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11am: PASTRIES WITH POLICE
both at **LIFE ACTION MINISTRIES**
3pm-4:30pm: FOOD DRIVE AT **BUCHANAN CITY CENTER**
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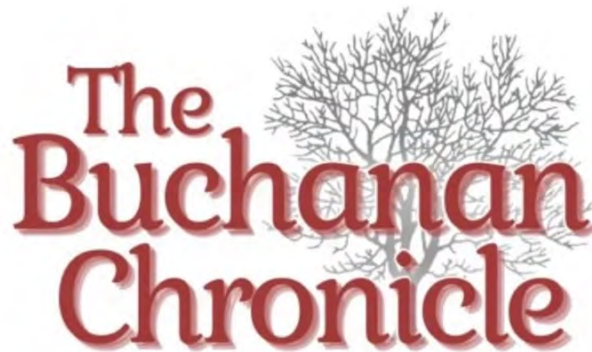
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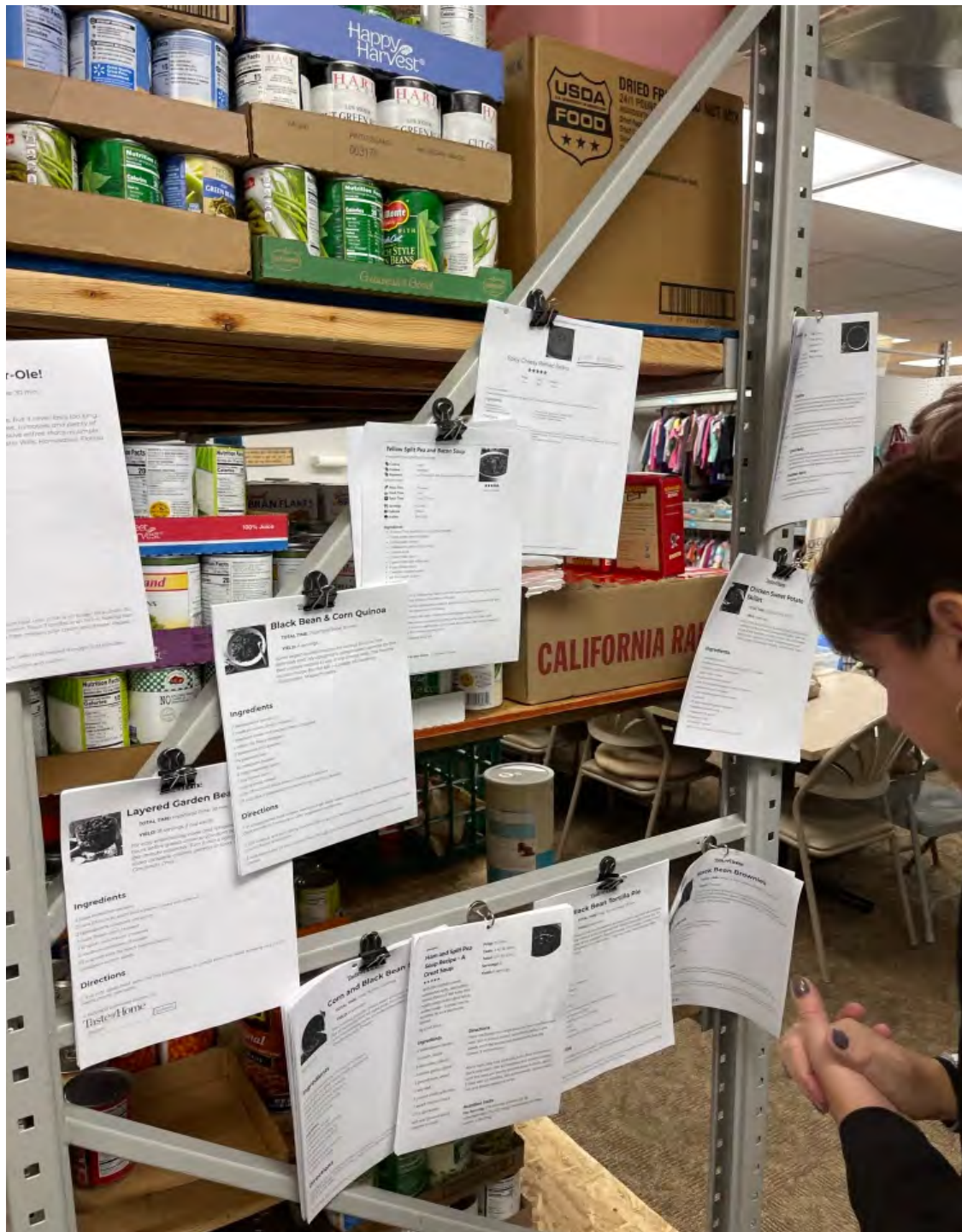
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Local Charities – Come and See All the Good RAM Offers Buchanan



Redbud Area Ministries Director Jan Nowak Walters talks about recipes that showcase items on their shelves. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt.

Come and See All the Good RAM Offers Buchanan

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

400 hours a month, 16 hours a week are the amount of hours that the volunteers put in at Redbud Area Ministries also known as RAM. This year marks their 40th anniversary which opened through BAMA (Buchanan Area Ministerial Association) on February 28, 1982 called RAM LOVE as they were a franchise of Love, Inc. RAM is located at 708 North Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI with business hours Tuesday – Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm. On RAM's [website](#) you will see their mission: "The mission of RAM is to demonstrate the love of Christ by distributing food, clothing, household items and limited financial assistance to those in need within our community."



Items available inside RAM, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Just this week, I sat down with RAM director Jan Nowak Walters and had a great talk. "We do not say the "C" word here meaning client. This puts a label on people, we do not say client as we are all two weeks away from being "they." We are guest and friend, because that is welcoming and inclusive."

Of their guests and friends, Jan states, “90% are employed, people on disability, and the underfunded in their elderly years. We do not serve lazy people. They can’t get over the hump – that’s our people.”

OUR NEW JOB BOARD

REBELLION
AUG. 11, 2022 - RRR Newsletter
HAPPY THURSDAY!
As I mentioned last week, while Mike is away, I will be taking Fridays off. So, this will be the first newsletter for the week.
Mike will return on Monday, and we'll be back to business as usual.
In the meantime, here are some great jobs and a gift to help you over the weekend.
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This business services company is looking for folks who have "0-5 years of prior experience" in customer service roles. If you're looking for an at-home Customer Service role, have good communication skills, but worry that a lack of experience is a hurdle, you may want to apply for this one! [CLICK HERE](#) for more.
WEEKLY ROUNDUP - IN CASE YOU MISSED ANYTHING
Here are the highlights from a past week. All read checked this morning. Tell our employees if anything disappears before you have a chance to click. Unfortunately, the sometimes happens.
Enjoy your weekend! - Mike, Chris & the RRR Team
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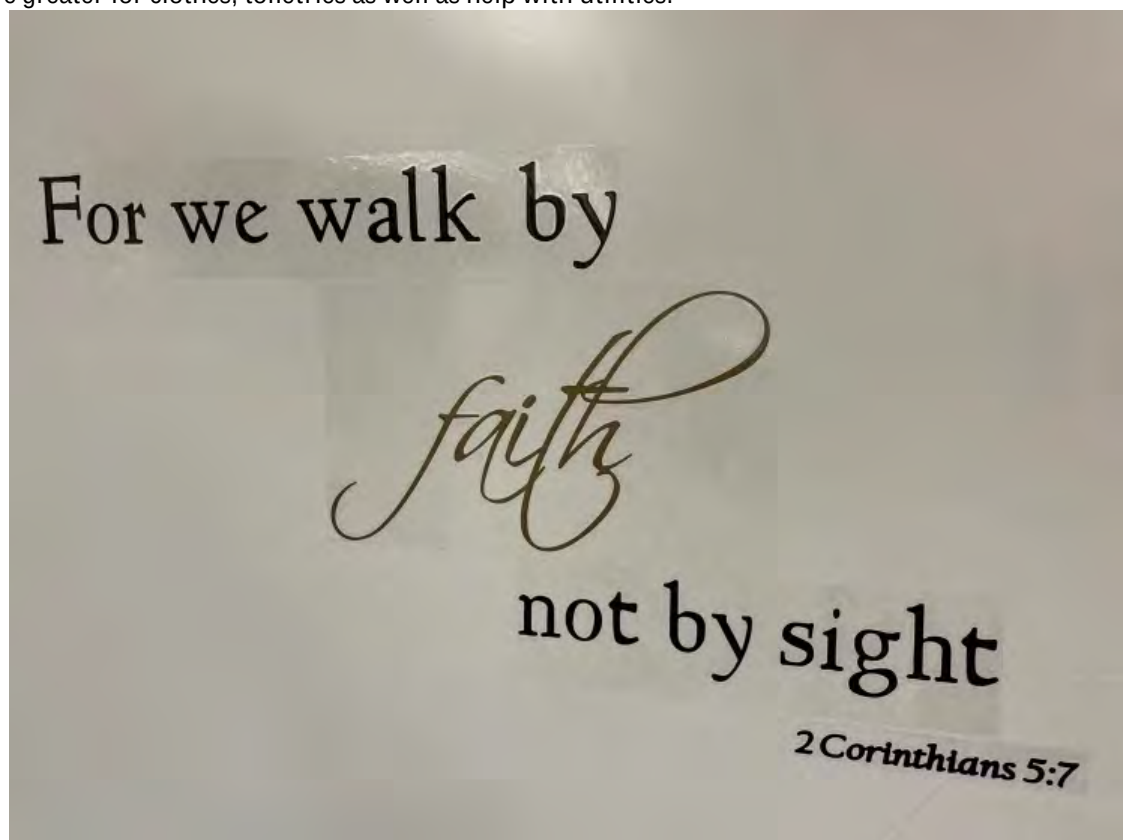
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Jobs board inside RAM, Photos by Rebecca Hoyt

How does RAM survive? Support has come from churches, but it has changed. Most of the support that RAM receives comes from personal donations as they recognize what RAM does. During this time of listening to Jan, seven people came in with donations which I had never seen that many before and within two hours! Their building is paid for. 100% of their donations stay RIGHT HERE in your local food pantry. Thanksgiving and Christmas are great times of donations, but January hits and they get less and less. Yes, Jan understands that bills and groceries are on the rise, but she has an obligation to meet the needs at that window. “We’re making it but it’s hard. There are more seekers and less donations coming in. And the more seekers are new people we have never seen before. Their

needs are greater for clothes, toiletries as well as help with utilities.”



