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Local Opinion – Proposal 3

Opinion on Proposal 3 Submitted by Kenneth Peterson, MAJ USA (Ret.), Buchanan MI Editor, A “yes” vote on Proposal 3 would introduce a right to women’s reproductive freedom into the...

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Upcoming Events – Trek-or-Treat and Trick-or-Treat 2022

Trek-or-Treat 2022 by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer The 17th Annual TREK-OR TREAT will be Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 12:30pm-2pm! Thanks to Friends of McCoy’s Creek Trail for putting...

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Upcoming Event – Ottawa PTO Fundraiser at Wings Etc.

Ottawa PTO “Dine to Donate” Fundraiser with Niles Wings Etc. Fundraising Event Info:

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Upcoming Event – SMOKEFALL at Tin Shop Theatre

SMOKEFALL at Tin Shop Theatre Play Review by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer The Tin Shop Theatre presented the play “Smokefall” by Noah Haidle on the opening weekend of Friday,...

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Upcoming Event – Bucktown Christmas 2022

Bucktown Christmas 2022 Join us in downtown Buchanan to kick off the Christmas season with shopping, Santa, a parade, and lights! 1-5pmDowntown ShoppingStorefront Decorating ContestSanta and ReindeerHoliday MarketEvents for Kids...

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Upcoming Event – Paws for Humanity 2nd Annual Fall Fest

Paws for Humanity 2nd Annual Fall Fest Submitted by Beth Bollenbach, Paws for Humanity Paws for Humanity invites you to join us for our second annual Fall Fest – an...

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BCS School Spotlight – Ottawa Elementary October 2022

Ottawa Kindergarten and First Graders Ventured to School Farm Write-Up and Photos Submitted by Ottawa Principal Stacy Denison Ottawa kindergarten and first graders ventured to the School Farm for some...

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Local Clubs – Megahurtz Robotics Team Fall 2022

Buchanan has a Robotics Team! by Thomas Hoyt, Writer Yes, Buchanan has a robotics team called Megahurtz! They are part of a national organization called FIRST, which according to their...

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BCS Sports Scores – Buchanan Bucks Homecoming Champions 2022

Buchanan Bucks are Homecoming Game Champions
2022 7pm on October 14, 2022 ~ Benton Harbor at
Buchanan Friday, October 14 at 7pm, Buchanan Bucks
defeated Benton Harbor Tigers 34-22 to...

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Past Event – Faith and Blue 2022

Faith and Blue Weekend 2022 by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor &
Photographer Life Action was the location to kick-off
Faith and Blue Weekend 2022, October 8 & 9. As you
arrived,...

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Past Event – One Buchanan Disability & Impairment Forum

One Buchanan Disability & Impairment Forum by
Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer Buchanan Area
Senior Center was the location for One Buchanan's
Disability & Impairment Forum on Saturday, October
18...

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Past Event – Meet and Greet with Hannah Roberts

Meet and Greet with Olympian Hannah Roberts at Roti
Roti Art Center Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor &
Photographer Wednesday, October 12 from 5:30pm –
7:30pm the public had a...

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Past Event – Buchanan Homecoming Parade 2022

Buchanan Homecoming Parade 2022 Photos by Rebecca Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

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Local Faith – LifePlan Wins Hope Award

LifePlan Wins National Hope Award Submitted by Ashley Blematl, LifePlan Communication Manager LifePlan was recently named the winner of the 2022 Hope Award. The Hope Award is awarded by World...

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Community Press Release – HCU Shred Day 2022

Honor Credit Union Announces 2022 Shred Day Results Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator Berrien Springs, MI – October 13, 2022 Honor Credit Union hosted ten free community shred...

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Community Press Release – Niles-Buchanan Road One Lane Closure

BCRD : Morris Drive Closed to Thru Traffic and Niles-Buchanan Road One Lane Closure Berrien County, MI – October 21, 2022 Link to BCRD Alert [HERE](#)

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Community Press Release – Walton Road Bridge Closure Continues

BCRD : Walton Road Bridge Closure Continues Berrien County, MI – October 21, 2022 BRIDGE WILL REOPEN AFTER WORK IS COMPLETED [Link to BCRD Alert HERE](#)

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Community Press Release – DAR National Day of Service 2022

DAR National Day of Service October 04 2022 Three Oaks, MI – October 04, 2022 NATIONAL Day of Service met the Rebecca Dewey Chapter on Tuesday, October 11th with the...

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Community Press Release – Home Comfort Experts New Niles Location

Home Comfort Experts Enhances Premium Local Service with New Niles Location Submitted by Savana Morie New location ensures the top area provider of HVAC and plumbing services delivers quality and...

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Community Press Release – Red Bud Trail Construction Notice

BCRD : Red Bud Trail Construction Notice Berrien County, MI – October 11, 2022 [Link to BCRD Alert HERE](#)

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Regional Sports Highlights – Issue 38

Issue 38 Sports Wrap-Up by Garrick Stubblefield, Writer

Well baseball fans, the season is over and we are heading into the playoffs. We were able to see two records broken...

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Puzzler Page – Issue 38

by Garrick Stubblefield 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...

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A Note from the Editor – Issue 38

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor October, where has the time gone? I have been chatting with friends and family saying how it seems like the months of May and October are...

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Now That's Funny! – Issue 38

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer Not too long ago, my wife and I wanted to go have dinner somewhere we've never been before. My wife suggests we go to New Buffalo...

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • September 19 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...

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City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • September 12 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...

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Remembering – Issue 38

Buchanan Losses • 10/05-10/19 Name Age Born Died
George R. Carrier 85 October 25, 1936 October 19, 2022
James Maurice Booker Biggs 32 December 26, 1989
October 18, 2022 Gordon...

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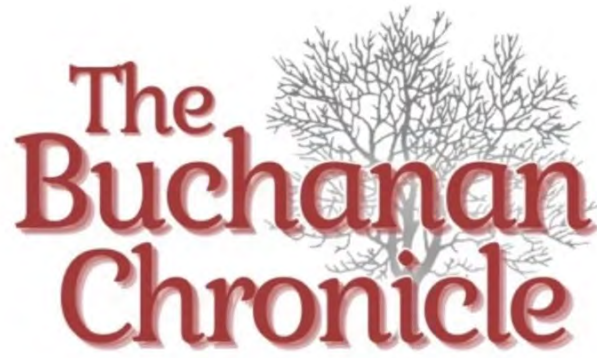
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** NOTE: The information below is from an example ballot representing: State of Michigan, Berrien County, City of Buchanan, Precinct 1. As this is just an example, your ballot may look different on November 08, 2022. CLICK HERE to check what to expect on YOUR specific ballot at the State of Michigan Election Website.*

According to the State of Michigan, the following are the Candidates that you can expect to see on your November 08, 2022 ballot:

~ State of Michigan : Partisan Section ~

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State – Governor & Lieutenant Governor

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Gretchen Whitmer & Garlin D. Gilchrist II ~ Democratic
- Tudor M. Dixon & Shane Hernandez ~ Republican
- Mary Buzuma & Brian Ellison ~ Libertarian
- Donna Brandenburg & Mellissa Carone ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Kevin Hogan & Destiny Clayton ~ Green
- Daryl M. Simpson & Doug Dern ~ Natural Law

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State – Secretary of State

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Jocelyn Benson ~ Democratic
- Kristina Elaine Karamo ~ Republican
- Gregory Scott Stempfle ~ Libertarian
- Christine C. Schwartz ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Larry James Hutchinson Jr. ~ Green

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State – Attorney General

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Dana Nessel ~ Democratic
- Matthew DePerno ~ Republican
- Joseph W. McHugh Jr. ~ Libertarian
- Gerald T. Van Sickle ~ U.S. Taxpayers

Congressional – Representative in Congress (5th District)

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Bart Goldberg ~ Democratic
- Tim Walberg ~ Republican
- Norman M. Peterson ~ Libertarian
- Ezra Scott ~ U.S. Taxpayers

Legislative – State Senator (17th District)

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Scott Rex Starr ~ Democratic
- Jonathan Lindsey ~ Republican

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Legislative – Representative in State Legislature (37th District)

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Naomi Ludman ~ Democratic
- Brad Paquette ~ Republican

State Boards – Member of the State Board of Education

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Pamela Pugh ~ Democratic
- Mitchell Robinson ~ Democratic
- Tamara D. Carlone ~ Republican
- Linda Lee Tarver ~ Republican
- Donna Gundle-Krieg ~ Libertarian

- Bill Hall ~ Libertarian
- Ethan Hobson ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Mary Anne Hering ~ Working Class

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State Boards – Regent of the University of Michigan

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Mike Behm ~ Democratic
- Kathy White ~ Democratic
- Lena Epstein ~ Republican
- Sevag Vartanian ~ Republican
- Eric Larson ~ Libertarian
- Joe Sanger ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Sherry A. Wells ~ Green
- Kathleen Oakford ~ Natural Law

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State Boards – Trustee of Michigan State University

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Dennis Denno ~ Democratic
- Renee Knake Jefferson ~ Democratic
- Mike Balow ~ Republican
- Travis Menge ~ Republican
- Claranna Gelineau ~ Libertarian
- Max Riekse ~ Libertarian
- Robin Lea Laurain ~ Green

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State Boards – Governor of Wayne State University

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Danielle Atkinson ~ Democratic
- Marilyn Kelly ~ Democratic
- Christa Murphy ~ Republican
- Craig Wilsher ~ Republican
- Bruce Jaquays ~ Libertarian
- Marc Joseph Sosnowski ~ U.S. Taxpayers
- Susan Odgers ~ Green

County – County Commissioner (10th District)

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Mac Elliott ~ Republican

~ State of Michigan : Nonpartisan Section ~

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Judicial – Justice of Supreme Court

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Richard Bernstein, *Justice of Supreme Court*
- Kyra Harris Bolden
- Paul Hudson
- Kerry Lee Morgan
- Brian Zahra, *Justice of Supreme Court*

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Judicial – Judge of Court of Appeals (Court of Appeals District 3)

Incumbent Position – 6yr Term

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- James Robert Redford, *Judge of Court of Appeals*

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Judicial – Judge of Court of Appeals (Court of Appeals District 3)

Incumbent Position – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2025

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Christopher Yates, *Judge of Court of Appeals*

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Judicial – Judge of Court of Appeals (Court of Appeals District 3)

Non-Incumbent Position – 6yr Term

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Kathleen A. Feeney
- Raymond P. Voet

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Judicial – Judge of Circuit Court (2nd Circuit Court)

Incumbent Position

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Donna Bacolor Howard, *Judge of Circuit Court*
- Charles LaSata, *Judge of Circuit Court*

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Judicial – Judge of District Court (5th District Court)

Incumbent Position – 6yr Term

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Gary J. Bruce, *Judge of District Court*

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Judicial – Judge of District Court (5th District Court)

Non-Incumbent Position – 6yr Term

(You will “Vote for not more than 1”)

