroscience (BCN). Yes, that is a mouth-full and what does it mean? This is a program offered at U of M for her to become a PA (Physician's Assistant). She has a few other schools lined up for PA school that also help with CNA/patient care techs. She lived on campus for the first semester, then when the lockdown happened, she had to go back home and take her classes online. She has been back in-person but lives off campus with some great roommates. Her favorite subject is Biology which was tough at times but she got through it. She likes the environmental/science type of biology with the animals/insects. Her least favorite subject is Chemistry. She doesn't care for it much but knows that it is important.

So, what makes one compete for a scholarship pageant? Jade's mom and aunt influenced her. Her friends also joined in on it and she did it for fun. Jade was in shock when she won as she was not expecting it. It took her a while to settle in that she was Miss Buchanan 2020!



Jade Smith crowned Miss Buchanan 2020, Photo by Dylan Catalano, Submitted by Jade Smith

During a pandemic it was different doing pageant-type things. When she did Miss Blossomtime, the event was canceled 2 or 3 days before it was supposed to happen. She “got used to hearing the bad news of things being canceled here and there,” stated Jade Smith. Her goals for being Miss Buchanan 2020, Jade said, “To be more confident in myself, self-love and improve my leadership skills, which you can always improve on.” After Blossomtime was held, she did virtual videos of reading books to elementary school-aged kids. Then, Miss Blossomtime and her court as well as other past community queens drove to the current community queens houses to say “Hi.” Some people started new hobbies during the pandemic, however, she found herself working on puzzles, reading for school and having fun with her friends when she was able to visit them. “I was on a workout schedule and it phased out a little due to some stress. But I put my education first, mental health second, workout/lifting weights third as it ran into my school schedule.”

Since being Miss Buchanan, she has grown mentally, confidence wise and having self-love for herself. Her future plans are to graduate in 2024, have a gap year in 2025, and then graduate in 2027 from PA schools – in-state (clinical rotations). She would really like to go to Colorado for a PA school as it is really pretty there. When asked if she had any advice to give to students Pre-K – 12th grade, she said, “Focus on yourself as much as possible. Your strength can be someone’s weakness – embrace your other weakness. And for girls, it never hurts to do Miss Buchanan. Be yourself and don’t compare yourself to others – which I learned during my Freshman year.” I believe that all of us, not just the kids, can take her advice! She also stated, “I am the same person. I learned interview skills and turned my nervousness into excitement.”

Miss Buchanan 2022 happened last Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Buchanan High School. Jade was there to crown the new Miss Buchanan 2022. You can read all about it in [this article “Miss Buchanan 2022”](#). Good luck to you in your future endeavors Jade!

About Miss Buchanan, Inc.: Miss Buchanan Inc. was started in 1978. Every December, 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. For more information, their website is www.buchanan.mi.us/item/miss-buchanan-inc.html.

Upcoming Event – Boy Scout Troop 541 Annual Supper

Boy Scout Troop 541 Presents:

55th Annual
Family Style
Swiss Steak Supper

Proceeds support Troop 541 Activities and Community Projects

Serving Swiss Steak, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll, Drink & Dessert

Saturday, February 5th, 2022
4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.



"Dine in" or "Take Out"

At: First United Methodist Church
132 S. Oak St
Buchanan, MI 49107

Adults \$10.00 and Children Under 12 \$5.00

You can purchase tickets in advance on Tuesday Evenings January
11th, 18th, 25th and February 1st from 6:30 until 8:00 at the First
United Methodist Church in Buchanan.

Or contact Bill Blumka at 574-361-0258 for more information.

Note: Dinner will be held regardless of the weather.

Boy Scout Troop 541's 55th Annual Family Style Swiss Steak Supper flyer

Boy Scout Troop 541 to Host 55th Annual Family Style Swiss Steak Supper

Submitted by Bill Blumka

- *Who:* Boy Scout Troop 541
- *Where:* First United Methodist Church
 - 132 S Oak St, Buchanan MI 49107

- **What: 55th Annual Family Style Swiss Steak Supper**
- **When: Saturday, February 5, 2022 ~ 4p-6:30p**
- **How much: \$10 for Adults / \$5 for Kids under 12**

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Thanks for your support!

About Buchanan BSA: Buchanan Boy Scout Troop 541 is in the Algonquian District, which is part of the LaSalle Council, Boy Scouts of America and supports local scouting units (Packs, Troops and Crews) in Southwestern Michigan and Northern Indiana.

Troop 541 Facebook Page

Bill Blumka, Scoutmaster

Meets at:

Buchanan First United Methodist Church

132 S Oak St, Buchanan MI 49107, 269-695-3282

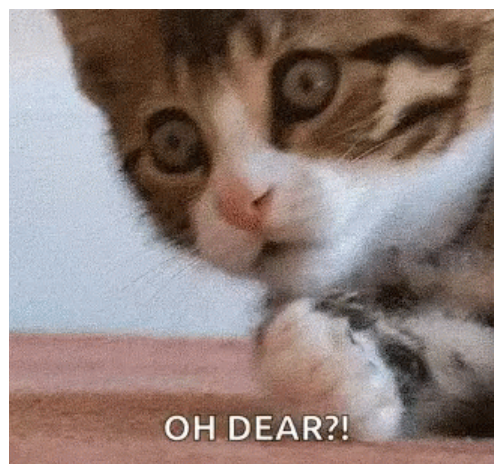
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Now That's Funny! – Issue 20



by Julie Hoyt and Thomas Hoyt

So on a Wednesday, a youth pastor decided to have pancakes for a youth group. He tried it at his house. Let's just say it didn't go well 🤢. So he thought that waffles would be easier. Wednesday comes and the first one to make a waffle is my friend's brother. The "waffle" is done in the waffle iron. He looks at it and it doesn't appear to be fully cooked, even though the waffle iron said it was done.