Verse inside RAM, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Jan took me on a tour as they have made some little changes, but it's always good to see what they have and then realize what they need. Jan hates seeing wood on the shelves and also seeing through shelves. A great need is jelly as they have a ton of Peanut Butter – there are never multiple layers of jelly as she would like to have as much as they have peanut butter. “You can’t have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich if you don’t have the jelly,” stated Jan. They have more dried beans than what they know what to do with. Tuna, cream of mushroom soup and pasta can make a casserole, but when you don’t have a cream of mushroom you can’t make that and that item is out right now. Cream of mushroom, chicken, etc...go a long way! Three cans of meal soups right now, could use some more, so meal soups are great. Canned fruit is good too as well as the single serve fruit cups. Their bread guy comes but she never knows when he’s coming. She would like to have bread on the shelves. Anyone can drive down to Aunt Millies and buy a case of bread. Hotdogs and hamburger meat are given as well as buns that were donated last week. Jeff at Lowery’s Meat Market gives hamburger – which he is amazing at supporting RAM, and he discounts what they order is a huge blessing to their budget.



Items available inside RAM, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Jan also showed me an endcap that contains recipes with items that you might have not thought to put together like Black Bean & Corn Quinoa, Ham & Split Pea Soup, Spicy Cheesy Refried Beans, Chicken Sweet Potato Skillet! The possibilities are endless. The cereal choices are not many either. Currently there is: the boring kind like Tasty-o's and bran flakes. How many kids will eat bran flakes and fruit for breakfast? Some will, but not many. Donate the store brand of Captain Crunch, Lucky Charms and take advantage of store sales when they have BOGO's!



Items available inside RAM, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

While you are grocery shopping at Harding's in Buchanan, you can give back to RAM as you select Redbud Area Ministries as your charity for Harding's to give a percentage of your grocery bill to RAM. Just tell the cashier that you would like to sign-up for that. Every little bit helps. For more information you can call RAM or view on Harding's [website](#) about their community rewards.

Not only do they have food, they also have clothes and accessories like belts, ties, etc... Everything is labeled and sorted by color which helps when you are looking for a certain color. One thing that they always offer is a "Prayer Pot" where you can put in a prayer request by the front window and everyday they pray. Prayer works! You will also find books are available as well as a job board if you or someone you know who is looking for a job.



Items available inside RAM, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

One of Jan's wishes is for the "Nicest Place in America" citizens and those communities surrounding Buchanan: to come in and see what RAM is like. Head on into RAM and get a tour even if you don't have a donation or need help. If you're driving by and it's during their business hours, stop in! I have been on tours here before with Girl Scouts and once you step inside for the first time, you are a changed person. Even after our talk on my way back home, I realized that I learned even more and what my family can help them with. What better feeling to give to RAM when it's RIGHT HERE IN OUR TOWN! Director Jan Nowak Walters ends with "We are not just feeding people, we are changing lives."



About Redbud Area Ministries: RAM is an interdenominational and interracial ministry center started to organize the churches in the Buchanan and Galien School Districts to respond to individual and family needs.
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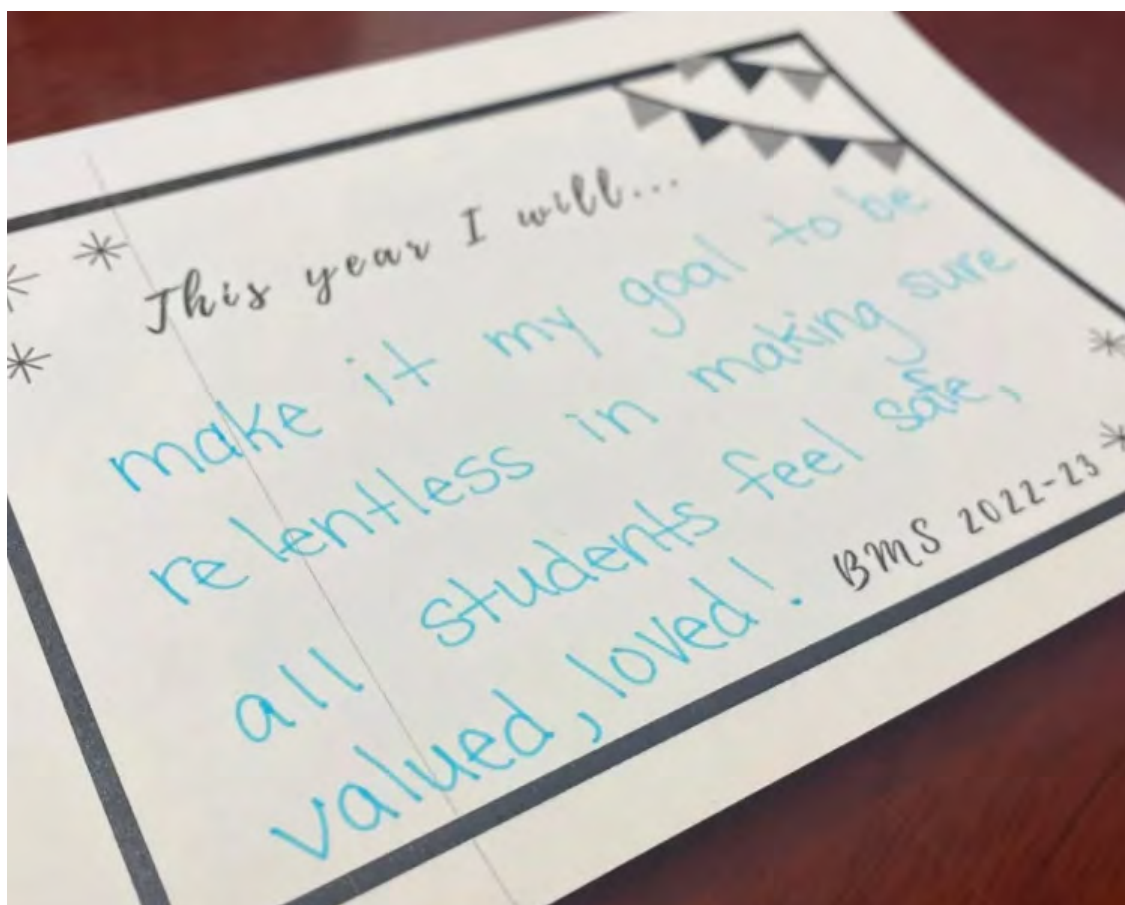
Happy New Year, from Buchanan Middle School

Submitted by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley

Across the globe, the new year is celebrated on January 1st. However, to educators, August also brings new year vibes and opportunities for a fresh start. The staff at Buchanan Middle School celebrated the new year by setting personal goals – similar to a resolution – for the new school year. That same evening, the staff was delighted to open the doors to the building and welcome back our Jr. Herd for orientation. In a record-setting year, 84% of our families were able to attend. At orientation, students received schedules, met teachers, and tried out lockers. There were also many other stations including one sponsored by our PTO where parents could write a postcard to students to be delivered the first week. Community partners such as The Promise, Honor Credit Union, and local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts also greeted families. Buchanan Middle School is off to a wonderful start to the “New Year” and staff and students look forward to academic growth and fun memories the 2022-23 school year will bring.



Happy New Year at BMS, Photo provided by Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal



A New Year at BMS, Photo provided by Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal



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Mayor's Memo – September 11 2022



Remembering September 11th, Missing September 12th

by Mayor Sean Denison

As we head into the Fall of an election year – we need to prepare ourselves for two more months of political ads and commercials, partisan bickering, and everything that goes with it.

Unfortunately, partisanship has become a full-time issue – not just election year theatre.

The nastiness, the name calling, it has become the norm in our country. We rarely see respectful, thoughtful debates on important issues anymore. Instead, we get sound bites, tweets, hate and anger.

On this September 11th, I would encourage all of us to take time to pause and reflect and remember the country we lived in on September 12, 2001. A country that was united by tragedy. Where people of all ages, skin color, political affiliation, and sexual preference, came together as Americans. That is the America we need today – more than ever.

Twenty-one years have passed, but the vivid memories of September 11, 2001, remain crystal clear in my mind. The painful memories of that day – are eased only by the feelings of pride and hope that I felt on September 12th.

My hope this September 11th, is that we all do our part – to be part of the solution. To be respectful of one

another, even when we disagree vehemently. To be active participants in our democracy. To serve our communities and seek out public service. To teach our children about the frailty of democracy – and what is required to defend and preserve it.