- Paul Steven Jancha

Community College – Community College Board of Trustees Member

Lake Michigan College

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Brian Dissette
- John W. Grover

City – Council Member at Large

City Commission – City of Buchanan

(You will “Vote for not more than 3”)

- Sean Denison
- Anthony Houser
- Monroe S. Lemay
- Daniel R. Vigansky
- Mark W. Weedon

Local School District – Local School District Board Member

Buchanan Community Schools

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

- Jennie Brackett
- Harvey J. Burnett
- Mary Macigewski
- Tra’sha Myers
- Donald F. Ryman

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Make a Voting Plan TODAY

Voting Details from [City of Buchanan – Election Information website](#):

- **How do I register to vote?**
 - **Register Online by clicking here.** Save time and register from home or work.
 - You may register to vote at your local Secretary of State Office (License Branch), your City, Township or Village Clerk's Office, or at the County Clerk's office,
 - **Email the City Clerk with your questions**
 - **Click here for Voter Registration Form**
 - **Check out this video about registering to vote in Michigan!**
- **Can I register to vote online?**
 - Yes! As of December 3, 2019 you can register to vote by clicking this link.
- **How can I be an Election Inspector?**
 - If you are interested in working an election, **contact the Clerk's Office** for an application **or download an Election Inspector Application** and submit it to the Clerk's office at 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan Michigan 49107
- **How can I get an absentee ballot?**
 - **Contact the Clerk**
- **How do I qualify for an Absent Voter Ballot?**
 - Anyone can receive an absentee ballot. No reason needed.
 - You can fill out an **application for an Absentee Ballot here.**
- **How do I verify my registration information and view my ballot?**
 - To view your registration information and view your ballot, you can go to the **Secretary of State Website** and fill in the proper information.
- **I've moved, where do I vote?**
 - If you've recently moved, you must be sure to fill out a registration form for your new precinct, or when you change your address at the Secretary of State's Office your information will automatically be updated.
 - You will receive a new voter registration identification card by mail.
 - If you have moved within the City, you can simply call the City Clerk with your address change information and your file will be updated.
- **What are the requirements to vote?**
 - You must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Michigan
 - Must be at least a 30 day resident of the city by election day
 - You must be 18 years of age by Election Day
- **What time are the polls open?**

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- **Where do I vote?**
 - The City of Buchanan has two (2) Precincts:
 - Precinct #1 is at City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail
 - Precinct #2 is at the Redbud City Center, 131 S. Oak Street
 - If you are not sure which precinct is yours, you can look on your voter identification card or call the city clerk.



2020 Reader's Digest Nicest City in America – Buchanan, MI!

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

www.cityofbuchanan.com

- Typical Hours at City Hall:
 - Monday – Thursday : 9am-4pm
 - Friday : 9am-1pm

Phone: 269-695-384; Fax: 269-695-4330

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302 N Redbud Tr

Buchanan, MI 49107

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~ State of Michigan : Proposals ~

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Proposal 22-1 : A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Require Annual Public Financial Disclosure Reports By Legislators And Other State Officers And Change State Legislator Term Limit To 12 Total Years In Legislature

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations.
- Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.
- Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.

Should this proposal be adopted? ~ YES or NO

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Proposal 22-2 : A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Add Provisions Regarding Elections

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
- Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day;
- Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
- Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections;

- Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
- Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits;
- Require nine days of early in-person voting;
- Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed;
- Require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

Should this proposal be adopted? ~ YES or NO

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Proposal 22-3 : A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Establish New Individual Right To Reproductive Freedom, Including Right To Make All Decisions About Pregnancy And Abortion; Allow State To Regulate Abortion In Some Cases; And Forbid Prosecution Of Individuals Exercising Established Right

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;
- Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;
- Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;
- Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.

Should this proposal be adopted? ~ YES or NO

~ Berrien County : Proposals ~

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BERRIEN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the County of Berrien repeal the existing Public Safety Millage that will expire with the December 1, 2024 tax levy and replace it with a new annual Public Safety Millage, which will be increased by up to 0.45 Mills (\$0.45 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all taxable property within the County for a period of five (5) years beginning with the December 1, 2022 tax levy (to expire after December 1, 2026 tax levy) to provide funds to pay the operating and capital improvement costs of providing Public Safety services within the County? If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$3,992,955 in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. ~ YES or NO

~ Buchanan Community School District : Proposals ~

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BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Buchanan Community Schools, Berrien County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Four Million Nine Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$34,970,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

- erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to Moccasin Elementary School;
- remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings;
- acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings;
- erecting, furnishing, and equipping a bus garage;
- and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping athletic fields, athletic facilities, playgrounds, and sites? ~ YES or NO

The following is for informational purposes only:

- The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2023, under current law, is 3.50 mills (\$3.50

on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-eight (28) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.43 mills (\$3.43 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

– The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$11,755,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

– (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)



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ELECTIONS 2022 – Get to Know Your Buchanan Candidates



VOTE ~ VOTE ~ VOTE

* The Buchanan Chronicle DOES NOT take any political positions nor does it support any particular candidate. We strive to present each candidate fairly and evenly, so as to facilitate informed voting for all. *

* The Buchanan Chronicle DOES deeply encourage every eligible voter to cast their vote this year on Election Day: Tuesday, November 08, 2022. *

~ No matter your opinion, it is important we all participate in the election process, this way it can most accurately reflect our community and our collective opinions, whatever they may be. ~

~ Buchanan City Commission ~

Candidates for "Council Member at Large"

(You will "Vote for not more than 3")

Sean Denison – Anthony Houser – Monroe S. Lemay – Daniel R. Vigansky – Mark W. Weedon

(Look for additional Candidate Profiles in our next issue)

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Sean Denison

Originally from Pennsylvania, I moved to the Midwest in 1995 after graduating from college with a degree in Political Science. I currently reside in Buchanan with my wife Stacey, who is the Principal at Ottawa Elementary and my daughter Sydney who attends Buchanan High School.



I am the Director of Regional Services at North American Signs in South Bend, where I am responsible for the daily operations of the company throughout the Michiana area. Up until 2021, I was also the owner of Timberline Rack; a company I founded in 2007 that designed and installed lumber storage equipment to retail lumberyards throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

I am running for the position of City Commissioner for two reasons. First, I believe my professional experience in business management – balancing budgets, cutting costs, and attracting clients and customers – would be beneficial not only to the commission but to the community as a whole. Secondly, as a tax payer living in the City of Buchanan, I would like to ensure that our tax dollars are being spent in a way that is both responsible and effective.

Over the last four years, I have served as City Commissioner and Mayor. I have been an active member of the Planning Commission, The Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Buchanan Area Recreation Board.

The next few years will be challenging ones for our community. Infrastructure projects will disrupt our downtown. Decisions on the future of city owned properties will need to be addressed. Economic development opportunities will continue to be a top priority, and will require intelligent, thorough consideration. If elected, it is my hope to continue to bring a businesslike approach to the City Commission. To offer logical, respectful discussion on difficult topics and develop common sense plans to address them. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the last four years, and would appreciate your vote on November 8th. Thank you.

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Tony Houser

Anthony "Tony" Houser is the Executive Chef, and partner of River St. Joe Brewery at Flatwater Farms. He graduated at the top of his class from the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts with a Dual Associates Degree in Culinary Arts and Operations. Tony is a lifetime Region resident with a drive for small town politics. He is currently the President of the Main Street Project in Buchanan. He is a Co-Founder of a not for profit designated to help improve parks and recreation in our community.

As a city Commissioner Tony will continue to help move his community in the same forward trajectory. Buchanan is making a comeback, and this is due to the hard work already put in. We need to keep that momentum going. This will ensure that our kids have a great community to grow their future families. I will help to continue the economic redevelopment while keeping the Historical integrity that this city was built on.

As I am only one voice, I will be the voice of the 4200 plus citizens of the City of Buchanan. Every decision made will keep every citizen in mind, using the peoples voice. There are so many infrastructure plans in the works, and they are necessary. However, if we are to go into them wisely, we can make the best financial decisions as well as plan. A plan that is the least impactful on the day to day while the projects are being done.

At the same time, we need to be looking into getting help for the private citizens to offset the cost of making necessary upgrades to their homes. Revitalizing our residential areas are just as important as redoing our downtown. Federally funded owner-occupied rehab grant programs are one of the ways to help here. These programs help raise property value while bringing our tax dollars back to our community.

Even when I disagree, my tone and attitude will be one of respect for my fellow commissioners and the citizens of Buchanan. I feel Buchanan is on the right track, all we need to do is keep moving forward. We will do it with kindness and respect for our fellow community member. If you have any questions, you would like me to touch further, please feel free to reach out at VoteTonyHouser@gmail.com.

Also check out and like my Facebook Tony Houser for Buchanan City Commission @VoteTony Houser



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Monroe Lemay

As a Buchanan resident, I have always been interested in community advocacy. Every job I have held in Buchanan has always been in the capacity of service to others. From my work at the funeral home to restaurant work, the chamber of commerce, the art center, the senior center, and most recently as a full-time caregiver for a parent with Alzheimer's. All these settings, which involved leadership positions, lead me to volunteer in several of our local organizations and gave me the exposure and experience that one needs to be proficient in the position of commissioner. In each organization I have served, Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity were always at the forefront of my application and philosophy. As a city commissioner, I plan to apply and invoke these three words into action throughout my leadership, starting with my decision to run this November.



I believe all our constituents and citizens should be represented and served equally, however, currently that is not the case. The female population in the city of Buchanan is 54% according to the latest census data, yet our women have no representation on the city commission. Currently, we have five fine gentlemen overseeing our city, none of whom have been advocates for women's needs. At city hall alone, there are eight female employees, our police department has five female employees. Our city is run by a very smart, compassionate, and capable woman. Most of our community volunteers are women, they all deserve adequate and fair representation, which I plan to provide. I understand our diverse perspectives and feel that I can effectively serve our richly diverse community through empathy and understanding.

I have never been quiet about my passion for the elderly, children, minorities, teens, the LGBTQ+, and those in our community who have not had a voice strong enough or loud enough to fight for themselves. I will advocate and be their voice and I will push back and fight for these individuals when needed as I have many times in the past in the most humanitarian way possible.

My name is Monroe Lemay and I am running for city commission, I ask that you trust me to serve you as your next city commissioner.

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Dan Vigansky

Dan Vigansky here. We're two years into a new Commission and Buchanan is still a mess. I'm running to try to bring fiscal responsibility, City accountability, and economic development. I've been a Commissioner and I know how the City works and doesn't work.



Fiscal Responsibility: Buchanan received around \$1.7 million in ARP — American Recovery Plan funding. We should be using this on infrastructure funding. Instead we've been spending around \$9700 a month on legal fees, \$87,190 since the beginning of this year. Worse is spending \$28,000 a month on accounting services, or \$252,774 this year so far. We're about to approve a \$5 million bond issue for a new Department of Public Works building with no building plan in place. We're paying \$5000 a month rent because the City Commission has yet to adopt a plan. And another bond around \$24 million to replace the collapsing Front Street water system. Taxpayer's will be paying this off for the next 30 years.