OH DEAR?!

He still ate the waffle and I guess it must have tasted okay since I believe he ate the whole thing. 🤪 After that the rest of the youth group made their waffles and ate them. My dad spoke with this youth pastor days later and was told that the waffle batter was uncooperative! 🤪

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Answer to Puzzle 3 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

1. DOWN
 2. LOWER
 3. WONDER
 4. LADDER
 5. ENTER
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Homeschooling Spotlight – Current Learning



Photo provided by Ashley Hanson

Homeschooling Learning Spotlight – Christmas Focus

Text and Photos Shared with Permission from Posts by Ashley Hanson

Today is the “first” day of Advent for many...starting the annual countdown to Christmas....with all of the themed calendars... with candy and gifts to open daily for a treat. BUT do you know the true meaning of Advent?? I didn't until I starting reading about it...so I could explain to AJ...why we have this tradition anyway.

Well, simply Advent is Latin for “coming”...we have advanced the term to mean...waiting on the arrival of a notable person, event or thing. Most notably so....the tradition of Advent Calendars and Wreaths. Advent is

intended to be a time that we prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus.



Photo provided by Ashley Hanson

Traditionally, Advent actually begins the 4th Sunday before Christmas Eve. The Advent wreath is a tradition much older than the cardboard calendars. Every Sunday evening, a candle would be lit...ending on Christmas Eve... with the center candle...and all candles lit. Each candle is a different color and each one has a different symbolic meaning. The first week's candle is purple and means hope...The Prophecy candle...readying our hearts and minds...resurrecting hope for new beginnings. The second candle (purple as well) represents peace...also known as the Bethlehem or preparation candle...preparing our homes for the King's Peaceful Arrival. Third candle is the only pink candle and symbolizes joy...known as the Mothering or Gaudate candle...this is the time for refreshments with friends and family. The fourth candle (back to purple) is the Angel Candle and represents love. The candle in the center is lit on Christmas Eve, and is appropriately named the Christ Candle....it is white and represents purity. The wreath itself has symbolism as well...the evergreen represents the hope of eternal life and the circle shape of the wreath shows God's infinite life and love for us all.

Just a little information I learned... and something to reflect on as you eat your chocolates or move your elf (cause that is the newest Advent "calendar" of sorts...another way to get in the spirit of the holiday.) So, for the record it seems like the debate is over...no Christmas decorating until the Advent season actually starts...the Sunday after Thanksgiving 🙏...I said what I said 🙏🙏

* The above discussed is independent homeschooling and is not associated with Buchanan Community Schools.

If there are other homeschoolers in Buchanan, please send a message through our [Facebook page](#) or [an email to The Buchanan Chronicle](#) as we would like to include you in our schools rotation!

Answer to Puzzle 5 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 5 – SCRAMBLES

1. MEAL
 2. LAME
 3. ALME
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Local Art – Art Education



Art and Child Development

by Madelyn Kitchell

To keep on with ways art can help improve one's life, it can greatly improve children's lives. The main way art can benefit children is developmentally. One thing that children learn through doing art is math concepts and how to use them to create something. Children can use patterns to teach themselves math through creating their very own

art. This would probably still be more beneficial with an adult's help but they can learn to do it on their own at some point.

Another way art helps children is by promoting decision making. It allows the kids to make their very own decisions. Creating also helps promote their problem solving skills and critical thinking. These seemingly simple skills are huge for any child's development as they learn and grow.

I feel one of the biggest benefits of having children do art is improving their visual learning and motor skills. Motor skills engage small muscle groups in the child's hands and arms allowing them to do more precise movements. This allows children to control smaller objects easier and more accurately. This is very important in younger children because these fine motor skills allow them to learn something simple as in drinking out of a cup on their own all the way to being able to hold a pencil effectively and write. As for visual learning, it teaches them how to use space effectively. It also allows children to learn how to interpret visual information.

You probably would have never thought that art promotes language development in younger children also! If you have kids of your own or have been around children you might have realized that colors and shapes seem to be one of the first word groups they start to learn. As they learn more they can learn the actions used to create along with the larger words that come with creating art!

Along with the last article I posted you can see it improves adults' stress, but it can also improve children's stress, self-esteem, and encourages them to express themselves. Art helps many people, not only kids, express emotions they otherwise wouldn't know how to express through words. This is how art can improve one's stress levels and self-esteem.

Check out [my last article titled, "Art Therapy"](#) to see ways you yourself or your children can reduce their stress through the use of art as a form of therapy!



www.arttherapy.org

About National Art Education Association: Founded in 1947, the National Art Education Association is the leading professional membership organization exclusively for visual arts, design, and media arts education professionals. Their Mission is to champion creative growth and innovation by equitably advancing the tools and resources for a high-quality visual arts, design, and media arts education throughout diverse populations and communities of practice.

A National Resource: National Art Education Association www.arteducators.org

Answer to Puzzle 1 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:**PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER**

- 6 Letter –
 - PHRASE
 - SHARE
 - HARE
 - ARE
 - AR
 - A

 - 5 Letter –
 - STAMP
 - TAMP
 - AMP
 - AM
 - A

 - 4 Letter –
 - CART
 - ART
 - AT
 - A

 - 3 Letter –
 - CAP
 - AP
 - A
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Automotive Tech Tips – Winter



Winter Safety Tips

by Thomas Hoyt

It's wintertime now and we all know this can mean slippery roads and the possibility of being stranded

somewhere for sliding off the road. So here's a few simple things that we can do to be prepared for such an event, just in case.