Thank you, see you around town,
Sean Denison, Mayor



Mayor Sean Denison, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

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Past Event – Buchanan 9/11 Commemorative Service



From Left to Right: Officers of Berrien County Sheriff, Berrien County Chairman Mac Elliott, Sheriff Paul Bailey, Buchanan Fire Chaplains Brandon Bishop and David Spurlock, Michigan State Police Niles Post and Buchanan City Police Department officers. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Buchanan – Only City in Berrien County, MI to Have 9/11 Commemorative Service

by Editor & Photographer, Rebecka Hoyt

For the past twenty years, the nicest place in America (voted by Readers Digest in 2020) – Buchanan, Michigan has hosted a 9/11 commemorative service. On the 21st anniversary of 9/11, Buchanan, Michigan was the only city in Berrien County to have a service. The reason to keep having this service is to never forget what happened on September 11, 2001. Pastor Dave Mitchell said “We’re not going to stop, but we need to remember and this community is recognized for its kindness and generosity and remembering lives that touched us.”

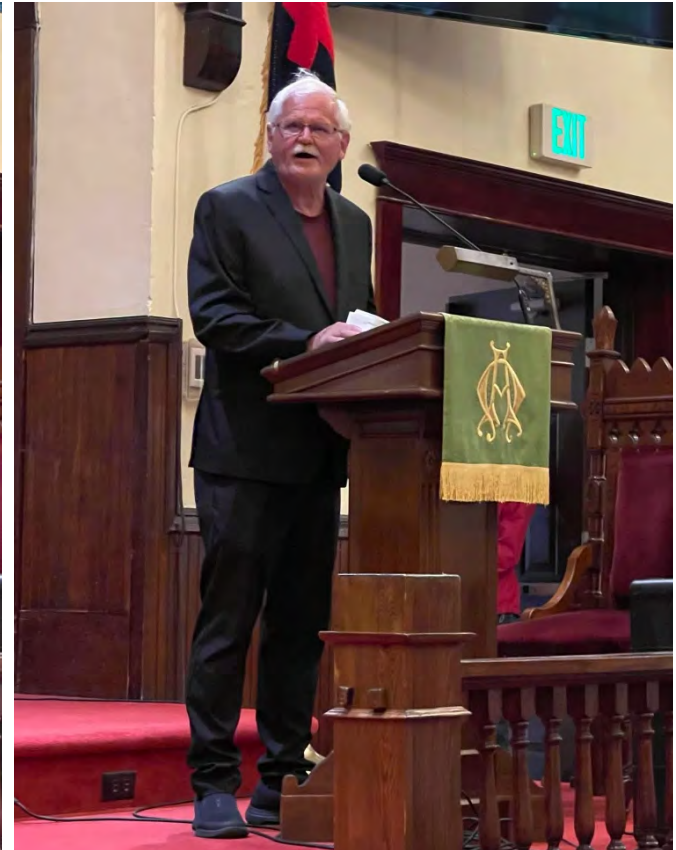


Normally, this event is held at the Common in downtown Buchanan. Due to inclement weather during the afternoon, the service was moved across the street to First United Methodist Church at 132 S Oak Street at the 7 – o'clock evening hour. With very few seats left open, many first responders, the Buchanan High School Marching Band along with others, stood in the back and sides of the sanctuary.



Photos from Left to Right: Phyliss Davis standing in blue, being recognized for Blue Star Mothers. BHS Marching Band. Boy Scouts and AHG lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Participants in attendance for the service were: American Legion Post #51 for posting of the colors and a 21 – gun salute, American Heritage Girls & Boy Scouts for leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Buchanan High School Marching Band playing the National Anthem and songs of each armed service, Buchanan City Police Department, Michigan State Police Post of Niles, Buchanan City and Township Fire Departments, Sheriff Paul Bailey of Berrien County, County Chairman Mac Elliott Berrien, City of Buchanan Mayor Sean Denison, Chaplains Brandon Bishop & Dave Spurlock, Michigan State Representative Brad Paquette and pastors of Buchanan churches.



A similar theme of how our nation united together and respecting each other was heard throughout the speakers. City of Buchanan Mayor Sean Denison stated, "We need to take the time to pause and reflect. That's the year 2001 we need to remember..., and be respectful of one another."

Berrien County Chairman Mac Elliott remembers where he was on 9/11, "We were in living rooms and on computer screens all over the world and I was in the Niles courthouse and stopped what we were doing as the second plane hit the world trade center second tower. Al-Qaeda has returned to Afghanistan. Freedom is not free. We need God more than ever and a spiritual renewal source in our country. And that will come through with the strength of faith."

Michigan State Representative Brad Paquette reflected on Mayor Denison's speech: "The Mayor mentioned in our very politically decisive time is to step back and reflect upon that we have greater enemies out there that want

to do away with our ways of living and we do government and live up the liberty of the freedom that we have been blessed by the Lord.”

Buchanan City Police Chief Harvey Burnett, “We as a nation united as one, united we stand, was a dominant theme across the nation. We put everything aside to support each other in healing, rebuilding and renewing hope. Are we still united? Sadly, we are even more divided than ever before. Our theme now is us versus them. In politics, policing, religion and everything that requires us to relate to each other as human beings. Where love should permeate, where empathy and caring should be a guide, we hear screw you, it’s all about me and my rights. We control what we say and where one of the greatest universal commandments that says love your neighbor as yourself. It should be how we treat one another.... Why does it take a traumatic event to bring us together? In Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s book Measure of a Man, “We are God’s marvelous creation and as such we can do things that lower animals can’t do...we can think of a great civilization, we can look up at the beauty of the stars and comprehend them, mostly importantly we can comprehend who our creator is and have a relationship with Him.” Police Chief Burnett ended with: “We unite the good of all. This is how we continue to honor them all. United we stand. United we stand, divided we fall.”

Pastor Dave Mitchell announced that this is his last year of putting this service together for the past 20 years, and David Spurlock will continue on in the years to come. He stated, “I did two tours at the world trade center after 9/11 and it’s about loving and not getting paid. We make a difference everytime we come together and speak for our unity, not what separates us. So thank you for letting me be involved in your lives.” He also thanked Phyliss Davis of the Blue Star Mothers that sent care packages to the military. At the end of his speech, a standing ovation was given to him.

Chaplain Dave Spurlock stated: “A challenge to the young people: to not forget.”

May our city and nation be united as one and never forget!



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Upcoming Event – Faith and Blue 2022

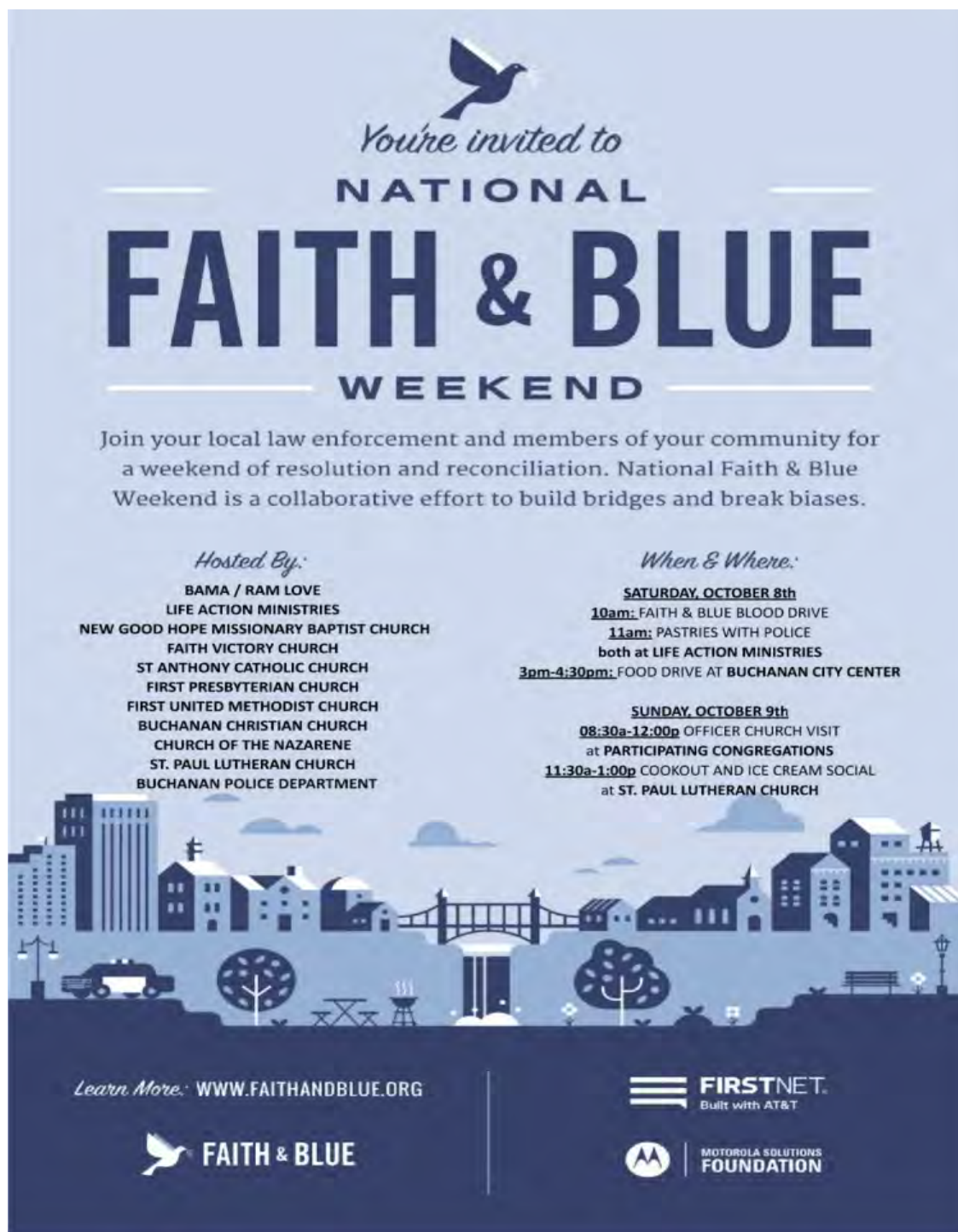


Faith & Blue 2022 flyer

Faith and Blue 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Hey Buchanan! Come join us for Faith & Blue weekend 2022 October 8 & 9! Faith & Blue 2022 is a nation-wide event for police departments to connect within their communities and form relationships to where bridges are built and break biases.