City Accountability: Four years ago we had a referendum on doing a City Hall housecleaning. We're in the second year of cleaning up an accounting nightmare which was allowed to go on under the watch of the current City Commission. It's taken almost two years and we're still paying outrageous amounts to the accountants who messed everything up. This has gotta change.

Economic Development: Buchanan lacks small scale factory space for new businesses and start-ups. We have the Feed Mill and River Street properties that need to be developed into light industrial, warehousing, and distribution use. We need focused promotion and business recruitment. We need a budget and a plan. We need to stop producing feel good videos that reach a small number of viewers. Why can't the City of Buchanan figure out how to market itself? and to whom? Throwing money in the air and hoping it sticks does nothing for Buchanan.

These three areas are why I'm running for Commissioner. I can be reached at 269 362-0799 if anyone wants to talk. And please, Vote for Dan Vigansky!

~ Buchanan Community Schools – Board of Education ~

Candidates for “Local School District Board Member”

(You will “Vote for not more than 2”)

Jennie Brackett – Harvey J. Burnett – Mary Macigewski – Tra’sha Myers – Donald F. Ryman

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Jennie Brackett

Jennie is a Buchanan graduate, class of 1996. After graduating from Grand Valley State University and marrying her high-school sweetheart –Phil Brackett, also a Buchanan graduate– she eventually settled back in town, wanting all three of her children to graduate from the Buchanan school system. The family has been in their home near downtown Buchanan for 13 years. Jennie has served in leadership roles in different volunteer organizations in every school building in the school district. She served on the PTM at Moccasin, the PTO at Ottawa, the PAK at the Middle School, and is currently serving as the Band Booster President, previously serving the Band Boosters as the Volunteer Coordinator. During that same period of time, Jennie has involved herself in the community at her church, in Girl Scouts, and in the Buchanan College Club, as well as in organizations serving the larger community, including the Berrien County Youth Fair. Jennie has also served on school bond committees, fundraising committees, and has chaperoned more field trips than can be counted!



Jennie is employed at the University of Notre Dame in the Office of the Registrar where she has worked for over 20 years. Much of her job involves detailed policy reading and implementation, and Jennie enjoys pouring over details, organizing, and working on ways to better the University. Jennie also has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, so she has a lot of experience in education and leadership. Recently, Jennie completed a stint as the President of the Indiana Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Jennie would like to serve on the School Board to help shape the district to best serve all the students in the community. She feels it is important to make sure all students are given opportunities to succeed and pursue their best selves, whatever their goals. Jennie likes to hear community feedback and to try to find solutions to make our district even better. It is important to Jennie that we keep a positive perspective, making forward progress for our students and our community.

The best way to reach me is via email:

jennie.brackett@gmail.com My social media site (Facebook) is:
<https://www.facebook.com/Brackett4SchoolBoard>

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Harvey J Burnett, Jr.

Harvey J. Burnett, Jr. is currently the Board President for Buchanan Community Schools and has served on the board for over 22 years. He remains committed to ensuring that children who attend Buchanan Community Schools will continue to receive a high quality education, as have other opportunities to participate in other school activities (i.e., sports, various clubs, etc.).

One of his major focuses is the passing of the upcoming bond in order to provided needed building improvements at the high school and Moccasin Elementary. The passage of the bond will play a critical role in improving the education environment for Buchanan students in the pursuit of academic excellence in a global society.



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Local Opinion – Proposal 3



Opinion on Proposal 3

Submitted by Kenneth Peterson, MAJ USA (Ret.), Buchanan MI

Editor,

A “yes” vote on Proposal 3 would introduce a right to women’s reproductive freedom into the Michigan Constitution, invalidating a 1931 male driven abortion ban.

Enforcing the 1931 Michigan ban on abortions would deny Michigan women appropriate, safe, and constitutionally protected medical care, and would endanger the health and lives of people seeking to exercise their constitutional rights. The 1931 ban would also make abortions a felony punishable by up to four years in prison.

In response to misleading criticisms of Proposal 3, I want to offer some clarifications:

1. Proposal 3 would not effectively nullify any other state laws on abortion – unless prosecutors deem those laws unenforceable or a judge indicates they are unconstitutional!
2. Proposal 3 allows elected officials to prohibit or otherwise regulate abortion after a fetus reaches “viability,” which is generally considered around 23 to 24 weeks into a pregnancy.
3. Proposal 3 leaves in place the parental consent requirement for teenagers to seek an abortion!
4. Proposal 3 prohibits the state from penalizing or prosecuting an individual based on “actual, potential, perceived or alleged pregnancy outcomes,” including abortion, miscarriages, and stillbirths.

Let’s stop using scare tactics regarding Proposal 3. And no, dentists and masseuses won’t be authorized to give abortions to minors (or adults).

Women should have Reproductive Rights over their own bodies to include prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, miscarriage management and infertility care.

Please take the time to review the facts regarding this proposal which supports women’s rights. Vote “Yes” on Proposal 3.

~ Ken Peterson, MAJ USA (Ret.), Buchanan

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.

Upcoming Events – Trek-or-Treat and Trick-or-Treat 2022



Trek-or-Treat 2022 graphic

Trek-or-Treat 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

The 17th Annual TREK-OR TREAT will be Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 12:30pm-2pm! Thanks to Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail for putting on this Halloween tradition. 🍬 🎃

Join us in the E.B. Clark woods at the McCoy Creek Trail for some fun daytime trick or treating with costumed characters and plenty of candy! Trek-or-Treat is perfect for kids of all ages.

Trek-or-Treat is funded by donations and always needs candy! Unopened candy donations can be made at Buchanan City Hall, River St. Joe, Redbud Insurance, Buchanan Senior Center and Redbud Fitness.

Event Info:

- *Who:* Friends of McCoy's Creek
- *What:* Trek-or-Treat 2022
- *When:* **Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 12:30-2pm**
- *Where:*
 - E.B. Clark Woods Trailhead of McCoy Creek Trail
 - 209 Schirmer Pkwy, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Candy Donation Details:*
 - Please support McCoy's Creek Trail with their annual Trek-or-Treat by donating candy!!
 - Candy Donation drop-off locations are: City Hall, River St. Joe, Redbud Insurance, Senior Center, and Redbud Fitness!
 - Candy donations will be picked up on October 28th at Noon!



Trek-or-Treat 2022 Candy Donations flyer



Trick-or-Treat 2022 graphic

Buchanan Trick-or-Treat 2022

👻 Trick or Treating is Monday, October 31st from 6-8pm. The police department will be checking candy as well at the fire station.

Event Info:

- *Who:* City of Buchanan Residents
- *What:* [Trick-or-Treat 2022](#)
- *When:* **Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6-8pm**
- *Where:* throughout the City of Buchanan, visit participating houses and businesses in costume.



About Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail: The Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail was established by Resolution of the City of Buchanan in April 2004 as a subcommittee of the Buchanan Area Recreation Board. Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail have gathered in unity to develop and pursue a trail through the City of Buchanan. They have developed pathways through E. B. Clark Woods on the south side of McCoy Creek and have continued the trail to downtown Buchanan along the Creek. They host events such as a 5k Extreme held in August and Trek-or-Treat for Halloween. Public can walk, run or just enjoy a stroll through the woods.

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Ottawa PTO Fundraiser with Niles Wings Etc. flyer

Ottawa PTO “Dine to Donate” Fundraiser with Niles Wings Etc.

Fundraising Event Info:

- *Who:* Ottawa Elementary School PTO
- *What:* Dine to Donate Fundraiser
- *When:* **Tuesday, October 25, 2022 from 11am-10pm**
- *Where:* Wings Etc. Niles – 2008 South 11st St, Niles MI 49120
- *Details:*
 - Wings Etc. Niles is donating 20% of all pre-tax food and soft drink dine-in or carryout sales on Tuesday, October 25th, to Ottawa PTO!
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About Ottawa PTO: Ottawa Elementary PTO brings together parents, teachers, and staff to support programs and events throughout the school year. Come to a meeting: all meetings are held at 6:30pm at Ottawa Elementary School, Childcare provided! Volunteers are needed for events, and donations are always welcome, be it supplies, resources, or your time!

President: Jordan Haynes

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Upcoming Event – SMOKEFALL at Tin Shop Theatre

SMOKEFALL

By Noah Haidle

Directed By:
David Ferrell & Jeff Starkey

PERFORMANCES

October 14th -15th at 7:30 pm
 October 21st -22nd at 7:30pm
 October 16th and 23rd at 4pm

The TinShop Theatre
 108 Roe Street
 Buchanan, MI 49107

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SMOKEFALL at Tin Shop Theatre

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Play Review by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

The Tin Shop Theatre presented the play "Smokefall" by Noah Haidle on the opening weekend of Friday, October 14-16 and also this weekend, Friday, October 21 – 23, 2022. Remaining showtimes for this weekend are: Saturday, October 22 7:30pm and Sunday, October 23 4:00pm. Tickets are available at the door or on the Tin Shop Theatre website [here](#).

My husband, Tom and I got the chance to sit in on a dress rehearsal to do a Facebook LIVE video on The Buchanan Chronicle Facebook page with director, David Ferrell and also for this review. "Smokefall" is about 2-hours with a 15-minute intermission and is rated PG-13 with three acts.



The stage is set within an older home of the living room, kitchen and some stairs to the bedrooms. There is a narrator, Lenore who is the late wife of Dad/Grandpa also known as Colonel who stands to the side of the stage telling about how each person is in the family. From the Dad/Grandpa having memory loss, to Violet the daughter/ pregnant wife who always has a smile on her face and looks to the beauty and love of things and others, to Beauty the daughter of Violet and Daniel who barely speaks a word but in later years does speak. The birth story of Violet's baby boy twins of how they perceive the world outside the womb and how one of them grows up in life and goes back to see Dad and meets his Aunt Beauty. The play goes back and forth with the past and future. If you liked the TV show, "This is Us," you will like this play.

You may shed a tear or two, but the acting is great. I asked the cast what is one thing that you liked about this play and this is what some of them had to say:

Josh Dolezal – it was a confusing experience before death and relationships formed.

Johnny (the character) – it's a story about life and overcoming, family means something with love and coming together.

Kelly Carlin (Violet) – to have enough courage to love, hang out and all the good stuff.

Lenore (the character) – the connectivity between the past and current.

The weather is going to be good today and tomorrow, so come on down and enjoy the show!

Current Event Details:

- *Who:* Tin Shop Theatre
- *What:* SMOKEFALL
- *When:* **October 21 – 22 at 7:30pm; & 23 at 4pm**
- *Where:* Tin Shop Theatre – 108 Roe St, Buchanan
- *Details:*
 - Tickets can be purchased online at www.tinshoptheatre.org or at the door
 - \$12 Adults and \$10 Seniors/Students.