First off, it's always a good idea to check the tire pressure in all our tires to ensure they are up to pressure. Tires really can make the difference between sliding off the road and maintaining control so as not to slide off the road. Also, it helps to keep at least a good half tank of gas in the auto so if you do get stranded you can keep the engine running to stay warm, provided you didn't wreck the engine to where it won't run.

Now here are some things to keep in your auto and have on hand:

- Blanket
- Hand warmers
- Bottled water
- Snacks, such as granola bars
- First aid kit
- Flashlight

Hopefully you won't get stranded and have to use these things, but it never hurts to be prepared.

Answer to Puzzle 4 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

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Past Event – BASC Hosts Brad Paquette



Brad Paquette, Photo shared by BASC

78th District State Representative Brad Paquette Visits Buchanan Area Senior Center

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan Area Senior Center hosted their monthly coffee chat on January 5, 2022 with our 78th District State Representative Brad Paquette. Their coffee chats are held for one hour where local business owners/ organizations, city/government officials, etc...come in and sit down and chat with the local senior citizens. I was

able to sit in on this chat, and you can read all about it [here](#).

State Representative Brad Paquette is half-way through his term. Each State Representative can serve 2 – 3 year terms. He took over State Representative Dave Pagel's place. Education is his specialty as he said that "You find your groove. You have a niche." He taught at the Niles New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy. I asked him what made him decide to go into this role after being a teacher. Brad stated that "I love this question when people ask this. When I would teach and ask my students about a history or government question, and then they would turn it around and ask me what would I do? So it got me thinking about doing this." You wouldn't know it by looking at him, but he's 34 years old as a couple of the seniors asked him that twice!



Brad Paquette, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Buchanan senior citizens asked him questions like the voter ID – absentee ballot applications, which were

sent out unsolicited, against the law – but were under COVID-19. Getting signatures would verify, but was it a huge problem and how many people are confident with a photo I.D.? Will the absentee ballot be taken away? He answered, “No.” Due to the BASC being a 501c3, they can not have discussions on elections. So if there was a question about a campaign, a running mate, etc...it was not discussed. Mr. Paquette will be giving the BASC some resources that can tell them where they can find their answers. Safety was brought up regarding the attempts that were made to kidnap the governor. Brad said, “There were threats against the legislature; the law enforcement did a good job; the media tends to inflate and spin it terribly. How do we protect? I feel safe everyday at the house.” He compared what happened at the national capital in D.C. a year ago, and said that this was nowhere near what happened there.

Brad made a good point on the subject of education that, “The elderly can see a lot of things that the younger generation can’t see.” He wants to know from them what they think. In his office, he has a white marker board and when an educator, politician, or author comes in, he asks them to write the definition of education on the board. He gets many answers. The seniors at the BASC said, “Would be nice to go back to the Leave it to Beaver days; issues at the school board meetings.” Brad responded with “We come up with new decisions and solutions to problems. We can disagree, but I still like you.”



Brad Paquette, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

Towards the end of the coffee chat, he was asked what are his most grandest moments so far. "Other schools get less state aid and aid at the same levels; to get auto insurance lessened and I would like to know if yours wasn't lessened," State Representative Paquette stated happily. He also listens very carefully when people call or email him about subjects being discussed on whether something should be passed/not passed when he gets a chance to vote. Part of what people tell him really does make his decision better to vote on a subject. So, do not be afraid to reach out to him and tell him what you stand for. You can Email State Representative Brad Paquette at: BradPaquette@house.mi.gov and also visit his webpage on the Michigan House of Republicans website: [78th District State Representative Brad Paquette/Michigan House of Republicans](https://www.michiganhouseofrepublicans.com/78th-District-State-Representative-Brad-Paquette/).

The Buchanan Area Senior Center normally posts their recorded Coffee Chats on their [Facebook page](#)

[here](#). At the time of publication this coffee chat was not yet available, so just keep checking back to see more of State Representative Brad Paquette coffee chat with the seniors.

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

For more information on programs/classes you can contact Program Coordinator, Diana Smuda at the BASC at 269-695-7119 or via email: diana@thebasc.org



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Local Opinion – Truck Traffic



Semi-truck traffic in Downtown Buchanan

Submitted by Steve Raglin

Dear Buchanan Chronicle,

It's time for the city to put an end to the semi-truck traffic barreling down Front St. through our historic downtown area.

As I sit in my store a very large semi-truck just bounced by rattling everything within. It's quite startling at times and with the crumbling below ground infrastructure work pending a recipe for disaster. Enough is enough. Business owners have complained to the Buchanan city manager for years about the dangerous speed and broken windows and the city has chosen to do nothing to redirect this type of traffic. There is no other historic downtown area that allows semi-truck traffic to operate this way. Signage is most often posted, however, this will have to be enforced by our police department in order to be effective.

Steve Raglin

SL Consignment Gallery

Buchanan, MI

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.

Community Press Release – Buchanan-Galien Lions Monthly Dinner



Buchanan-Galien Lions monthly dinner, Photo submitted by Alice Kring

Buchanan-Galien Lions Monthly Dinner Happenings

Write-up and photos submitted by Alice Kring, Treasurer

The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their clubs monthly dinner meeting on January 13th. Lion President Lewis Lambert presided and gave an update of club happenings.



Buchanan-Galien Lions monthly dinner, Photo submitted by Alice Kring

The guest speaker was Elvin Gonzalez who currently serves as the Family Division Administrator of the Berrien County Trial Court – Family Division in Michigan. He has oversight over all juvenile justice programs and services in Berrien County including the Intake Unit, Court Services Division, Juvenile Detention Center with Secure Detention and Residential Treatment and Tether Programs. Additionally, he oversees the Probate Unit of the Family Division. He has over 34 years of experience in the juvenile justice field including working in detention facilities, residential treatment, intensive probation program, and management of Probation and Court Services Departments in Illinois and Michigan. Through the influence of his leadership, out of home placements of delinquent youth in Berrien County has declined by approximately 80% in the last fifteen years resulting in significant financial savings and reinvestment of the savings in community/family based models of intervention.