You're invited to
NATIONAL
FAITH & BLUE
WEEKEND

Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.

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 BUCHANAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

When & Where:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th
10am: FAITH & BLUE BLOOD DRIVE
11am: PASTRIES WITH POLICE
 both at LIFE ACTION MINISTRIES
3pm-4:30pm: FOOD DRIVE AT BUCHANAN CITY CENTER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th
08:30a-12:00p OFFICER CHURCH VISIT
 at PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS
11:30a-1:00p COOKOUT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 at ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Faith & Blue 2022 flyer

Have you ever had a question that would require an answer from the police, but you were too shy, or just blew it off? Well, now you can have a relaxed time asking those questions as you have some pastries with our caring police officers! Join them on Saturday, October 8 for a "Q & A Pastries with Police" from 11am – 2pm in the auditorium at Life Action Ministries on Niles-Buchanan Rd next to the southbound US 31 exit. Also, help save a life with the "Blood Drive" mobile truck of the South Bend Medical Foundation from 10am – 2pm will be in the parking lot. Get a chance to possibly sign a squad car where you can write encouraging messages to the officers too!

If you can't join during that time, come to the "Stuff-A-Squad" car with food/monetary donations for RAM LOVE from 3-4:30pm at the Common in the parking lot of the RedBud City Center. Be the

first 150 people to donate and receive a "Buchanan Strong" bracelet. Let's see how many squad cars can be filled! Wouldn't that be a sight to see. If you are unable to bring your donation, please call the police department at 269-695-5120 for a no contact pick-up. See the flyer for more details on items to donate.

Sunday, October 9 events start bright-eyed and bushy-tailed while the Blue visits Buchanan area churches. Below is a list of churches that they will be visiting for 30 minute intervals as they go from one church to another. I highly recommend for you to visit a church if you haven't been to one in a while or never been to a church. When the police officers are there in uniform, some will speak or even perhaps sing, which is neat to see and learn about them!

- St. Anthony Catholic Church 509 W. 4th St., Buchanan: Mass at 8:30am, pancake breakfast at 9:30am.
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church 212 W. Front St., Buchanan: service begins at 9:30am.
- First Presbyterian Church 115 W. Front St., Buchanan: service begins at 10:00am.
- First United Methodist Church 132 S. Oak St., Buchanan: service begins at 10:00am.
- Buchanan Christian Church 112 W. 3rd St., Buchanan: service begins at 10:30am.
- Buchanan Church of the Nazarene 704 W. Front St., Buchanan: service begins at 10:45am.
- New Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church 112 Fulton St., Buchanan: service begins at 11:00am.

Don't forget to join all of us at St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 11:30am – 1pm for a cookout and an ice cream social!

So come out and enjoy the fellowship with your neighbors, friends, family and the Faith & Blue. The events for this weekend are sponsored by The Buchanan Police Department, Life Action Ministries and the Buchanan Area Ministerial Association (BAMA).



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BCS Sports Scores – Boys Varsity Football at Dowagiac Union



Scores & Stats – Boys Varsity Football at Dowagiac Union

7pm on September 9, 2022 at Dowagiac Union

Provided by Mark Frey, BHS Assistant Principal



Buchanan Athletics GAMEDAY graphic

Team	1	2	3	4	T
Buchanan	46	0	2	0	48
Dowagiac Union	6	0	0	16	22

Box Score

Team	Quarter	Time	Scoring Play	BUC	DU
Buchanan	1	12:00	#42 Jack Ruth runs for 1 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion run by #22 Leland Payne is good.)	8	0
Buchanan	1	12:00	#13 Connor LeGault runs for 12 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion run by #10 Nico Finn is good.)	16	0
Buchanan	1	12:00	#13 Connor LeGault pass complete to #20 Dillon Oatsvall for 15 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion run by #18 Thomas Van Overberghe is good.)	24	0
Buchanan	1	12:00	13 Connor LeGault runs for 21 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion pass by #13 Connor LeGault to #18 Thomas Van Overberghe is good.)	32	0
Buchanan	1	12:00	1 punts to the Bucks 32 yard line. #42 Jack Ruth return for 68 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion run by #10 Nico Finn is good.)	40	0
Dowagiac Union	1	12:00	#1 runs for 23 yards. Touchdown! (Point after kick by #1 is no good.)	40	6
Buchanan	1	12:00	#22 Leland Payne runs for 36 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion run by #35 Gabe Tompkins is no good.)	46	6
Buchanan	3	12:00	1 runs for -4 yards. Safety! #58 Cody Lollar on the tackle.	48	6
Dowagiac Union	4	12:00	1 runs for 57 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion run by #1 is good.)	48	14
Dowagiac Union	4	12:00	1 runs for 21 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion run by #1 is good.)	48	22

Scoring Plays

Name	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD	Int
13 Connor LeGault	6	8	61	1	0
11 Jake Franklin	1	1	5	0	0

Passing – Buchanan

Name	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
10 Nico Finn	14	86	6.1	0
22 Leland Payne	7	68	9.7	1
13 Connor LeGault	8	61	7.6	2
8 Kyle Lewis- Schadler	2	7	3.5	0
24 Michael Williams III	1	0	0.0	0
42 Jack Ruth	2	-1	-0.5	1
35 Gabe Tompkins	2	-2	-1.0	0
11 Jake Franklin	2	-14	-7.0	0

Rushing – Buchanan

Name	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
20 Dillon Oatsvall	2	29	14.5	1
5 Jaxon Seddon	1	16	16.0	0
42 Jack Ruth	2	8	4.0	0
18 Thomas Van Overberghe	1	8	8.0	0
26 Will Carson	1	5	5.0	0
8 Kyle Lewis- Schadler	0	0	0.0	0

Receiving – Buchanan

Name	Tkl	Solo	Ast	Sack	TFL	Int
58 Cody Lollar	3.5	2	3	0.0	2.0	0
10 Nico Finn	3.0	2	2	0.0	0.0	0
35 Gabe Tompkins	3.0	1	4	0.0	0.0	1
8 Kyle Lewis- Schadler	2.5	2	1	0.0	0.0	0
63 Dean Roberts	2.5	2	1	0.0	1.0	0
42 Jack Ruth	2.0	1	2	0.0	0.0	0
12 Xavier Whipple	1.5	1	1	0.0	1.0	0
22 Leland Payne	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
4 Jamari Brown	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
18 Thomas Van Overberghe	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
5 Jaxon Seddon	1.0	0	2	0.0	0.0	0
52 Tyler Pelletier	1.0	0	2	0.0	0.0	0
17 Matthew Trigg II	1.0	1	0	0.0	1.0	0
78 Alex Weinberg	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
20 Dillon Oatsvall	1.0	0	2	0.0	0.0	0
13 Connor LeGault	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.5	0
48 Ryan Hickok	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0
9 Darius Williams	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0
25 Ari Johnson	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0
66 Drew Andersen	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.5	0
79 AJ Mcleod	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0
55 Connor Barnett	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0
3 Lucas Zeiger	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0
14 Karmine Brown	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0
23 Isaiah Nelson	0.5	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
73 Edward DeGraff	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0
16 Tristan Nesbitt	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0

Defense – Buchanan

Name	Num	Yds	Avg	120
13 Connor LeGault	2	65	32.5	1

Punting – Buchanan

Name	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
42 Jack Ruth	1	68	68.0	1
35 Gabe Tompkins	1	0	0.0	0

Punt Returns – Buchanan

Name	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
42 Jack Ruth	3	56	18.7	0
4 Jamari Brown	1	22	22.0	0
5 Jaxon Seddon	1	0	0.0	0

Kickoff Returns – Buchanan



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Local Faith – LifePlan Wins Hope Awards



LifePlan Wins Hope Award 2022

LifePlan Wins National Hope Award

Submitted by Lyndon Azcuna, LifePlan Executive Director

LifePlan was recently named the winner of the 2022 Hope Award. The Hope Award is awarded by World Magazine each year and LifePlan was the northeast finalist in a contest that included three other organizations representing different parts of the country. The overall winner was decided by a poll that was open to the public nation-wide and comes with a \$10,000 prize donation.



LifePlan, a resource center with locations in Niles and Benton Harbor, Michigan, was recently declared the overall winner of the 2022 Hope Award established by World Magazine. The award is given out each year to an organization that fights poverty and works to instill hope in the people it serves. According to Addie Offereins, a reporter for World Magazine, "World highlights ministries that embody key principles to break the cycle of poverty instead of shifting Christ's call to care for the poor to the shoulders of the government". Other finalists for the award were Set Apart Ministries in Post Falls, Idaho, His Way, a Christian recovery center in Huntsville, Alabama, and Next Step, a home for men transitioning from rehab or prison, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. All four organizations were highlighted in World's online and print publications and then the public was invited to vote for the organization they felt best exemplified the principles of the Hope Award. When voting closed on August 12, LifePlan had received the most votes nation-wide.