Summary Submitted by David Ferrell, Buchanan Area Fine Arts Council Vice President & The Tin Shop Theatre Director

Magical realism collides with manic vaudeville in a family drama unlike any you have ever seen. Fetuses swap philosophy while awaiting their birth, a daughter eats dirt and does not speak, a father is about to drive away and never return, and there is an apple tree growing through the walls of the house.

Whipping from astonishing tenderness to profound humor and back again, *SMOKEFALL* by Noah Haidle, explores the lives of a family in a lyrical treatise on the fragility of life and the power of love.

The ensemble includes Derek Bacon, Kelly Carlin, Josh Dolezal, Casey Dyczko, David Ferrell, Peggy Harrington, William Klein, and Jeff Starkey. The production opens Friday, October 14 and runs for two weekends (October 14-16 and 21-23) at the Tin Shop Theatre, located at 108 Roe Street Buchanan, Michigan 49107. Tickets can be purchased online at www.tinshoptheatre.org or at the door \$12 Adults, and \$10 Seniors/Students.



SMOKEFALL

By Noah Haidle

Directed By:
David Ferrell & Jeff Starkey

PERFORMANCES

October 14th -15th at 7:30 pm
October 21st -22nd at 7:30pm
October 16th and 23rd at 4pm

The TinShop Theatre
108 Roe Street
Buchanan, MI 49107

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About Tin Shop Theatre: In 1982 the Fine Arts Council began the task of turning the Tin Shop building into a fine arts center. It wasn't until the summer of 1984 that any shows were performed in the Tin Shop Theatre. We have staged over 100 productions. This is our 40th year of producing shows!

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Upcoming Event – Bucktown Christmas 2022



Buchanan Common Stage Christmas 2021, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Bucktown Christmas 2022

Join us in downtown Buchanan to kick off the Christmas season with shopping, Santa, a parade, and lights!

1-5pm

Downtown Shopping

Storefront Decorating Contest

Santa and Reindeer

Holiday Market

Events for Kids at the Library

Make-and-Take Crafts at the Art Center

3:30-5:30pm

First Annual Downtown Cookie Walk

5:30pm

Christmas Parade on Front Street

6pm

Holiday Lighting Ceremony at The Common and Pictures with Santa

For more info (updates added frequently), visit buchananareachamber.com/events/bucktown-

christmas.

*Opportunities for local businesses to sponsor

*Link to sign up your business for the Storefront Decorating Contest: <https://forms.gle/6PRcwq5Yw3jzDsJH8>

Upcoming Event Info:

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Buchanan
- *What:* Bucktown Christmas 2022
- *When:* **Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 1-7pm**
- *Where:* Downtown Buchanan, MI and Buchanan Common



About Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce: Since 1960, the Chamber has promoted a spirit of community in order to enhance the growth, prosperity, and quality of life in the Buchanan area. Life truly is better here!

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

www.cityofbuchanan.com

- Typical Hours at City Hall:
 - Monday – Thursday : 9am-4pm
 - Friday : 9am-1pm

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Upcoming Event – Paws for Humanity 2nd Annual Fall Fest



PAWS FOR HUMANITY

FALL FEST SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2022

14671 THREE OAKS RD
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12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

FOOD, COFFE AND
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Paws for Humanity 2nd Annual Fall Fest flyer

Paws for Humanity 2nd Annual Fall Fest

Submitted by Beth Bollenbach, Paws for Humanity

- *Who:* Paws for Humanity
- *What:* 2nd Annual Fall Fest
- *When:* **Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 12-4pm**
- *Where:* Paws for Humanity
 - 14671 Three Oaks Rd, Three Oaks, MI 49128
- *Details:*
 - Tours of the Sanctuary and a chance to meet the animals
 - Hayrides
 - Games
 - Crafts including pumpkin painting
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Pizza and baked goods from area restaurants and bakeries

- Coffee and cider
- Doggie costume contest at 3p

Paws for Humanity invites you to join us for our second annual Fall Fest – an afternoon of fun including Tours of the Sanctuary and a chance to meet the animals; Hayrides; Games; Crafts including pumpkin painting; a scavenger hunt; pizza and baked goods from area restaurants and bakeries; coffee and cider; and a doggie costume contest at 3pm!

Admission is \$5 for the afternoon, kids 5 and under free.

Because of the variety of activities, all dogs must be on leash and comfortable in social settings. Dogs are not allowed on the tour of the sanctuary, please plan accordingly.

This is a fundraising event for the general care of our sanctuary animals. We are currently home to 9 Alpacas (5 additions this year) a Quarter horse, 3 miniature Donkeys, 6 goats, ducks, chickens, cats, and 3 Great Pyrenees dogs being socialized to be our Sanctuary Guardians (brought to us in August of this year).



About Paws for Humanity: Paws for Humanity is an animal sanctuary that provides animal assisted therapy, support, and education on site and in community settings.

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BCS School Spotlight – Ottawa Elementary October 2022



Ottawa Kindergarten and First Graders Ventured to School Farm



Ottawa Students at Buchanan School Farm, Photo submitted by Ottawa Principal Stacy Denison

Write-Up and Photos Submitted by Ottawa Principal Stacy Denison

Ottawa kindergarten and first graders ventured to the School Farm for some great beginning of the year field trips. First graders learned about recycling. Each class created their own mini landfill, in which they made predictions about what will happen to their 'trash' when they return in the spring. Kindergarteners experienced an informative hayride about the crops, visited various animals, and chose a pumpkin to take home from the patch. We are so lucky as a community and school system to have the School Farm as a resource and a place for outdoor educational opportunities right in our backyard! Thank you Jane Mitchell and Jessica Lewis for making these experiences amazing for our students!





About Ottawa Elementary School: Ottawa Elementary School is an Early Childhood Center. Our Mission: Nurturing hearts, Developing minds, Inspiring dreams. Our Vision: Growing Little BUCKS – Be responsible, Understand and use learning, Creative thinkers and problem solvers, Kind to others, Self-reliant.

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Local Clubs – Megahurtz Robotics Team Fall 2022



Buchanan has a Robotics Team!

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

Yes, Buchanan has a robotics team called Megahurtz! They are part of a national organization called FIRST, which according to their website “is the world’s leading youth-serving nonprofit advancing STEM education”. The team’s number is 5056. Megahurtz works to design, build, test, and compete with their robot at FIRST competitions.



Megahurtz Team 5056 in the Homecoming Parade 2022, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

I volunteer to serve the team as a mentor to these students. As a mentor, I am excited to watch these kids brainstorm and work together to build their robot for competition. Last year the team competed at a district event held in St. Joseph, MI, where they placed 2nd! This was a major achievement for the team and I am excited to see what will be accomplished in the coming year.

I had the chance to talk with a couple of the team members and here is what they have to say. Elliot Johnson is a part of the team and is now enjoying his second year. Elliot tells me, "It's a really great place for nerdy people." The best part about being with the team, according to Cali Layne, is "working as a team". She also tells me that the competitions are both "exciting and terrifying"!



Megahurtz Team 5056 at BCS Plow Day 2022, Photo by Thomas Hoyt

During the off season, the team spends time with other projects. Currently the team is working to take an old go kart and rebuild it to be powered by electric motors and basically function much like a robot. The ideas the team has submitted include powering each wheel with an electric motor, operating the go kart either while sitting in it or remotely, and even give it some automation!

So if you consider yourself a nerd or geek and have the passion for math, computer programming, engineering and design, fabrication and building, and overall robotics, then come join Megahurtz today!



Inside MegaHurtz new space, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



About MegaHurtz Robotics: Formed in 2013, the Tech Club helped to raise interest in starting a robotics team at Buchanan High School. The cost of starting a team is substantial, however the State of Michigan had made available a huge grant to new teams. This grant combined with a FIRST Rookie grant provided us with the funds needed to get off the ground. While we didn't make it to the state championships our first year, we did win the Rookie Inspiration Award highlighting our team as an inspiration to other start-up teams what is possible with a dedicated group of students and mentors.

Team Lead: Philip Place, with Buchanan High School

www.megahurtzrobotics.org

NEW Location Coming Soon:

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BCS Sports Scores – Buchanan Bucks Homecoming Champions 2022



Buchanan Athletics CHAMPIONS graphic

Buchanan Bucks are Homecoming Game Champions 2022

7pm on October 14, 2022 ~ Benton Harbor at Buchanan



Buchanan Athletics GAMEDAY graphic

Friday, October 14 at 7pm, Buchanan Bucks defeated Benton Harbor Tigers 34-22 to win the inaugural Lakeland Conference championship 2022.

Team	1	2	3	4	T
Benton Harbor Tigers	8	0	6	8	22
Buchanan Bucks	14	8	6	6	34

Game Final Score

Team	Quarter	Time	Scoring Play	BEN	BUC
Benton Harbor	1	12:00	1 runs for 7 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion pass by #1 to #1 is good.)	8	0
Buchanan	1	12:00	13 Connor LeGault runs for 3 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion pass by #13 Connor LeGault to Team is no good.)	8	6
Buchanan	1	12:00	#13 Connor LeGault pass complete to #5 Jaxon Seddon for 15 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion pass by #42 Jack Ruth to #13 Connor LeGault is good.)	8	14
Buchanan	2	12:00	13 Connor LeGault runs for 4 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion pass by #13 Connor LeGault to #5 Jaxon Seddon is good.)	8	22
Buchanan	3	12:00	13 Connor LeGault runs for 5 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion run by #22 Leland Payne is no good.)	8	28
Benton Harbor	3	12:00	1 pass complete to #1 for 19 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion pass by #1 to #1 is no good.)	14	28
Buchanan	4	12:00	13 Connor LeGault runs for 3 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion pass by #13 Connor LeGault to Team is no good.)	14	34
Benton Harbor	4	12:00	1 pass complete to #1 for 43 yards. Touchdown! (Two point conversion pass by #1 to #1 is good.)	22	34

Scoring Plays

Name	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD
13 Connor LeGault	5	9	43	1
10 Nico Finn	0	1	0	0

Passing – Buchanan

Name	Att	Yds	Avg
22 Leland Payne	14	121	8.6
10 Nico Finn	16	82	5.1
13 Connor LeGault	12	45	3.8
8 Kyle Lewis- Schadler	2	9	4.5
42 Jack Ruth	1	4	4.0
Team	1	0	0.0

Rushing – Buchanan

Name	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
42 Jack Ruth	1	17	17.0	0
5 Jaxon Seddon	1	15	15.0	1
22 Leland Payne	1	5	5.0	0
20 Dillon Oatsvall	1	4	4.0	0
18 Thomas Van Overberghe	1	2	2.0	0