Lion Alice Kring presents Lion Sarah Gault with a parting gift, Photo submitted by Alice Kring

Lion Alice Kring also presented a parting gift from the club to our good friend Lion Sarah Gault who will be moving to the Knoxville, TN area in pursuit of her life-long dream of working within the Make A Wish Foundation. You can read all about by following this link to [the article "A Farewell"](#). Congratulations and Best Wishes Lion Sarah on your new venture!

The Lions will be hosting their Second Annual Virtual Trivia Night on Feb 26th (see flier with details below)

Buchanan-Galien Lions Club 2nd Annual Virtual



Saturday, February 26, 2022

Log-in starts @7 p.m.

Play in the comfort of your own home!

\$20 per person (teams of 5-6 people)



**Visit Buchanan-Galiens Lion Club
Facebook page for registration details
or email Lions49107@gmail.com**

Buchanan-Galien Lions 2nd Annual Virtual Trivia Night Flyer

Two Buchanan-Galien Leo's were crowned at the Miss Buchanan contest on January 15th! You can read all about it by following this link to [the article "Miss Buchanan 2022"](#).

Congratulations to these two wonderful young women!

1st Runner up Hayden Bauer – (pictured in grey)

Miss Congeniality Joy Kaltenbach – (pictured in green)



Hayden Bauer, Photo submitted by Alice Kring



Joy Kaltenbach, Photo submitted by Alice Kring

“We Serve” is our motto – 87+ 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. Buchanan-Galien Lion's Club is a part of Lion's Club International, the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs in 192 countries and geographical areas. 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.

Contact: Jerry Flenar, jlflenar@gmail.com, 269-695-3000

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

Health Huddle – COVID Updates



Spectrum Health

Spectrum Health Lakeland – COVID-19 Response : Keeping You Informed

Berrien County, MI – January 13, 2022

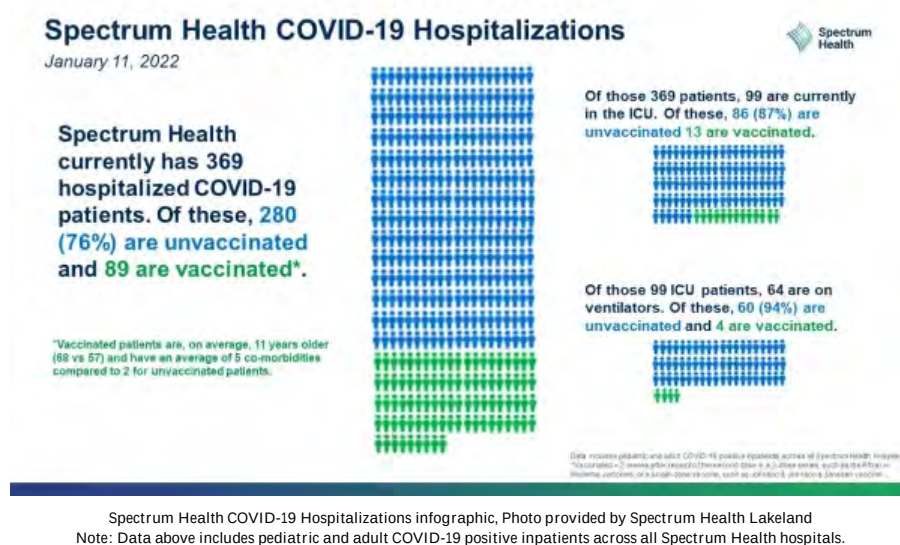
No relief in sight as COVID-19 numbers remain high:

Spectrum Health Lakeland continues to hit record numbers in the ongoing COVID-19 surge. We are encountering more hospitalized patients, more ICU patients, more ventilator usage than ever in our history, and our emergency department wait times have never been longer.

"86% of admissions are friends and neighbors that have not been vaccinated. Right now, 100% of our ICU admissions at Lakeland are for individuals that are not vaccinated," said Loren B. Hamel, MD, president, Spectrum Health Lakeland. "It absolutely decreases your risk of hospitalization and dramatically decreases your risk for ICU admission, for ventilation, and for death if you've been vaccinated." Hear more from Dr. Hamel and Berrien County Health Department medical director, Rex Cabaltica, MD, as they share the latest COVID-19 headlines in Berrien County in this video.



Dr. Hamel presents a COVID-19 Update for Berrien County, Photo provided by Spectrum Health Lakeland



Pfizer boosters now available for individuals 12 years and older:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expands Pfizer booster recommendations for individuals 12 years and older. Children in this age group are eligible for a booster if they have received a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination at least five months after their initial series.

Those 18 years and older who received a Moderna COVID-19 vaccination (five months after their initial series) are also eligible for a booster shot, as well as individuals who received a J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least two months ago.

Parents with children ages five through 11 can also schedule an initial COVID-19 vaccination appointment through the [Berrien County Health Department](#) or at select pediatric offices through [Lakeland](#) .
[Schedule a COVID-19 vaccination or booster](#)

COVID-19 testing during hospital red status:

If you are symptomatic and in need of a [COVID-19 test](#), first contact your local primary care provider to obtain a doctor's order. This will allow you to schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 test. If you do not have a provider, COVID-19 testing is reserved for symptomatic patients at all three of Lakeland's walk-in clinics (Niles, Stevensville, and Watervliet). An appointment is not needed for these locations and results will post to your MyChart account in 24 to 48 hours. Rapid testing is reserved for patients who may need antibody treatment, are a candidate for the COVID at home program, or who may have very severe symptoms, making a diagnosis and treatment a high priority. For more information about walk-in clinic locations and hours, [click here](#). Our emergency departments and walk-in clinics continue to see significantly high patient volumes, resulting in long wait times. Care is prioritized by severity of condition and COVID-19 testing will only be ordered for patients who are symptomatic.