LifePlan began in 1985 in Niles, Michigan as a response to a local abortion clinic. The founders believed that women were choosing to have an abortion, not because they wanted one, but because they lacked the necessary resources to help them carry a baby to term. LifePlan sought to provide those resources, as well as emotional and spiritual support, to women who found themselves in unexpected pregnancies. Since that time, LifePlan has opened a second location in Benton Harbor and has increased its services to include services for men as well as preventative services through education and training programs in schools and the community. LifePlan has plans to open a center in South Bend, Indiana.

Services offered by LifePlan include pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STI testing and treatment, parenting and relationship support, school presentations, men's coaching, and material support. All services are free and available to anyone who needs them. Numerous volunteers from area churches help carry out the educational services of LifePlan by dedicating a specific amount of time each week to meet with clients, sharing their stories and experiences as well as leading them through an evidence-informed, physician approved curriculum called BrightCourse. Each time a client completes a BrightCourse class, they receive free items from the LifePlan boutique which is stocked with items such as diapers, wipes, clothing, and food that has been donated by members of the community and local churches.

According to Lyndon Azcuna, executive director of LifePlan, "LifePlan is grateful to World Magazine for this wonderful opportunity to impact Michiana in an even more significant way. Being the 2022 Hope Award winner will allow us greater influence, a broader base of support, and will attract more people to our programs, services, and ministry. As we continue to meet felt needs in our community, we will also continue to shine the light of the gospel, instilling Hope to all who enter our doors."

Thank you for your support of the ministry of LifePlan!

We are incredibly blessed by the opportunity set before us and look forward to the many doors opened! Click on [THIS LINK](#) to read the article all about the 2022 Hope Award Winning organization.

About the 2022 Hope Awards "For Effective Compassion" from World News Group:

2022 HOPE AWARDS FOR EFFECTIVE COMPASSION

Every year, WORLD seeks ministries that offer challenging, personal, spiritual help—not groups that hand people money or a meal but do nothing to change counterproductive or even dangerous habits. We look for groups that are unashamed of the gospel and its life-changing power and make it the heart of their work.

This year, WORLD's Addie Offereins traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., to report on a ministry that uses discipleship to help men coming out of rehab or prison find employment and housing; to Niles, Mich., to report on a pregnancy care center that focuses on holistic Biblical sexuality in addition to providing services to women; to Huntsville, Ala., to report on a Christian recovery program that holds men battling addiction accountable in a structured environment; and to Post Falls, Idaho, to report on a Christian recovery program that creates a gospel-centered family to provide loving accountability.

Click the links below to read about these groups and the good work they're doing. Then [vote for the finalist](#) you think deserves this year's grand prize. Voting ends on Aug. 12, and the winner will receive \$10,000.

Bad news isn't hard to find nowadays, but God is always building His kingdom. Scroll down to see some of what He's doing through these four compassionate groups.



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

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A Note from the Editor – Issue 36



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

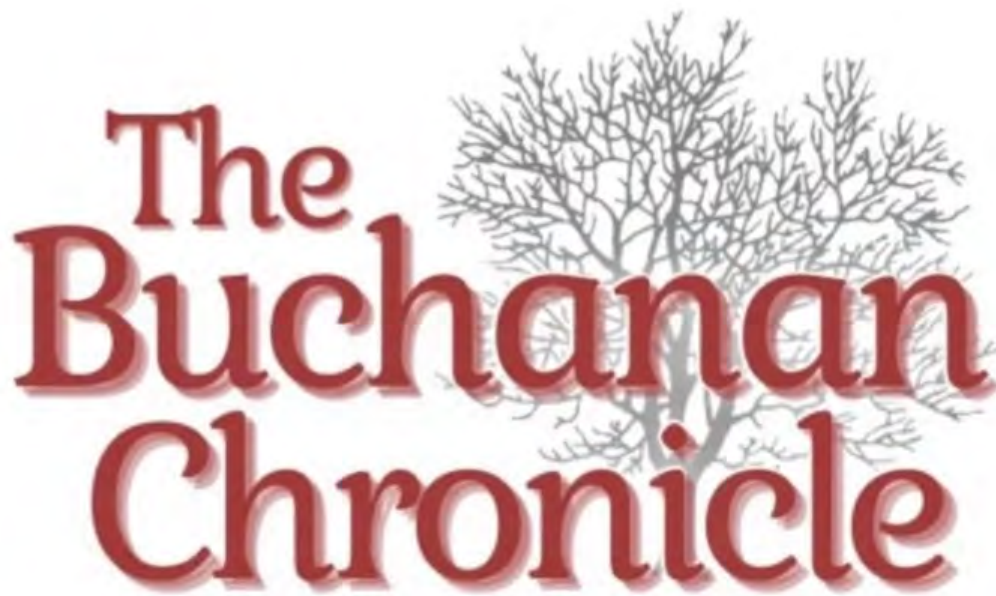
We are halfway through September and I hope that your summer has been a great one this year. This summer my family has had more Michigan visits compared to years past and you'll get a chance to read about one of them in a future issue. As fall is only days away, soak up the nice, warm and cooler days/nights, enjoy a bonfire with s'mores, the kids sports, and band competitions!

As you know, The Buchanan Chronicle has sponsored a scarecrow downtown Buchanan on the corner of Front and Main Streets. Stop by Claire Clarity and take a selfie with her and share it with us on our Facebook page! Thank you to the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities for making these awesome scarecrows and putting them up as well as taking them down. These volunteers have great talents! I am sure that they wouldn't mind a few extra hands for the take down on Nov. 1. You can read more about them in the 35th issue.

Attention Buchanan Athletic Parents! Please submit your photos of your child(ren) sporting/band events. Email them to: buchananchronicle@att.net along with a short photo caption and score of the game, date, and who they played. You will receive credit for the photo. Please note that not all photos submitted may be used which is dependent on space. Any questions, email or call 269-697-9874.

I hope that you will enjoy this issue as much as the last one was enjoyed by many people. When our last issue came out, we had the most views on that Saturday since a Saturday back in February. Thank you for reading and sharing our issues & articles. I know that some of my relatives and friends who are out of town like to read about our small town and all that it has to offer us. We might be small, but we are mighty in heart! ❤️

Happy Reading,
Rebecka Hoyt



Health Huddle – Spectrum Mental Health Workshop



Spectrum Health

Spectrum Virtual Mental Health Workshop

Berrien County, MI – September 12 2022

Created in response to the community's stated priority health need of mental health, this introductory workshop will introduce three topics: mental wellness, trauma, and resilience. You will learn commonly used terms and be provided interactive opportunities to explore what these concepts mean to you and the community, and their implications for health outcomes. In addition, participants will discover mental wellness strategies and educational resources that are available including Community Resilience Model (CRM) and Mental Health First Aid (Youth and Adult).



Spectrum Lakeland – Mental Wellness Workshop

Length: 2 hours

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 – VIRTUAL 3:30-5:30pm

<https://lp.assets.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/MentalHealth101October11>

Mental Health 101 is a free and virtual opportunity for participants to discover mental wellness strategies and educational resources.

During this two hour session, you will explore what mental wellness, trauma, and resilience means to you and the community, and their implications for health outcomes.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3I5W9ST>

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.

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.

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Now That's Funny! – Issue 36



by Thomas Hoyt

So the other day I went golfing with my family and we had a wonderful time. There was one really funny moment that occurred at one hole on the course. I had teed off with a pretty decent shot and now had a tree in front of me for the next shot. I thought if I can keep the ball low, I can avoid hitting the tree. So I grabbed my 4 iron for this next shot. I lined up and took the swing. Right away I could tell it was a good swing. It felt like I hit that ball right with the sweet spot of the club. The ball however went a little too high and hit the tree branch, bounced off of that tree branch, and flew behind me to land back from where I had shot! 🤔🤔🤔 It sure was a good thing we were

playing best ball.

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Community Press Release – Construction to Begin on I-94/ I-196 Interchange



MDOT I-94 Graphic

MDOT Traffic Advisory: I-94 Ramp Closure at I-196

Berrien County, MI – September 15, 2022

As part of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project to extend US-31 and rebuild I-94 and the I-196 interchange in Benton Township, Berrien County, MDOT will be closing the eastbound I-94 ramp to northbound I-196 from Sunday, Sept. 18, through Friday, Sept. 30 for construction.

A detour will be posted, and more information can be found on [Mi Drive](#).

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Rebuilding Michigan program invests in state highways and bridges critical to the state's economy.

• REBUILDING MICHIGAN – PROJECT PROFILES:

- I-94 Berrien County
 - Rebuilding 3.5 miles of I-94 from Britain Avenue to east of I-196, including the new I-94 BL/US-31 interchange
 - \$94 million investment
 - Supports 1,206 jobs
 - April 2021 to May 2023
 - Important route for commuter, commercial, and tourism traffic

[Link to MDOT Bulletin HERE](#)



About Michigan Department of Transportation: The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is responsible for Michigan's nearly 10,000-mile state highway system, comprised of all M, I, and US-routes. It is the backbone of Michigan's 120,000-mile highway, road and street network. Providing the highest quality integrated transportation services for economic benefit and improved quality of life.

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Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 36



Golf Elbow

by Garrick Stubblefield

So I was out golfing with my friend one day at Pebblewood in Bridgman, MI. I happen to go first on the very first tee. My friend, of course, was next in line. Well I was lined up adjacent to him and waiting for him to him. He indeed hit the ball, but somehow I turned in the nick of time because the ball caught me on the elbow. It swelled up so fast that I couldn't golf the rest of the day and we ended up in the ER at the hospital for four hours and come to find out nothing was broken or shattered for that matter. So I guess the funny thing is to never stand close to someone teeing off or you may get a golf ball to the elbow.