Receiving – Buchanan

Name	Tkl	Solo	Ast	Sack	TFL	Int
4 Jamari Brown	6.5	6	1	0.0	1.0	0
10 Nico Finn	5.0	2	6	0.0	1.0	0
5 Jaxon Seddon	3.5	2	3	0.0	0.0	0
35 Gabe Tompkins	3.5	3	1	0.0	0.0	0
20 Dillon Oatsvall	2.5	1	3	0.0	1.0	0
8 Kyle Lewis- Schadler	2.0	1	2	0.0	0.0	0
68 Ryder Andersen	2.0	1	2	0.0	1.0	0
79 AJ Mcleod	1.5	1	1	0.0	0.0	0
18 Thomas Van Overberghe	1.5	1	1	0.0	0.0	1
13 Connor LeGault	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
63 Dean Roberts	1.0	0	2	0.0	0.0	0
17 Matthew Trigg II	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
42 Jack Ruth	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0
58 Cody Lollar	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0

Defense – Buchanan

Name	Num	Yds	Avg
13 Connor LeGault	5	189	37.8

Punting – Buchanan

Name	Att	Yds	Avg
42 Jack Ruth	1	11	11.0

Punt Returns – Buchanan

Name	Att	Yds	Avg
22 Leland Payne	1	55	55.0
10 Nico Finn	1	29	29.0
4 Jamari Brown	1	0	0.0

Kickoff Returns – Buchanan



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SPORTS



Past Event – Faith and Blue 2022



Buchanan Christian Church prays for the BCPD. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Faith and Blue Weekend 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Life Action was the location to kick-off Faith and Blue Weekend 2022, October 8 & 9. As you arrived, you saw the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Drive Mobile for the blood drive, a Buchanan City Police squad car that was starting to get words of encouragement and love to our officers from anyone coming. And then stroll on into Life Action for "Pastries with Police Q & A." This was a time to enjoy some casual talks or questions that you may have had along with some pastries (special ones also for those with sensitive diets), juice and coffee while a slideshow of the officers played in the background. No matter the question or the comment you had for them, they gave an answer or asked someone else for clarification. I highly encourage you to attend this next year, and feel free to call their non-emergency phone number (269) 695-5120 if you ever feel like something is suspicious or you have a flooding issue. Safety Director Tim Ganus stated, "We (Buchanan City Police) want to be that caring police department and not just respond to criminal calls. If we are available for a non-emergency, we will come."



BCPD Officers Bruce, Gast, Selir and Ganus take a group photo with some of the families that came for Pastries with Police on Saturday, October 8 at Life Action. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



BCPD officers participate in Buchanan Christian Church's worship. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

As the day went on, they took the signed squad car to the Redbud City Center during the outdoor activities of the Buchanan District Library's Pumpkin Jamboree for "Fill a Squad Car" of food donations for RAM food pantry. Kids and adults were able to sign the car as well with little drawings, names, encouraging words and thank yous for our finest police.



BCPD officers enjoy seeing the kids sign their squad car at Redbud City Center. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



Stuff-a-Squad car food drive for RAM. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Come Sunday morning, officers from the BCPD visited many churches and Sunday School classes for a short

time. Some spoke and sang a song as the church prayed over them. A pancake breakfast was held at St. Anthony church and then a cookout and ice cream social at St. Paul's Lutheran. More talk and prayer happened at the cookout with the officers.



Slow churned ice cream was served at the cookout & ice cream social at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



Ice cream time with the officers! Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Faith and Blue weekend is a national event that is held on the same weekend each year to bring your neighbors and officers together. Be sure to keep an eye out for it next year and we will also be letting you know when it will be.



Confirmation Group with Officer



Officer with Grades 3-5

Photos provided by St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Buchanan




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

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

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Past Event – One Buchanan Disability & Impairment Forum




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Disability & Impairment Forum

Saturday, October 8th 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Buchanan Area Senior Center
810 Rynearson Street, Buchanan, MI 49107

This event is will be in-person and free to the public
Also Live on One Buchanan's Facebook page and YouTube channel
For questions about the Forum contact Monroe Lemay @ 269.861.1848
or email us at wcaronebuchanan@gmail.com







Lisa Doll Cindy Gray Dr. Robert Gross Kandice Kolberg Anne Reed

Forum made possible by a generous grant from Berrien Community Foundation










One Buchanan Disability & Impairment Forum event flyer

One Buchanan Disability & Impairment Forum

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan Area Senior Center was the location for One Buchanan's Disability & Impairment Forum on Saturday, October 18 2022 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Speakers from local agencies as well as a couple of Buchanan locals who are living with a disability gave much insight on how they go about their life as well as those who are

treating a patient with a disability.

One Buchanan Chair, Ruth Writer welcomed the speakers and the approximately 20 attendees and Dr. Harvey Burnett, was the moderator. The forum was a 2-hour session with a 15-minute break. In Part 1, Dr. Robert Gross, music composer, a native of Buchanan and a Buchanan High School graduate talked about using music therapy with autistic patients and gave a demonstration on his keyboard. Music therapy has been around ever since WWI. His demonstration was telling us how a teenager with autism can add in words or emotions to a song that Dr. Gross plays about Spiderman. "You can't cure autism with music therapy. If the client feels like they're in school, then I'm not doing my job," states Dr. Gross.

Next up was Kandice Kolberg with Berrien RESA. Kandice uses Orientation and Mobility Training with a number of students from ages 2 – 26 years. She noted that "Transportation is hard to get around when not living in a city and they're in the rural areas." Showing students how to use canes getting on and off a bus, and low vision devices is how they can get around home, school and other places.

Lastly in Part 1, Cindy Gray from Disability Network Southwest Michigan gives information and referrals for families. For example, they have a ramp program which Whirlpool helps build the ramps. She is also an advocate for community education and care support groups. One of her big things on her to-do list: "Housing is one of the biggest advocacy for seniors." Since her daughter, Julie was born with cerebral palsy, she has been an advocate for disability rights.

Dr. Burnett encouraged the attendees to write down questions for the speakers and they would discuss them after the break as well as at the end of the event. One question was "How do you find a music therapist?" You can go to the [American Music Therapy Association](https://www.amta-usa.org/) website and find three ways to find one. Dr. Gross stated, "It's a growing profession but still young – demand music therapy at your school board." Kandice Kolberg did mention "When you meet a blind person, say "Hi, it's (your name), hi Joe!" A student of hers went through this one time where they went to the fair with friends, and no one said their names, so he couldn't tell her who went.

Part 2 started off with Lisa Doll, who had elective amputation and Anne Reed who survived a stroke. Both of them are members of the One Buchanan group. Lisa at a young age was "Involved in a home accident that led up to her electively above-knee amputation in 2008 to improve my quality of life," (One Buchanan Disability & Impairment Forum program). She told about her daily life struggles of going out to eat and how some restaurants and their restrooms are not ADA compliant. Well, then that makes her and her friends/family not go to those places and then that place loses business. Some businesses are "grandfathered-in and the owner of the building/business doesn't do much to make it ADA compliant. There are grants for ADA and tax benefits for them," states Lisa. She also mentioned, "Does the business have a gravel or paved parking lot?" So there are many things that a person like Lisa or someone else that has a walker, etc...of what goes through their minds before going somewhere.

Anne Reed, suffered a stroke at the age of 40. During this time, she has had complications with left-sided weakness with foot drop, vision and some cognitive deficiencies and the loss of her job. She moved in with her parents to help take care of her and now she has a great friend-partner that she thought she would never have. She expressed, "I wish I had known what special resources and services are out there."

At the end, Dr. Harvey Burnett stated, "You're not alone. Share stories and connect with others." One thing that I took away from this and was also stated by some of the speakers: "Friends and family need to advocate for you and reach out and ask questions. Don't give up!"

This forum was made possible by a generous grant from Berrien Community Foundation. Sponsor and Partners: Buchanan Area Senior Center, Berrien RESA, DISABILITY Network, City of Buchanan, Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and DPM Events.

- Resources:
 - Berrien RESA – Regional Education Service Agency
 - Website: www.berrienresa.org
 - 711 St Joseph Ave, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
 - Phone: 269-471-7725
 - DISABILITY Network Southwest Michigan
 - Serving Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties
 - Website: www.dnswm.org
 - 2900 Lakeview Ave, St. Joseph, MI 49085
 - Phone: 269-985-0111

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PAST Event Details:

- *Who:* One Buchanan with Buchanan Area Senior Center
- *What:* [Disability & Impairment Forum](#)
- *When:* **Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 2-4pm**
- *Where:*
 - *In-Person:* Buchanan Area Senior Center, 810 Rynearson St, Buchanan
 - *Virtually:* LIVE on the One Buchanan Facebook Page [HERE](#).
 - Video will also be available on the One Buchanan YouTube channel [HERE](#) after the event.

[The Disability and Impairment Forum](#) was made possible by the hard work of the Board and volunteers of One Buchanan and financial support from the Berrien Community Foundation, For Good Grant. Forum partners include the Buchanan Area Senior Center, Berrien RESA, City of Buchanan, Buchanan-Galien Lions Club, Disability Network of Southwest Michigan, and DPM Events.

About this Forum's Partners:

- ***One Buchanan*** started in 2016 as a grass roots community organization focused on diversity and inclusion issues and was subsequently adopted by the City of Buchanan as a City Board. One Buchanan's Vision is to be the catalyst to create an inclusive community that values and celebrates our diversity so together we can thrive. One Buchanan's Mission is to promote awareness of our rich diversity through education, activities, and programs that strengthen an inclusive community.
- ***Berrien Community Foundation*** was established in 1952 by William Vawter and a group of concerned business people, much like the rest of the community foundation movement that started in the Midwest. The Foundation is an innovative means by which concerned citizens can put charitable dollars to work for the benefit of Berrien County residents.
- ***Buchanan Area Senior Center*** (BASC) is a community focal point on aging, where area older adults gather for services, programs and activities that reflect their experiences and skills, respond to their diverse needs and interests, enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement with this senior community center and the larger community. BASC is a non-profit organization serving older adults in Buchanan and the surrounding areas of Berrien County. The mission of Buchanan Area Senior Center is to promote physical, social, and mental well-being.
- ***Berrien RESA*** Mission is optimizing student outcomes through collaboration and transformation. Berrien RESA is one of 56 education service agencies in the State of Michigan serving over 24,000 students in Berrien County. The schools we serve include 15 public school districts, 20 non-public schools and three charter school academies. RESAs are the only educational entities with 100 percent access to every public school to ensure implementation of 6 core services: early childhood, student services, administrative services, teaching and learning, technology services and developing partnerships. Berrien RESA is an autonomous, tax-supported public school district governed by Michigan general school laws.
- ***Buchanan-Galien Lion's Club*** has been serving the community for more than 75 years and is a part of Lion's Club International. Lions Club International is 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. Founded in 1917, the organization's motto is "We Serve."
- ***Disability Network of Southwest Michigan*** is the first stop for people with disabilities and their families in Southwest Michigan, the counties of Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph & Van Buren. Our goal is to help foster a community where people with disabilities are able to participate fully in everyday life with equal opportunities and self-determination. Whether someone has a physical, psychiatric, neurological, or sensory disabilities, we believe they should be able to thrive and grow at home, in the workplace, and in their community.