To view a complete list of additional testing sites in Berrien County, [click here](#).
[View list of COVID-19 testing locations](#)

Omicron variant causing more case of croup in kids:

There are concerns about how COVID-19, specifically the omicron variant, impacts young kids. Doctors in West Michigan are seeing more cases of kids who have tested positive for COVID-19 showing symptoms of croup. [Dr. Erica Michiels with Helen DeVos Children's Hospital](#) said she has seen croup symptoms in kids with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. Still, the considerable surge in West Michigan is making these cases a lot more common. [Read more...](#)

Continue to stay up to date with the latest community news and information by following [Berrien County Health Department](#) and [Spectrum Health Lakeland](#) on Facebook.

About Spectrum Health Lakeland: Our mission is to intentionally foster an environment where optimal health is achievable for everyone. Our vision is a thriving, resilient, and socially cohesive community. Join us in our efforts to build a healthier community! Learn more at www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/population-health.

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Community Press Release – Office of Governor Whitmer



Investing in Infrastructure and Childcare

State of Michigan – January 21, 2022

Dear Michigander,

As I prepare for the 2022 State of the State address on January 26th, I am focused on issues that are important to all of us here in Michigan. Today, I am proud to share some major strides forward in two of these issues: childcare and infrastructure.

Our childcare professionals have done so much for us over the past few years. They care for our kids and give them a safe environment while families are working or going to school themselves. This month, we were able to deliver over 38,000 childcare workers a much-deserved bonus to thank them for what they're doing for our kids and communities. We also received resources to make the largest ever investment in Michigan bridges, after already repairing or replacing 903 over the past three years. This supports thousands of good-paying jobs for Michiganders and keeps our commutes safe.

We know that our communities, economy, and state cannot reach its potential without a strong childcare system and safe, reliable roads and bridges. I look forward to sharing with you my vision to further invest in these areas at the State of the State as we celebrate our great state and our enormous potential for prosperity.

COVID-19 Testing

We know that COVID-19 testing is a huge part of how we can protect ourselves and our loved ones. Recently, new resources have become available to help families access COVID-19 tests. I strongly encourage folks to take advantage of the federal government's free COVID-19 testing program. At home, rapid COVID-19 tests are available for free at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), with every household eligible for four free tests that will be shipped directly to your home. [Order COVID-19 Tests](#)

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has worked to ensure Michiganders have access to testing to help limit the spread of the virus. Since October 2020, more than 7.1 million antigen and over the counter COVID-19 tests have been distributed to provide testing for some of the state's most vulnerable residents. To help ensure rapid testing is available to schools, long-term care

facilities, jails, homeless shelters and for seasonal workers, I have asked MDHHS to begin distributing more than 200,000 test kits to schools and other priority groups, with another 100,000 slated to go out this week. When all is said and done, January 2022 will represent the largest distribution of tests in a single month from the MDHHS program. During this unprecedented Omicron surge, we are doing more than ever to meet this challenge before us.

Additionally, as of January 15, private insurers are now required to cover up to eight FDA-approved over-the-counter COVID-19 tests per month for each person covered by a health plan. Thanks to this new rule, for example, a family of four can get 32 tests every month, saving that family at least \$384 per month. This new health insurance benefit will help expand access to at-home COVID-19 testing for Michiganders.

As insurers work to implement this new coverage, you should save receipts and boxes for COVID-19 tests purchased beginning Saturday, January 15 so you can submit them for future reimbursement. I strongly encourage every Michigander with health insurance to take advantage of this benefit.



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Another program helping Michiganders access COVID-19 testing is a partnership between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Michigan libraries. This pilot program is starting in Calhoun, Clare, Newaygo, Oceana, and Saginaw counties and the City of Detroit. Each participating library in these areas received 300 COVID-19 at-home test kits that each include one test. Additional supplies will be sent to these sites as needed and more libraries will be added to distribution in the coming weeks. For more information, visit michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Bonuses for Childcare Workers

Part of my commitment to Michigan families is investing in quality, affordable childcare. Many Michigan families rely on childcare to keep their children safe, happy, healthy, and learning while they work or go to school. Thanks to bipartisan efforts, 1 in 3 kids from birth through age 12 are now eligible for low or no-cost childcare. Michigan's economy – and its workers – cannot thrive without a strong childcare system.

That is why during my administration, I have worked across the aisle to secure the largest investment in childcare in the state's history. Last week, I announced a \$365 million investment in childcare programs across Michigan. This funding helps keep our childcare businesses open, makes childcare more affordable for families, and delivers bonuses to childcare professionals. Nearly 6,000 childcare programs received funding through the Child Care Stabilization Grant, and we provided bonuses to over 38,000 childcare workers. Full time staff received a \$1,000 bonus and part time staff \$500. These grants are an investment in not only childcare professionals, but also the future of our children.

The next round of grants will be available March 2022 for licensed childcare providers. Childcare programs that received the fall grant can still apply for and receive the spring grant as well. Visit michigan.gov/childcare and watch for more information about how to apply in early March.

Largest Investment in Michigan Bridges



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Watch this video to learn more about the Gordie Howe Bridge project

Thanks to the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Michigan is expected to receive \$563.1 million over five years to build repair, or replace bridges – the biggest investment ever in Michigan's bridges. This investment will improve countless commutes, fix the bridges in need of some TLC, and keep our families safe on the road.