Upcoming Event – Meet the Mayor

Meet the Mayor Event September 22



Mayor Sean Denison

Mayor Denison will be having another “Meet with the Mayor” night at Lehman’s Farmhouse on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 pm. Please join us!

This is an informal event, designed to inform the public on current events in our city. Please bring your questions and comments. Hope to see you there!

- *What:* Meet the Mayor
- *Where:* Lehman’s Farmhouse
- *Who:* Mayor Denison and Buchanan Community
- *When:* Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 7pm



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Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • August 15 2022





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

Please note that the Board of Education 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 will not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they are available.

- **Regular Meeting**
- **08/15/2022 6:00 PM**
- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
- **401 W. Chicago Street**
- **Buchanan, MI 49107**

Begin Agenda:
Call to Order

- **PRESIDENT:** Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:03pm

Pledge of Allegiance

- Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- **PRESENT:** C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- **ABSENT:** K. Laesch
- **OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Mark Kurland, Michael Babcock

Adoption of Agenda

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee the agenda for the board meeting of August 15, 2022 be adopted as written.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Recognition of Visitors

- Mrs. Robinson welcomed Mr. Adam Burck from the Buchanan Senior Center as well as the new Moccasin Principal, Mr. Michael Babcock and his family.
- J. Brackett, T. Myers, A. Burck

Closed Session – Student Discipline

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session for a hearing on student discipline – Student #4552503561. Time 6:07pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Return to Open Session

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session. Time 6:29pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Student Reinstatement

- MOTION by H. Burnett, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the recommendation to reinstate student #4552503561 effective the first semester of the 2022-23 school year.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Points of Pride

- Band Camp Week – Mrs. Robinson commended all involved with marching band for getting through a hot and humid week, spoke of their amazing performance on Friday and thanked students, staff, and parents for their hard work.
- Buchanan Athletics Beginning – Meet the Teams night was well attended and was proud to show case our teams and talent.

Superintendent / Department Reports

- Moccasin Principal, Mr. Michael Babcock – Mr. Babcock introduced himself and family to the board.
- Buchanan Area Senior Center Executive Director, Mr. Adam Burck – Mr. Burck presented to the board and explained the ornament fundraiser.

Information/Reports & New Business

- Human Resources Committee, August 3rd Meeting – Mrs. Berry updated the board that they discussed openings from resignations, new hires, position changes/transfers and the letter of agreement for the CAP classes.
- Facilities Planning Committee, August 11' Meeting – Mr. Carlson stated they spoke primarily on transportation and the request to donate/scrap two buses.
- Curriculum & Planning Committee, August 11' Meeting – Mrs. Writer shared they spoke of long-range plan for academic materials and progress.

Public Comment

- None

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of August 15th, 2022 be adopted as written.

1. Minutes:

- 7-18-2022 Work Session
- 7-18-2022 Regular Meeting

2. Warrants:

- Treasury & Expenditure Reports – July 2022

3. Employment Contracts for 2022-23 School Year:

- Miranda Capron, Interventionist
- Sandra Emerick, Interventionist
- Karen McGuirt, Interventionist
- Dottie Prince. Interventionist
- Donna Southwell. Interventionist
- Christin Taylor, Interventionist
- Jody Tittle. Interventionist
- Donna Trigg, Interventionist
- Douglas Zundel, Interventionist
- Ryan Frontczak, Interventionist / Dean of Students

4. Amended Employment Contract for Laura Morris

5. Custodial & Operations Pay Rate Amendment

6. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:

- Buchanan High School Principal, Mr. Brian Pruett
- Transportation Supervisor, Mr. Nate Will
- Superintendent, Mrs. Patricia Robinson
- Buchanan Middle School Principal, Mrs. Shelby Beasley

Recommended Employee	Title
Jordan Hurst	Instrumental Music Aide
Lindsay Adams	Marching Band Percussion Instructor (contract attached)
Jacqueline Tidey	BHS Special Education Teacher
Jamie Schneck	Marching Band Color Guard Instructor (contract attached)
Michael Babcock	Moccasin Elementary Principal
Rosemarie Riggins	Substitute Bus Driver
Valerie Phillips	Substitute Bus Driver
Erin Kratky	6th & 7th Technology Teacher

7. Coaching Recommendation for Fall 2022-23 submitted by Assistant Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Ryan Frontczak:

Coach	Position	Class/Level	Step
Sarah Blair	7th Grade Volleyball Coach	7	1
Joshua Wegener	Middle School Cross Country Coach	7	1

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8. Resignations:

- Cindy Stacey, First Grade Teacher
 - Belinda Vaz, Moccasin Interventionist
 - Marion Hurd, Ottawa Administrative Assistant
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - NAYS: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

Buchanan Virtual Academy Graduation Certification

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the board of education hereby approves:
 - Buchanan Virtual Academy Student:
 - Reem Kado
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Buchanan Virtual Academy Course Offerings 2022-23

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the courses for the 2022-23 school year to be offered through Buchanan Virtual Academy as submitted.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None

- MOTION ADOPTED

2022-2023 Administrative Contracts

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the annual district Administrative Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year from August 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

BEA Letter of Agreement – Athletic CAP Classes

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education approves the attached letter of agreement with the Buchanan Education Association for Athletic CAP Classes.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Transportation Letter of Agreement – Special Trip Assignment Process

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- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education approves the attached letter of agreement with the Buchanan Community Schools Transportation Association for the Special Trip Assignment Process.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Use of Logo

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education will allow the Buchanan Area Senior Center to use an image of Buchanan High School along with the Buck logo to create ornaments to sell.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Resolution to Call Bond Election

- See Exhibits

Transportation Letter of Agreement – Housing Buses

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education approves the attached letter of agreement with the Buchanan Community Schools Transportation Association for the Housing of Buses.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Donate / Scrap Buses

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following recommendations by Transportation Supervisor, Nate Will:
 - Donate/scrap Old Bus 8 – 2012 Blue Bird Vision
 - Donte/scrap Bus 11 – 2010 Blue Bird Vision
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Questions & Comments from Board Members

- Mr. Carlson thanked Mrs. Vaz and wished her a happy retirement.
- Mrs. Berry also thanked Mrs. Vaz for her dedication to Buchanan.
- Mrs. Writer wished Buchanan students much luck at the fair this week and wished all staff a great 2022-23 school year.
- Dr. Carlin wished administrators much luck for the start of the school year.
- Dr. Burnett thanked Mr. Babcock and board members for their dedication.

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Next Board Meeting

- Monday, Sepetmber 19th at 6pm.

Adjournment

- 7:00 pm

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

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

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

"We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

There is a time for regular public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item H. If you wish to make a presentation to the Board, please fill out the Speaker Card and pass it to the Board President before item H on the agenda.

Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!"

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

- Dr. Harvey Burnett, President – hburnett@buchananschools.com
- Ruth Writer, Vice-President – rwriter@buchananschools.com
- Kelly Laesch, Secretary – klaesch@buchananschools.com
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- Dr. Scott Carlin, Trustee – scarlin@buchananschools.com

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City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • August 22 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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

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

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

- *Written requests and comments may be submitted to the City Clerk either in person or via mail to Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107, or via email to clerk@cityofbuchanan.com*

The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, August 22nd 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, August 22, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sean Denison at 7:00 P.M.

II. Recognition

III. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Denison led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

- Present; Mayor Sean Denison, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon, Commissioner Cameron Downey, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem

- City Staff; City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Director of Public Services, Tim Ganus, Chief Harvey Burnett

V. Approve Agenda

- Motion made by Weedon, supported by Downey to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

VI. Open of Public Hearing for Filing of Special Assessment Roll for Emergency Medical Services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service.

- Motion made by Downey, supported by Swem to open the public hearing for the filing of Special Assessment Role for emergency Medical Services through Southwestern Michigan community Ambulance Service, or SMCAS, following a reading of Rules of Hearing by the Mayor at 7:01 P.M.

- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Announcement of the Rules of the Hearing

1. This is a public hearing designed to hear and consider any objections/favor to proceed to make defray its share of the cost of maintaining and operating the Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Services (SMCAS) by establishing a special assessment district pursuant to ACT 368 of 1978.
2. All persons wishing to comment shall be given the opportunity to do so.
3. The person addressing the Commission shall stand, state their name, and direct their comments directly to the Commission.
4. In the event a large number of people wish to comment, the Mayor may announce that each person speaking shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes.
5. Each person shall have an opportunity to speak before anyone is allowed to speak a second time.
6. The Mayor may, at their discretion, terminate comments which are unreasonably lengthy or unrelated to the subject of the public hearing.
7. When the Mayor observes that there are no further public comments, he/she shall close that portion of the hearing.

– Don Ryman: Uneasy about the proposal. Would like to more about the financial state.

- Jacob Glossinger: Wants to know if this will be an additional \$25.00 to what they are already being assessed at. Against the proposal would like to see it on the ballot for people to vote on.

– Grace was able to clarify the difference between a special assessment and a milage. While assessment is a flat fee for every parcel, if it was a milage it would be taxed by the assessed value of your home. The special assessment was supposed to try and keep it as equal as possible so that everyone was paying roughly the same amount instead of others paying more or less. It's the closest mechanism for achieving that goal.

- Jacob Glossinger: Question if the rate would stay the same when it hits the max pay out at \$50.00 or would it go

back to the \$20.00 after the 5 years. Wondering if the city could fund this in a different way.