- **DPM Events** is a medium size production company providing DJ, Photo Booth, Audio/Visual, Live Sound, and Lighting services for Weddings, Corporate Events, School Events and Live Sound Events. Since 1995 we have been providing the best service, cutting edge event technology, all the while providing the absolute best value to our customers. Our service area covers most of the mid-west. Whether you are looking for a Wedding or Party DJ, Live Sound for bands, Photo Booths, or Corporate Event Audio / Visual services we have you covered!



About One Buchanan: One Buchanan's Vision is to be the catalyst to create an inclusive community that values and celebrates our diversity so together we can thrive. One Buchanan's Mission is to promote awareness of our rich diversity through education, activities, and programs that strengthen an inclusive community.

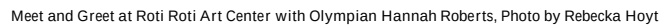
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Past Event – Meet and Greet with Hannah Roberts



Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

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Typical questions asked were about how she travels, which is a lot, where she practices in North Carolina and the dream to build a skate park in her parents backyard. She also has many bicycles and some that she has given to others including one of her helmets. When you hold her medal, it's quite shocking how heavy it is. Hannah said, "When they placed the medal around my neck it was like whoa! That's heavy and I said "Good luck" to the next person for their medal."



Hannah Roberts' Olympic Silver Medal, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Hannah plans to go to the next summer Olympics of 2024 in Paris. Keep up the good work Hannah! And thank you for all the excitement you have brought to our small town because of your talent.



About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The mission of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan 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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Past Event – Buchanan Homecoming Parade 2022



Buchanan Bucks go into their Homecoming Game 2022, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Buchanan Homecoming Parade 2022

Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer





2020 Reader's Digest Nicest City in America – Buchanan, MI!

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

www.cityofbuchanan.com

- Typical Hours at City Hall:
 - Monday – Thursday : 9am-4pm
 - Friday : 9am-1pm

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Local Faith – LifePlan Wins Hope Award



Lyndon Azcuna holds LifePlan's Hope Award, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

LifePlan Wins National Hope Award

Submitted by Ashley Blematl, LifePlan Communication Manager

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 won the Hope Award 2022, Photo provided by Ashley Blemattl

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.”



LifePlan Wins Hope Award 2022

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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Community Press Release – DAR National Day of Service 2022



DAR National Day of Service 2022, Photo provided by DAR

DAR National Day of Service October 04 2022

Three Oaks, MI – October 04, 2022

NATIONAL Day of Service met the Rebecca Dewey Chapter on Tuesday, October 11th with the packing of school supplies. This date marks the anniversary of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890. Two women from the north and two women from the south came together in 1890 to found a service organization made up of only women. NSDAR is a lineage service society whose members are direct descendants of the American Revolution.

Rebecca Dewey Chapter, chartered in 1909 in Three Oaks, serves the lower half of the Berrien County. Members gathered on the evening of October 11th to pack school supplies for local schools and the Hindman Settlement School, located in eastern Kentucky, which suffered from the devastation of flooding in August. NSDAR supports this school with funds and donations. Local donations will be made to elementary and high school classes.

If you are a teacher in need of basic supplies for your classroom, contact Rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com.



About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter: The Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR, Three Oaks, Michigan, was organized July 9, 1909, with a membership of seventeen. It was chartered December 21, 1909, with fourteen members. Since Three Oaks had secured the Dewey Cannon at the close of the Spanish-American War, it was decided to name the Chapter after Admiral Dewey's great grandmother. Rebecca Dewey Chapter NSDAR currently has 30 Members.

Contact: Priscilla Lee Hellenga

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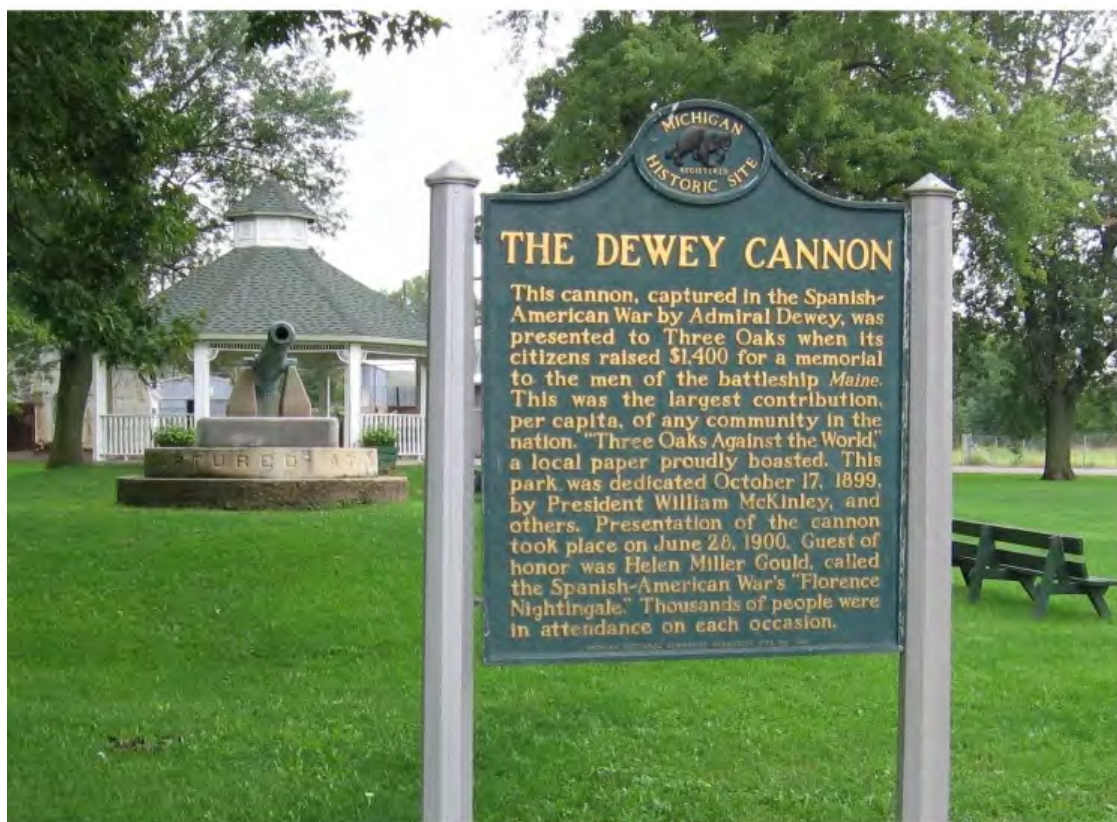
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Historic Marker "The Dewey Cannon", Three Oaks, MI

Community Press Release – Red Bud Trail Construction Notice



BCRD Graphic – Construction Notice

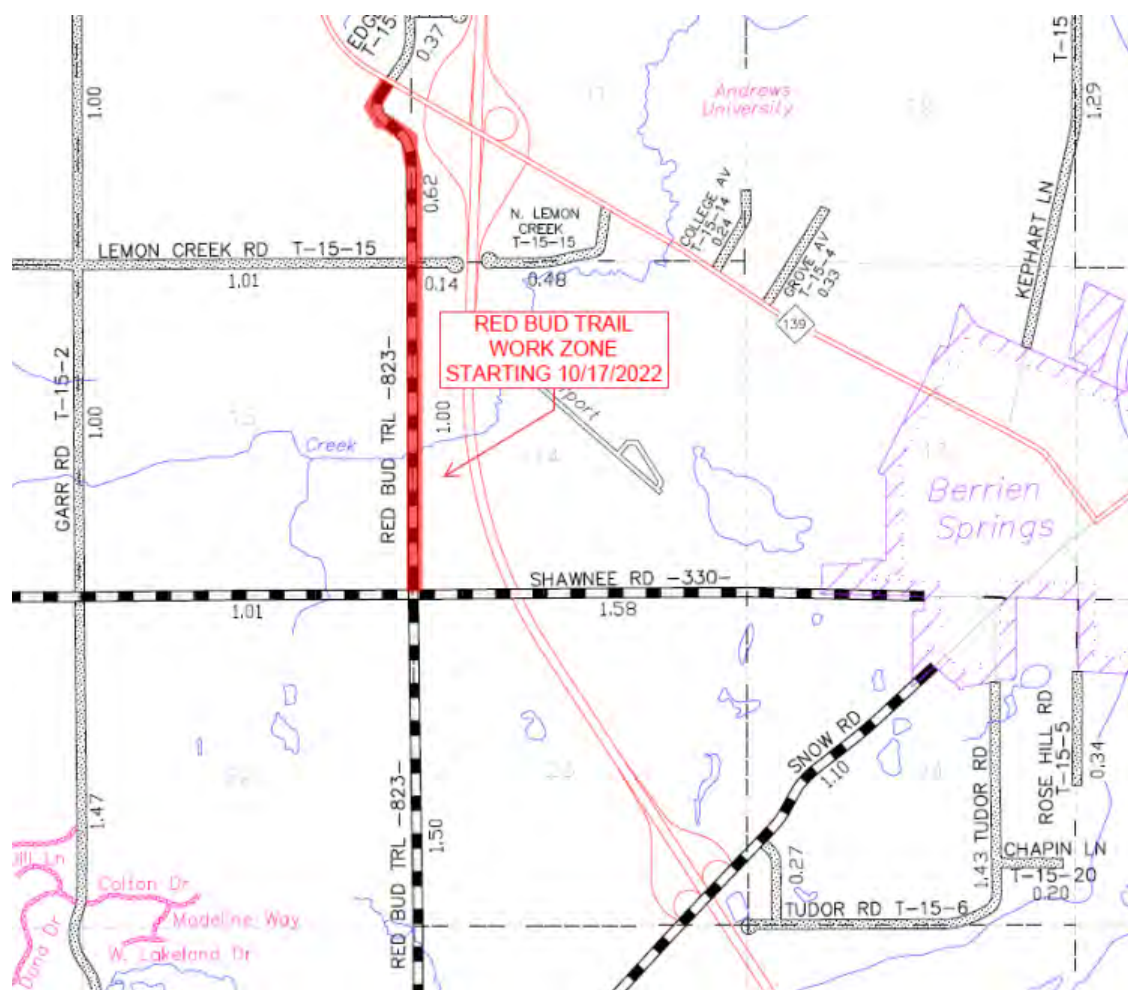
BCRD : Red Bud Trail Construction Notice

Berrien County, MI – October 11, 2022

- **TOWNSHIP:** Oronoko Township
- **LOCATION:** Red Bud Trail between M-139 and Shawnee Road
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Baroda, Berrien Springs
- **APPROX. START TIME:** 7am on Monday, 10/17/2022
- **APPROX. PROJECT DURATION:** 3 weeks

- **PROJECT:** The Red Bud Trail road improvement project will include the roadway being widened prior to resurfacing with a 2" asphalt overlay.