This funding will also support thousands of good-paying jobs for Michiganders, helping our economy prosper while we make Michigan a better, safer place. My team will work with our federal and local partners to invest this historic number of resources into communities in every region of Michigan. Together, we will continue to build up our infrastructure the right way to ensure it stays in good condition for generations of Michiganders.

Since day one, I have been focused on fixing the damn roads and I am proud of the progress we have made to fix 13,198 lane miles of road and 903 bridges over the last three years. With the federal dollars coming in, I established the Michigan Infrastructure Office to effectively invest these resources in communities across every region of our state. By establishing this office, we can move forward together to put Michiganders first.

2022 State of the State Art Contest Winner



Photos provided by Office of Gov. Whitmer, State of Michigan

Michigan is home to some of the most beautiful landscapes on earth, but it's also home to some incredible students who turned those backdrops into amazing works of art. I am so thankful for each of the nearly 800 students who took the time to create masterpieces and submit a piece to the 2022 State of the State art contest with their interpretation of why they believe in Michigan. It is inspiring to see the passion and potential in all the gifted and creative students in this great state.

With that being said, I am proud to announce that Grace Murtha, a 7th grader at Hemlock Middle School, is the winner of this year's contest. We are so fortunate to have Grace's artwork for our program cover for the 2022 State of the State, which you can see featured in the video above. I look forward to sharing my comprehensive vision for Michigan at this event, which will address key issues to put Michigan first: jobs, education, infrastructure, and economic progress.

Once again, congratulations, Grace!

Sincerely,



Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

A Note from the Publisher – Issue 20



by Jen Garry, Publisher

Welcome to 2022! We're so grateful to be able to bring Buchanan all the latest and most local news! Thank you as always for reading along with us, to interact with and learn about your community and things that affect your neighbors, your family, and you!

An introduction is needed, as we've added a writer to our staff recently. You may have seen her name in several of our articles and as credit on some photos, we're so excited to welcome Miranda Barger to the team! Any long-time readers may recognize her name, as she had previously written for The Buchanan Paper (the legacy we strive to continue, it was the physical newspaper that was around before we began The Buchanan Chronicle online).



Miranda Barger, Photo provided by Miranda Barger

Miranda and her family live in the Buchanan/Niles vicinity, with a kid or two in Buchanan schools. She will be writing on and photographing some local events, she relays emails and information to us from Governor Whitmer's office to share, as well as already adding some humorous stories to our Now That's Funny! column. We look forward to reading all the great things she has to say! Thanks for joining us Miranda!!

As always, I'd like to remind you if you come across anything newsworthy, any announcements to share publicly, or anything you'd like your community to know about, please let us know by email (at buchananchronicle@att.net) or message us on [our Facebook page](#). We really appreciate any communication, we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community! We love to publish Opinion pieces from local contributors, feel free to write in if you have something to say to Buchanan!

Thanks again for reading and engaging in our Buchanan Community with us! Happy 2022!

The Buchanan Chronicle

Remembering – Issue 20

Remembering

Buchanan Losses • 12/30/21-01/21/22

Name	Age	Born	Died
Jose Luis " Joe" Crespo	63	October 21, 1958	January 15, 2022
Katheryn Nadine Vanlue	81	December 21, 1940	January 14, 2022
Jack "Frost" Vanlue	87	April 18, 1934	January 13, 2022
Joanne E. Ziebarth	76	February 9, 1945	January 13, 2022
Christine Sherman	87	March 16, 1934	January 12, 2022
Betty Jean Beadle	68	May 1, 1953	January 9, 2022
Electra May Sutfin	27	January 23, 1994	January 7, 2022
Martha I. Curtis	78	January 27, 1943	January 7, 2022
Lois J. (Purucker) Burks	88	December 30, 1933	December 30, 2021

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

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

Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem Chapel <http://www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel>
[269-695-6881](tel:269-695-6881)
[301 W Front St](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
[USA](#)

Community Press Release – HCU at Brandywine Elementary School



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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Brandywine Elementary School Student Credit Union

Submitted by Karol Behrle, Honor Credit Union Community Assistant Vice President



Photo provided by HCU

Brandywine Elementary School celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Bobcat Student Credit Union on Wednesday, January 5th at 2:15pm. The Bobcat Student Credit Union, a division of Honor, is located inside the school, led by the students with the help of Honor team members, and designed to teach children the importance of saving at a young age. Honor has been partnering with schools for over 20 years and currently operates 20 student credit unions across its member center communities. The team at Honor is looking forward to getting to know the students here at Brandywine and look forward to helping set students up for a successful financial future! The Bobcat Student Credit Union will be open every other Wednesday from 8:30am-9:00am.

Leading the assembly was Honor's Community Assistant Vice President, Karol Behrle. Joining her in attendance were Honor team members, Michigan Senator Kim LaSata, District Director Daniel Carrick, Brandywine Community Schools Superintendent Karen Weimer, and Brandywine Elementary Principal James Boger.





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Community Press Release – HCU New CR Director



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Honor Credit Union Announces Alex Grumbine as Director of Commercial Relationships

Submitted by Halee Niemi, Honor Credit Union PR Manager

Berrien Springs, MI – January 5, 2022

Honor Credit Union is thrilled to announce the hire of Alex Grumbine as its new Director of Commercial Relationships. In his new role, Grumbine is responsible for leading Honor's Commercial Lending Team, providing quality business lending expertise through financial counseling and product awareness, and delivering a simple experience and competitive solutions for members throughout Michigan supported by a growing team of expert lenders.