- Dale Torren: Can some of the Marihuana Revenue could be used to fund SMCAS.
- Since the budget is already complete this year it would be very difficult to retroactively change it but going forward, we could look at doing something like that. But in the meantime, we have to work with the budget that we already have.
- Unknown: What about the people that are on fixed incomes that can't afford the increase, as well as people with vacant lots being assessed.
- Jeannie Harris: questions about the funding and operation of SMCAS and what the assessment is going to.
- This special assessment pays for us to have ambulance service.
- Monroe Lemay: Spoke highly of SMCAS and the work they do with the seniors. Also worried about the burnout that SMCAS has dealt with Covid-19 for the past few years. When you don't have this service is when you're going to need it.
- Barb Green: They did not raise the price of parcels, but SMCAS got increase of number of parcels, 5 years ago. What measures is SMCAS taking to cut costs?
- Jim Chron: Are other communities raising the assessment?
- Grace: Do they get reimbursed when they go out. What is the purpose of the assessment if they get reimbursed by the payments they receive.
- Jacob Glossinger: Can they adjust the price of what they get paid for "pick-ups" to cover the cost of the assessment.
- John VanDyke: Support of SMCAS, it's part of the social contract, just as your paying for a road you don't use or a school building you don't attend.
- Written correspondence from Kim Moyer not in favor due to vacant lot being assessed.

VII. Close of Public Hearing for Filing of Special Assessment Roll for Emergency Medical Services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service.

- Motion made by Downey, supported by Swem to close the Public Hearing at 7:27 PM.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VIII. Public Comment – Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

- John Vandyke asked to play song that he wrote about Buchanan, he is looking for sponsorship for his summer 2023 tour.

IX. Consent Agenda (can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)

IX.A. Expenditures

- Consider approving the expenditures for August 22, 2022, in the amount of \$108,774.84

IX.B. Minutes

- Consider the approval of the August 8, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

IX.C. BARB Appointment

- Formally appoint Jeanne Harris to the open position on the BARB (Buchanan Area Recreation Board), as recommended by the BARB during their last regular meeting.
- Motion made by Money, supported by Weedon to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

X. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

X.A. School Resource Officer Proposal

- Superintendent Patricia Robinson and other members of the Buchanan Schools Administrative Team will present a proposal for a School Resource Officer, with the School District initially sharing 20% of the total annual cost of what it would cost the City to hire a new officer (\$70,387.20). The SRO would serve as the police liaison to the School District and would cover K-12 schools in the Buchanan School District on a rotating basis, providing intervention support and increasing overall school safety. Upcoming grant opportunities will be pursued to cover ongoing expenses of the role, with a COPS grant opportunity opening up in February, and new State of Michigan funding supposed to be coming available in the near future.
- Motion made by Swem, supported by Downey to table the School Resource Officer Proposal unit until our next Regular Meeting.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

X.B. Consider Resolution No.2022.08/429

- Confirmation of Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District for Emergency Medical Services Through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service.
- Denison started the discussion with the Commission and Brian from SMCAS to answer some of the concerns that were brought up during the public hearing. One being what are other municipalities doing with this request.
- City of Niles is proceeding with the increase as requested.
- Howard Township is proceeding with the increase as requested.
- Niles Township has indicated that they are going with a 2-year special assessment with a \$5.00 increase. Stating they will pay an outstanding balance from Township funds.
- Bertrand Township has indicated that they are proceeding forward with a 1-year special assessment with no increase. They did not indicate how they would pay the remaining portion.
- Buchanan Township has not indicated what direction they are going.

– The cost difference is as followed between the different areas.

- City of Buchanan: \$70,689 contribution
- City of Niles: \$ 198,529 contribution
- Niles Township: \$238,000 contribution
- Howard Township: \$103,000 contribution
- Buchanan Township: \$56,000 contribution
- Bertrand Township: \$43,000 contribution
- Pokagon Township: \$8,000 contribution
- Milton Township: \$ 51,000 contribution

- Brian addressed the Commission and the audience in attendance. SMCAS has had a lot of feedback about their transparency in operations. The way SMCAS is structured has Brian as the Director and he reports to a board of directors which is made up of the communities. Every month we provide full financial reports through that board. Coming out of the pandemic SMCAS, realized they need to move to increasing funding, to protect the communities they serve. SMCAS is doing a full revamp of their website to be able to put all information the public needs.
- Insurance payers cap what they give us to a certain amount no matter what we bill them. There is no real way to raise that rate.
- Swem has went through the last audit and the last 2 years of financials with SMCAS, and thanked Brian's responses to all his questions. Right now, they operate as an operating loss. The special assessment offsets that operating loss and there is little additional funding there.
- Two questions Swem had was why the fund is being operated as an enterprise fund and if they had heard back from the attorneys with the population-based billing yet?
- Their attorneys did distribute a document on what the contribution would be based on population. But the communities would have to come back together to discuss that if they wanted to go that way.
- Denison directed his comments to the public. The difficult position we are in is that we want to provide ambulance service in the city, we also realize that prices of everything are also going up. SMCAS employees are underpaid, and this is an attempt by them to pay their people more or keep the people they have. If we do not have people to operate the ambulance, were in serious trouble. We have to try and figure out a way to fund this. What else can we do; we're going to use taxpayer money to pay for this one way or another. Either by raising taxes or doing a special assessment. Is it perfect doing a special assessment, no, but it is the fairest way they could figure out to make sure everyone was paying their fair share.
- The board every month looks at the financial activity and where they are spending. Any expenditures the board has questions about they will show them why and where the money went, as well as an audit every year.
- With union negotiations being done every 3 years and the negotiations being started in the next 2 weeks, Downey's concern is they will be coming back next year and saying it's not enough. His thoughts were maybe do a year of the Special Assessment at \$30.00 and come back next year to redo the assessment.
- Weedon is concerned that if they do come back next year that it will be a higher amount.
- Swem asked if there is any chance of a County wide milage rate. Brian believes it is possible, and there are talks between the ambulance services that they may pursue it in the future.
- Weedon expressed no matter what happens if we go this way or not there will still be an

ambulance service asking for some money no matter what to operate the service.

- Money agrees with revisiting this next year and seeing what SMCAS is doing with financials.
- Motion made by Swem, supported by Downey to approve the Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District for Emergency Medical Services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service, for one year at \$30.00 per parcel.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

XI. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

XI.A. Public Safety Report

XI.A.1. Consider approving the Crossing Guard Agreement & Crossing Guard Hourly Wage Agreement.

- Motion made by Money, supported by Downey to approve the Crossing Guard Agreement and Guard Hourly Wage Agreement, as presented.
- Roll call carries unanimously.

XII. Unfinished Business

- None

XIII. New Business

XIII.A. Closed Session:

XIII.A.1. Enter Closed Session

- Consider entering Closed Session to discuss matters subject to attorney client privilege, and the potential lease or purchase of real property, pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)(d) & (h).
- Motion made by Swem, supported by Downey to enter Closed Session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section (1)(d) and (h) to discuss matters subject to attorney client privilege, and potential lease or purchase of real property at 8:05 P.M.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XIII.A.2. Re-Enter Open Session

- Consider re-entering Open Session.
- Motion made by Swem, supported by Money to Re-Enter Open Session at 8:54 P.M.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XIII.A.3. Action

- Consider action pursuant to Closed Session discussions.
- Motion made by Swem, supported by Weedon to authorize the City Manager to take action pursuant to discussions held in closed session.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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

XIV.A. Consideration of sponsorship of Van Dyke Revue's 2023 Nicest Place in America Tour.

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Money to authorize a payment of \$750 as a 'Mic Tech Level' sponsor of the 'Nicest Place in America Tour' by 'Van Dyke Revue band.'
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

XV. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

- Norma Ferris: Would like all meetings from all boards on Channel 17. Ross Sanders Building is in progress of being cleaned. Would like to approach the school with a class for seniors on how to use electronics. What progress is being made on 3rd St.
- Patricia Robinson superintendent of Buchanan Public Schools, just wanted to say thank you and this is first commission meeting. Excited about the partnerships we will have with the City in the future.
- Monroe Lemay commented about the videos that run on the city's Facebook page commenting on how great they are.

XVI. Executive Comments

XVI.A. City Manager Comments

– We have had a lot going on in the past several weeks including election, Thrill on the Hill, and National Night Out. We are also during an audit right now so that's our biggest focus right now internally at City Hall. As we move into the election, I strongly encourage people to go out and vote. Doesn't matter who you vote for, turnout was low and would like to see a great turn out to the November election. I also wanted to applaud everyone in the community for participating with Thrill on the Hill and National Night Out, a lot of it is done by staff but it doesn't matter how much effort the staff puts into it if the community doesn't show up. But this community shows up, supports and

shows their love for the community. Once the audit is finalized, we will have a session with Krugle Lawton doing a full budget review and wrap up are yearly financials.

XVI.B. Commissioner Comments

– Money: Thanked everyone who attended and commented during the SMCAS Public Hearing. He knows it can be controversial subject that we hate to approach. But the commission has to make those decisions. Hopefully the community will be in our favor with the decision that was made tonight. Had the opportunity to go the Berrien County Youth Fair this past week, kudos to the Police Department. They had their dunk tank going and they did an outstanding job with it, with Chief and Officer Bree in the Dunk Tank.

– Downey: No Comments

– Swem: Echoing what Money said about the SMCAS decision, a lot of effort went into evaluating SMCAS. No one wants to pay more but it is necessary service, hopes that everyone respects the commission's decision. Now SMCAS knows what they need to show us in a year moving forward.