- **Traffic Restrictions:** Red Bud Trail will have intermittent lane closures between M-139 and Shawnee Road.
 - Work schedule is weather and contractor permitting.
 - Traffic lane restrictions are anticipated to occur typically between the hours of 7am and 8pm.
 - Intermittent lane closures will be maintained by flaggers.
 - The public should expect possible travel delays.
 - Stopping should be expected.
 - Remember to reduce speeds when traveling through work zones.
 - Watch out for construction workers and equipment.
- **CONTACT:** Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
 - aboone@bcroad.org – 269-925-1196 ext. 4410



BCRD Image – Red Bud Trail Construction Notice

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Community Press Release – HCU Shred Day 2022



HCU Shred Day 2022 graphic

Honor Credit Union Announces 2022 Shred Day Results

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Berrien Springs, MI – October 13, 2022

Honor Credit Union hosted ten free community shred days across its 27 member center communities, and are excited to share its 2022 Shred Day successes. In partnership with Data Guardian and the Marquette County Landfill, a total of 67,629 pounds of paper was collected and shredded to reduce the amount of waste in our communities.

Pounds Shredded	Environmental Impact
Allegan – 5,800 lbs.	Trees saved – 521 trees & 25,044 Co2 absorbed
Battle Creek – 7,875 lbs.	Oil saved – 11,600 gallons
Benton Harbor – 12,000 lbs.	Water saved – 224,530 gallons
Buchanan – 7,100 lbs	Landfill saved – 95 cubic yards
Decatur – 3,600 lbs.	
Hartford – 5,400 lbs.	
Marquette – 7,054 lbs.	
Portage – 8,100 lbs.	
South Haven– 6,600 lbs.	
Wyoming – 4,100 lbs.	

These events are free and open to members and non-members to promote the protection of personal information by destroying confidential documents through a recycling service. This service aligns with Honor's commitment to supporting a green initiative through a handful of digital services it offers its members, such as

mobile banking and e-statements.

The 2023 Free Community Shred Day schedule will be released early next year.



HCU Shred Day 2022, Photos provided by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution serving over 100,000 members in 27 member center communities throughout western and northern Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities we serve remain the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

For more information, call 800.442.2800, or visit www.honorcu.com.

Community Press Release – Niles-Buchanan Road One Lane Closure

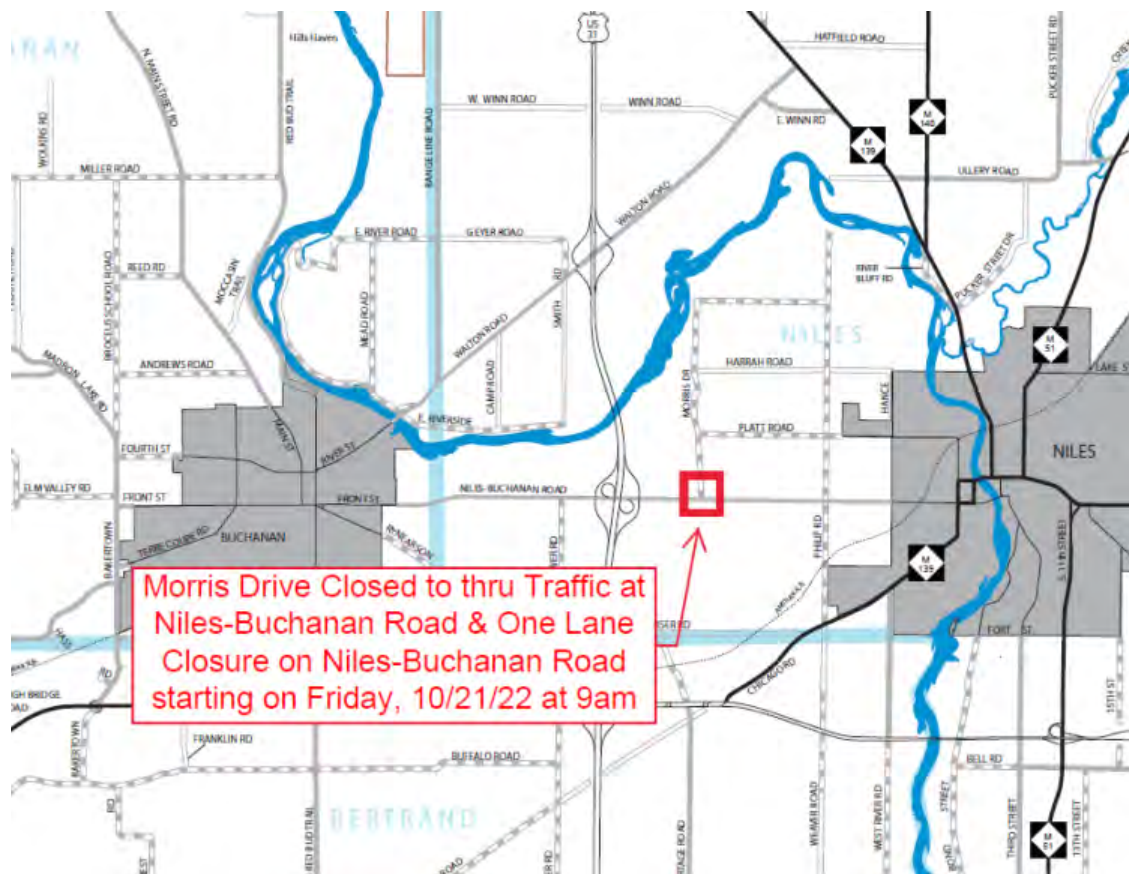


BCRD Graphic – Road Closure Information

BCRD : Morris Drive Closed to Thru Traffic and Niles-Buchanan Road One Lane Closure

Berrien County, MI – October 21, 2022

- **TOWNSHIP:** Niles Township
- **LOCATION:** Morris Drive at Niles-Buchanan Road and Niles-Buchanan Road at Morris Drive
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Niles, Buchanan
- **PROJECT:** Road Department staff doing culvert related work on Morris Drive at Niles-Buchanan Road will result in Morris Drive road closure and one lane closure on Niles-Buchanan Road.
- **Traffic Restrictions:**
 - **Niles-Buchanan Road starting at approximately 9am on Friday, 10/21/2022 will have one lane open to traffic.** East bound and west bound traffic will have a temporary traffic control signal in place to direct one direction of traffic near the intersection of Morris Drive.
 - Expect travel delays or seek an alternative route
 - Be aware of single lane controlled by a temporary traffic signal on 10/21/2022*
 - Remember to reduce speeds when traveling through work zones.
 - Watch out for construction workers and equipment.
 - **Morris Drive will be closed to thru traffic at Niles-Buchanan Road intersection during the same period of time.** Seek alternative routes until Morris Drive can be reopened to thru traffic at this intersection.
- **CONTACT:** Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
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BCRD Image – Morris Drive Closed to Thru Traffic and Niles-Buchanan Road One Lane Closure

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Community Press Release – Walton Road Bridge Closure Continues



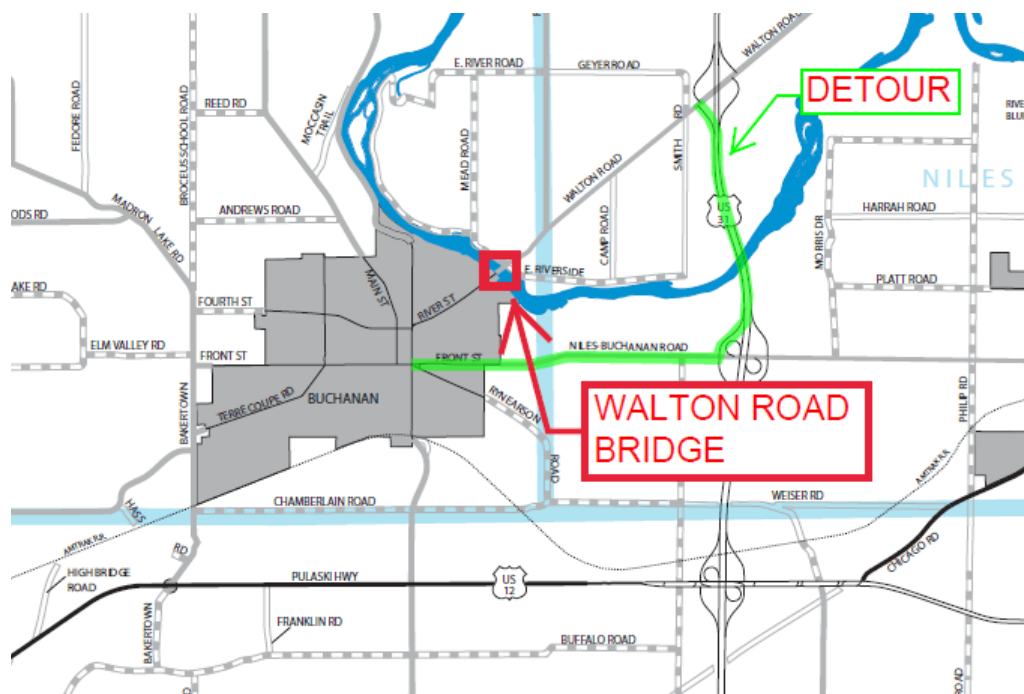
BCRD Graphic – Road Closure Information

BCRD : Walton Road Bridge Closure Continues

Berrien County, MI – October 21, 2022

BRIDGE WILL REOPEN AFTER WORK IS COMPLETED

- **TOWNSHIP:** Buchanan Township
- **LOCATION:** Walton Road Bridge over the St Joseph River
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Buchanan, Niles
- **PROJECT END DATE:** End of October 2022
- **PROJECT:** Walton Road Bridge 2022 rehabilitation project will continue with bridge deck maintenance. The bridge rehabilitation related activities will provide continued life and use of the Walton Road Bridge over the St Joseph River. For the safety of crews and the traveling public, the bridge will be closed for construction. The public is requested to seek alternative routes or utilize the official detour route during road closure/construction.
- **Traffic Restrictions:** Walton Road Bridge is closed to all thru traffic over the St Joseph River. Work is anticipated to be completed by the end of October 2022 (weather and work dependent.)
- **Detour Route During Closure:** Walton Road to US-31 to Niles-Buchanan Road.
- Please seek alternative routes or utilize the signed detour route until the bridge has been reopened to traffic.
- **CONTACT:** Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
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Community Press Release – Home Comfort Experts New Niles Location



Home Comfort Experts Enhances Premium Local Service with New Niles Location

Submitted by Savana Morie

New location ensures the top area provider of HVAC and plumbing services delivers quality and value to homeowners throughout northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan.

Home Comfort Experts announces the opening of a new location in Niles, Michigan, to enhance delivery of high-quality local heating, cooling and plumbing services to homeowners in Niles and the surrounding communities.