Alex Grumbine, New HCU Director of Commercial Relationships, Photo provided by HCU

“I’m very excited to be joining the Honor team and working closely with community members to provide solutions for financial success,” stated Grumbine. “Honor has a great reputation of being present in the community, listening to member needs, and providing a quality, frictionless experience. We have an experienced, quality team, and I look forward to working together to expand our products and engage with our members. The culture at Honor is incredible, and I look forward to many joining the Honor family.”

Originally from St. Joseph, Michigan, Alex Grumbine comes to Honor with a Bachelor of Arts in Supply Chain Management from Michigan State University and specialized certifications in Continuous Improvement and Lean Principles and Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP). Grumbine has gained professional experience as Systems Project Manager, Business Development Manager, and Director of Business and Industry at Kinexus Group and has over three years of experience as a Commercial Loan Officer at a local financial institution.

Alex Grumbine currently resides in St. Joseph with his fiancé, Alyson, and their rescue cat, Chip, who is appropriately named after being found eating a bag of potato chips. In his spare time, you can find him golfing, trying out new restaurants, hiking, and spending time with his friends and family.

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 20



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 12/20/21 – 1/11/22

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	0
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	5
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	4
Fraud	1
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	1
Aggravated Assault	0
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	3
Family/Other	0
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	2
Intimidation/Stalking	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	1
Damage to Property	1
Liquor Violations	1
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	2
Disorderly Conduct	0
Weapons Offense	0
Public Peace / Other	7
OUIL	0
Driving Law Violations	4
Health and Safety	3
Trespass	1
Juvenile Complaints	6
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	6
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Property Checks	2
Alarms	11

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	8
Suspicious Situations	14
Lost/Found Property	5
Natural Death	0
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	32
General Assist	35
Ordinance Violations	13
Missing Person	0
VCSA	0

Total Calls 12/20/21 – 1/11/22 : 170

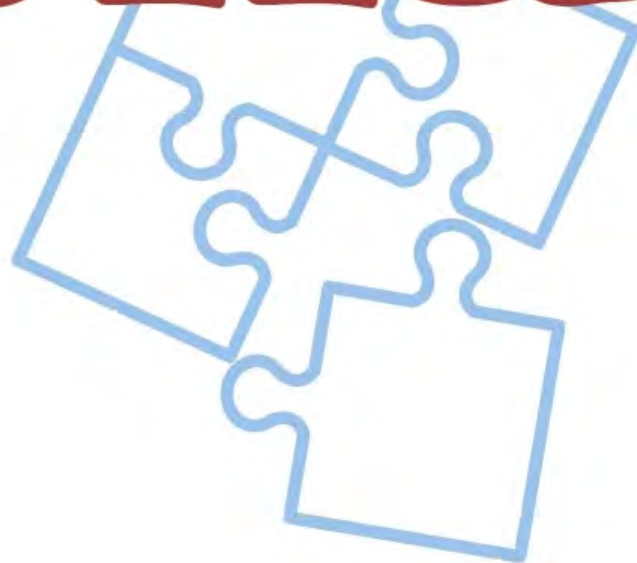


Police Points

Puzzler Page – Issue 20

by Garrick Stubblefield

PUZZLER



Hi all, my name is Garrick Stubblefield and I live here in Buchanan. I joined the military right out of school. Recently, I was asked to join The Buchanan Chronicle by sports writer Nik Sanchez. I will be doing an array of, not only puzzles, but I will be doing sports and other articles. My objective is doing puzzles for your entertainment. Bear in mind that these puzzles have come from my head and not from any ol' newspaper, magazine, or book. I hope you love them and give me feedback as they come out.

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER

- Puzzle Instructions:
 - You'll be given a 3, 4, 5, or 6 letter word.
 - The object of the puzzle is to remove one letter each step, making a new word each time.
 - After a letter is removed you cannot reuse it.
 - Abbreviations do count. As in the English dictionary, there are 2 letter words that count, such as PI, AR, KA, KI, ER; however acronyms do not count.
 - You may rearrange the letters each step to create your new word.
- THIS ISSUE Puzzles:
 - 6 Letter –
 - PHRASE
 -
 -
 -
 -
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 - 5 Letter –
 - STAMP
 -
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 - 4 Letter –
 - CART
 -
 -
 -
 - 3 Letter –
 - CAP
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 -

As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at garrickstubblefield@gmail.com. He will check and respond as quickly as he can.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

Riddles below are clues to State names and State Capital names.

- STATES:
 1. This State shares names with its longest river.
 2. This State has a huge natural feature turned famous monument.
- CAPITALS:
 - This Capital shares names with a Train Line.
 - This Capital has the Grand Ole Opry there.

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

- Instructions:
 - Search the given word to find a new word for each clue below.

WINTER WONDERLAND

1. Not UP but ____.
2. Not HIGHER but ____.
3. Drifting away in your mind.
4. Steps up to a roof.
5. Not EXIT but ____.

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

- Instructions:
 - Beginning with a given three digit number, you will follow along each step and end with a different three digit number as your answer.

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1. FLIP ALL DIGITS;
2. MAKE THE FIRST 6 A 3;
3. MAKE THE SECOND 6 ANOTHER 3;
4. TURN THE 1 INTO AN 8;
5. FLIP ALL DIGITS AGAIN;
6. WHAT IS THE FINAL 3 DIGIT NUMBER?

PUZZLE 5 – SCRAMBLES

- Instructions:
 - This game's objective is to scramble the letters to form a new word. Some words may have at least 1 or at most 10. I'll specify how many you're looking for and how many letters long. Let's see how you do.
- Example:
 - TABLE – find 2 words of 5-letters each
 1. BLEAT
 2. BLATE

MALE — find 3 words of 4-letters each

Check your answers by finding them throughout this issue. Read each article to find all the answers.