– Weedon: No Comment

XVI.C. Mayor Comments

– This Thursday Denison will be over at Lehman's having a discussion hopefully with people that show up. Manager Grace has agreed to join. It's just an informal back and forth with the public answering questions. There are a lot of people that are misinformed or uniformed on Facebook. With arguments about things that don't even exist or true or real. Meet the Mayor will be very laidback Q & A, tell your friends.

XVII. Adjourn

– Motion made by Downey, supported by Weedon to Adjourn the meeting at 9:09 P.M.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

You may view this complete [Agenda for this meeting HERE](#).

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Remembering – Issue 36

Remembering

Buchanan Losses • 08/14-09/15

On behalf of our Buchanan Community, we wish to extend special condolences to all of the United Kingdom

on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



photo from [Getty Images](#)

On 8 September 2022, Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms, the longest-living and longest-reigning British monarch, died at the age of 96 at Balmoral Castle in Scotland.

The State Funeral of Her Majesty The Queen will take place at Westminster Abbey on Monday 19th September at 1100hrs BST. Prior to the State Funeral, The Queen will Lie-in-State in Westminster Hall for four days, to allow the public to pay their respects.

Following the State Funeral, the Coffin will travel in Procession from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch. From Wellington Arch, the Coffin will travel to Windsor and once there, the State Hearse will travel in Procession to St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle via the Long Walk. A Committal Service will then take place in St George's Chapel.

Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom	96	April 21, 1926	September 8, 2022
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And those lost in our Buchanan Community:

Name	Age	Born	Died
Scott Michael Owen	50	March 7, 1972	September 15, 2022
E. Arthur " Art" Robertson	78	July 13, 1944	September 9, 2022
Andrea Elizabeth Matlock	50	March 17, 1972	September 6, 2022
Jim L. Streicher	84	September 5, 1937	September 4, 2022
Wendy Lynn (Mierlak) Cretacci	51	August 27, 1971	September 4, 2022
Nancy Craft	56	July 25, 1966	September 25, 2022
Loudean Steininger	85	August 18, 1937	August 30, 2022
Dawne L. Nelson	78	December 18, 1943	August 28, 2022
Raymond Rudy Lund	69	November 15, 1952	August 14, 2022

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

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

Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel
269-695-6881
301 W Front St
Buchanan, MI 49107
USA

Upcoming Event – Craft Supply Sale



**CRAFT SUPPLY
DESTASH SALE!**
Saturday, October 8th
10am-3pm



**Red Bud
Community
Center**
131 S Oak Street.
Buchanan MI 49107

TABLES FOR RENT \$15
**KEEP 100% OF YOUR
SALES**

**BRING A FRIEND OR
TWO!**

Shop till you drop!

Craft Supply Destash Sale flyer

Craft Supply Destash Sale!

Less than a month until the big Craft Supply Destash Sale! We have 15 sellers committed to bring new to you treasures for your craft room.

There will be everything from stamps, dies, ink pads, fabric, yarn, beads, silk flowers, leather, and ephemera. Maybe even a little glitter!

- **What:** Craft Supply Destash Sale!
- **When:** **Saturday, October 8, 2022 10am-3pm**
- **Where:** Red Bud Community Center
 - 131 S Oak St, Buchanan MI 49107
- **Details:**
 - Tables for Rent: \$15
 - Bring a friend or two!
 - Keep 100% of your sales.
 - Shop til you drop!



About Redbud City Center: The Redbud City Center, located at 131 South Oak Street, next to the

Common, is a great place to hold a small event, like a family reunion, graduation party, bridal or baby shower, a meeting or class... any event that needs a nice, clean, affordable venue with ample parking. If you are interested in more information regarding the venue, or to make a reservation, please contact [Ashley Regal](#) or [Britni Wall](#) at City of Buchanan.

cityofbuchanan.com/community/page/redbud-city-center

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131 S Oak St

Buchanan, MI 49107

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Regional Sports Highlights – September 2022



September Sports Wrap-Up

by Garrick Stubblefield, Writer

Hello all you sports fans! It's the beginning of football season and the ending of baseball. So, let's dig right into baseball. There are two people I'm watching very closely this year in general. Albert Pujols and this person in particular because not only is he retiring after 20 years in the majors, but he is currently just 3 home runs away from joining the elite 700 club of career home runs. The other is Aaron Judge who is chasing a record of the most home runs within the team he is playing. He has 55 and I believe the record he is chasing is 61 or more in a season.

Now let's talk about college football. Well, Irish fans, I can't say much other than your season is pretty much done. Don't get me wrong you surprised me against Ohio State but, when it came to Marshall you let me down especially when you were favored by 3 touchdowns. Turning to Michigan fans now, I'm happy we are 2-0 but we are still locked in at 4th in the polls and that concerns me. Averaging over 50 points a game is so far impressive. Well I will give you an update in the next issue on the playoff picture for baseball and my opinion/view on the Irish/ Michigan NFL Lions/Bears/Colts. Until then I will see you next issue.



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PUZZLER



Hello everyone that is viewing this page. I started doing puzzles for about 6-7 months in The Buchanan Chronicle. I had to take a little break due to family issues but I'm back to entertain you with my puzzles again. Just remember that all these puzzles came from my head.

By the way if you're interested in getting some books of puzzles to pass around for any occasion, feel free to give me a call any day out of the week. My number is 269-259-0547 (before 1:30pm). I'm selling my puzzle books as follows: 1 for \$1.50, 3 for \$4.00, 6 for \$7.50, 12 for \$10. A portion will go to the following 3 distributions: 40% will go to The Buchanan Chronicle, 40% will go to veterans of our local Buchanan community, and 20% to offset the supplies. I hope that you enjoy them as much as I enjoyed making them. When I have yours done then I will meet you somewhere for delivery. Just be sure to call me and leave your name and phone number.

Thank you again for enjoying the puzzles and I will try my best to continue to make them.

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING THE WORD

- 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 –
 - TRAINS
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- 5 Letter –
 - BRAND
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- 4 Letter –
 - CARD
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- 3 Letter –
 - PIE
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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 or Capital names.

- STATES:
 - This State has the name of a COUNTRY in it.
- CAPITALS:
 - This Capital equals 2000lbs.

1.

PUZZLE 3 – 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.

123

1. CHANGE THE 2 TO A 1;

2. CHANGE THE 1 TO A 2;
3. CHANGE THE 3 TO A 2;
4. THE NEW 2 DIGIT CODE IS THE TEMPERATURE OF BOILING WATER.

PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- INSTRUCTIONS:
 - Find eight (8) 4-letter words by rearranging the letters in the quote.
- Quote:
 - SORRY BUT YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS RIGHT

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2.
3.
4.

5.
6.
7.
8.

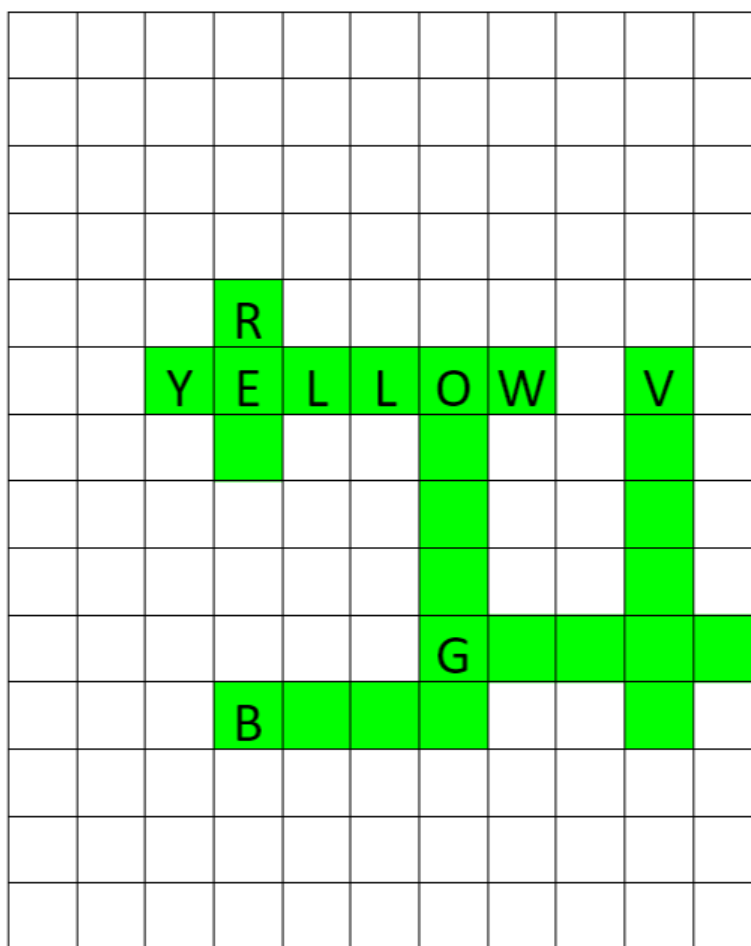
PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
 - TO THE MOON AND BACK

1. NOT THE FRONT BUT THE ____.
2. NOT THE SUN BUT THE ____.
3. A SMALL SHIP. ____
4. A BOAT OR SHIP MAY ____ UP TO THIS IN ORDER FOR IT TO NOT FLOAT AWAY.
5. THIS PERSON'S TITLE IS THIS WHEN THEY PREPARE MEALS. ____

PUZZLE 6 – BOXGRAM

- Fill the green shaded boxes to complete all the answers that go with the clue.
 - Clue: Colors of the Rainbow
 - We've given you one color to start and the beginning letters of the rest.



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