Community Press Release – Honor Credit Union



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Honor Credit Union Community Commitment Scholarship Winners Announced

Submitted by Kayla Smith, Honor Credit Union Brand Specialist

Berrien Springs, MI – January 14, 2022



Photo provided by HCU

Honor Credit Union is pleased to announce that the 2022 Honor Credit Union Community Commitment Scholarship window is now open for applications. The credit union will award a \$1,000 scholarship to 25 graduating high school or home school seniors throughout Honor's communities.

For over 10 years, Honor has supported our future leaders through the annual Community Commitment Scholarship. This scholarship reflects Honor's investment in its communities, schools, and students while supporting continued education.

The student must be a primary account holder at Honor Credit Union to be considered for the scholarship. The graduating senior must complete an online application detailing their academic performance and community involvement. In addition, applicants will be asked to provide a 300-400- word essay explaining how they have made their community a better place.

The deadline to apply for the Community Commitment Scholarship is March 15, 2022. Applications must be submitted online. Applications delivered to an Honor member center will not be considered. Scholarship winners will be contacted and announced in late April. To access the application form and view the complete list of requirements, please visit <http://www.honorcu.com/scholarship>.

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City Commission Meeting Agenda • UPCOMING January 24 2022

PUBLIC HEARING, JOINT MEETING WITH BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION AND BUCHANAN TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION

Agenda with Minutes by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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

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

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

The Buchanan City Commission will meet for this meeting January 24th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

The entire Joint 5-Year Recreation Plan is available on the City website and can be found at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4baehab8>. Printed copies are also available at Buchanan City Hall.

MONDAY, January 24, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Joint Meeting Agenda:

- I. City Call to Order Joint Meeting
- II. Township Call to Order Joint Meeting.
- III. City Roll Call
- IV. Township Roll Call
- V. City Approve Agenda
- VI. Township Approve Agenda
- VII. City Open Public Hearing
- VIII. Township Open Public Hearing
- IX. City Close Public Hearing
- X. Township Close Public Hearing
- XI. Joint New Business

1. *City of Buchanan to Consider a Resolution to Adopt the Buchanan Community Recreation Plan 2022-2026.*
2. *Buchanan Township to Consider a Resolution to Adopt the Buchanan Community Recreation Plan 2022-2026.*

- XII. Township Public Comment
- XIII. Township Executive Comments
- XIV. Township Adjourn

End of Joint Session

Begin Regular Meeting Agenda:

Regular meeting of the Buchanan City Commission Continues.

- XV. Recognition
- XVI. Public Comment

Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

- XVII. Consent Agenda

(can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)

1. Approve Expenditures for January 24, 2022, in the amount of \$85,417.63.
2. Consider Approving Minutes for the January 10th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the City Commission.
3. Consider approving Minutes from the January 12, 2022 Special Meeting of the City Commission.

XVIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

XIX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

1. Treasurers Report- Treasurer Stephanie Powers will give a brief report and will introduce Tim Bailey of Bailey Investments Group and LPL Financial for Honor Credit Union. Consider the request to move 2 million dollars in the City investment account to an indexed annuity with 4% growth and no downside on returns.
2. Community Development Director Report- Rich Murphy will discuss two additional economic development incentive programs:
 1. Redevelopment Liquor Licenses – Director Murphy, Manager Grace, Assessor Cole, and Building Inspector Lewis have been working together, along with the City Attorneys, to try to make the City of Buchanan eligible for additional liquor licenses through a special “redevelopment liquor license” program offered through the State of Michigan. Director Murphy will share details regarding the program and ask for Commission support in the form of a resolution– Consider Approving a Resolution to Create a City Redevelopment Project Area, which is proposed to encompass the entire City. [Note that an establishment would still need to satisfy zoning requirements for any specific location wanting to utilize a liquor license].
 2. Tax Abatements – Director Murphy, Manager Grace, and Assessor Cole, along with generous assistance from Cornerstone Alliance, are working to have a tax abatement program ready to discuss in more detail during the February 14th City Commission meeting, but a brief preview explanation of the planned program will be discussed at this time.

XX. Unfinished Business

XXI. New Business

1. Consider Entering Closed Session to discuss matters subject to attorney-client privilege, pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(1)(h).
 1. Draft Harassment and Discrimination Policy
 2. Draft Land Redevelopment Program
 3. Draft Parking Ordinance
 4. DDA Loan Follow-up
 5. USDA Project Follow-up
 6. Architect Contract Follow-up
 7. Zoning Questions Follow-up
 8. Blight Enforcement Questions Follow-up
 9. Draft Mobile Food Vending Ordinance
2. Consider Re-Entering Open Session
3. Consider taking action, if any, on items discussed in Closed Session

XXII. Communications

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

XXIII. Public Comment

Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

XXIV. Executive Comments

1. City Manager Comments
2. Commissioner Comments
3. Mayor Comments

XXV. Adjourn

You may view this complete [Agenda, Meeting January 24, 2022](#) [here](#).

You may view all completed City Commission Meeting Minutes on [the City of Buchanan Website](#).



Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 20



Mismarked Chicken

by Garrick Stubblefield

So I work here at the local Harding's store in Buchanan, in the deli department. One day an older lady asked me what part of the chicken would feed her and a dog of hers. She ended up getting a breast, which is usually the biggest piece of all the choices. So I go and put the code in for her chicken I accidentally put it in twice. Well the funny part of all this is when the lady went to check out she saved the chicken last because she looked at the price and said to the cashier if she was going to \$25.90 for a breast her and the dog better find something better to eat. So the cashier called me up and I made a mistake and it was supposed to be \$2.59 and the little old lady said with a smile that fits my budget.

Answer to Puzzle 2 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

- STATES:
 1. Mississippi
 2. South Dakota
 - CAPITALS:
 1. Santa Fe
 2. Nashville
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