With the new location, Home Comfort Experts is able to continue offering trusted service, value and convenience throughout northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan, including Niles, St. Joseph, Berrien Springs and Dowagiac.

"We're committed to meeting the evolving needs of all the communities in our growing region," said Brian West, general manager of Home Comfort Experts. "The new location equips the Home Comfort Experts team to continue providing the premium local service and experience our customers expect. It's an investment that ensures homeowners throughout our service area have the resources they need to stay safe, healthy and comfortable year-round."

Since 2006, Home Comfort Experts has specialized in providing the leading residential heating, cooling and plumbing service and maintenance, indoor air quality products and services, and equipment replacement.

The company offers a full range of residential heating, cooling and plumbing services, including furnace maintenance, repair and installation; air conditioning maintenance, repair and installation; emergency plumbing service; drain cleaning, sump pumps; water softeners; water heater maintenance, repair and installation; home humidifiers and dehumidifiers; air duct cleaning; air purification systems; dryer vent cleaning; and whole house generators.

In addition to Niles and the surrounding communities, the Home Comfort Experts service area includes Fort Wayne, Columbia City, Warsaw, South Bend, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Plymouth and LaPorte in Indiana.



About Home Comfort Experts: Home Comfort Experts is the preferred local provider of high-quality HVAC, indoor air quality and plumbing service in Northern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan. Our customers' satisfaction and comfort is our number one goal. Home Comfort Experts serves clients in northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan, including Fort Wayne, Columbia City, Warsaw, South Bend, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Plymouth, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Niles, Buchanan and Edwardsburg. We're the technicians you can trust with your house keys.

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Regional Sports Highlights – Issue 38



Issue 38 Sports Wrap-Up

by Garrick Stubblefield, Writer

Well baseball fans, the season is over and we are heading into the playoffs. We were able to see two records broken by Albert Pujos and Aarron Judge respectively. I believe that those will stand in the record books for a while. As for the two teams I'm looking to meet up in the world series are Houston Astros & L.A. Dodgers.

How about our Bucks?! They continued their domination last Friday night, with their win over Benton Harbor they became Conference Champs. LET'S GO BUCKS and hope to bring a state championship home!

In college we have some good news and bad news. As for Irish fans, I believe you should strive to make this a rebuilding season because you're not going anywhere. The Spartans, I'm going to say the same goes for you. Just think, you can both strengthen your teams by doing many options and see fits in the book for next year. Hey you, Michigan and Ohio State fans, I would like to say you're not out of the woods yet. Michigan fans remember we were #1 and Appalachian State came away with a win. I believe for Ohio State, you have had a spoiler once or twice.



Puzzler Page – Issue 38

by Garrick Stubblefield

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 –
 - SPANKS
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- 5 Letter –
 - CLEAR
 -
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 -

- 4 Letter –
 - LAKE
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 -
 -

- 3 Letter –
 - ARM
 -
 -

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 a famous TEA.
- CAPITALS:
 - This Capital is nearly the Canadian term for STATE.

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.

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1. CHANGE THE 4 TO A 2;
2. CHANGE THE 2 TO A 1;
3. CHANGE THE 6 TO A 4;

4. THE NEW 2 DIGIT CODE IS: THE SPECIAL MONTH AND DAY WE CELEBRATE LOVE.

PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- INSTRUCTIONS:
 - Find ten (10) 3-letter words by rearranging the letters in the quote.
- Quote:
 - HOW IS IT GOING

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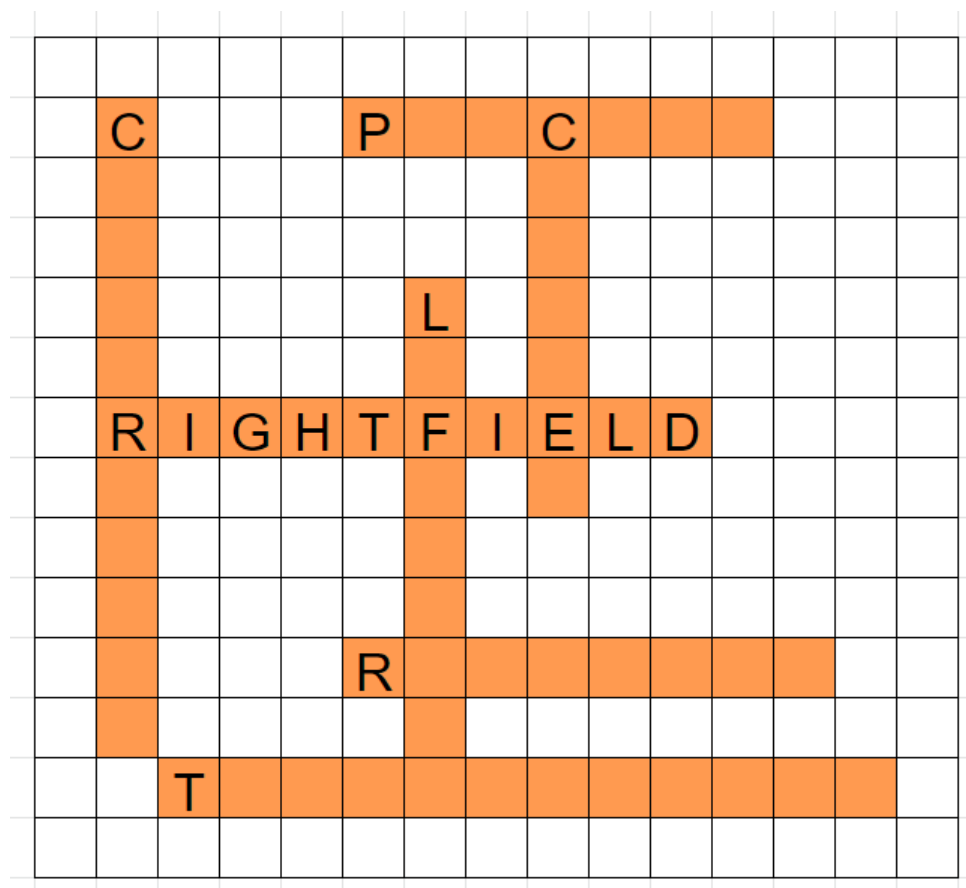
PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
 - HASTA LA VISTA, BABY

1. A very small CHILD: ____.
2. Not a SHOWER but a ____.
3. Not FIRST but ____.
4. Drills have THESE to drill holes: ____.
5. You must meet THIS before you are let out of jail: ____.

PUZZLE 6 – BOXGRAM

- Fill the shaded boxes to complete all the answers that go with the clue.
 - Clue: POSITIONS ON A BASEBALL FIELD
 - We've given you one item to start and the beginning letters of the rest.



Boxgram Puzzle – Issue 38

A Note from the Editor – Issue 38



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

October, where has the time gone? I have been chatting with friends and family saying how it seems like the months of May and October are one of the busiest months of the year. When it's May the weather is warmer and people want to get out. And when October comes, people want to get out before it gets any colder! Hence, we tend to have more outdoor/indoor activities on the calendar!

This October, we have had events like Faith & Blue Weekend, Hannah Roberts Mural Dedication as well as a Meet & Greet at the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, and the end of the Buchanan Farmers' Market season. Then School Board and City Commission forums, learning opportunities on disabilities and hearing loss. All the while school sports/band, scouting groups, meetings, going to the gym, clubs and Halloween are thrown in along with everyday life. No matter the size of your household, everyone seems to be busy.

Speaking of all these events! The Buchanan Chronicle needs your help as we can't always be at every event/sport. If your group/sports team would like to submit photos to be in our issues, please email them to us [here](#). We also have advertising for those holiday markets, holiday events/dances, fundraisers, theatrical performances, forums, etc....just send us that email or phone call! This will help us raise our funds to have some printed issues. Watch for an announcement on another way to help us reach this goal.

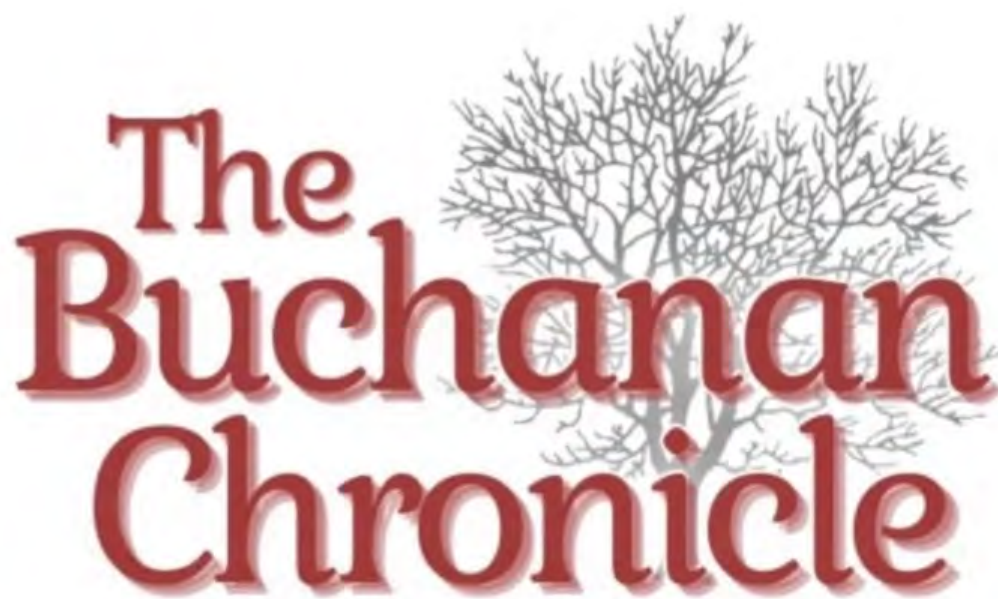
With that being said, I would like to encourage all of you to take some time for yourself. Maybe call up a friend/family member you haven't seen in a while and get together. I have been making sure that I don't reply to emails that are not urgent on the weekends. Also, I am taking part in the October Reading Program with Buchanan District Library. Also, reducing your time on social media is good too. As this weekend warms up, get outside and enjoy the colors of the leaves – that is if they have not completely blown off the trees already. Take a walk on the McCoy Creek Trail or attend a church service!

Cans for Vets update: please remember that if you are dropping off cans to be donated to our local vets, if the box is full: DO NOT leave the bags on the sides of the boxes or piling up on something else – they must be in the box or empty the bag and put the cans inside the box. You can also come back another day as this will end on November 7. You may send us an email at buchananchronicle@att.net or call Garrick at 269-259-0547 if you happen to have a lot and he can arrange a time to get them from you if you are in the Buchanan area. Can boxes are located at: Buchanan District Library, Redbud Hardware and Buchanan Area Senior Center.

Before I close, I would like to remind you to make sure that YOU HAVE A VOTING PLAN! In our last issue and this one, there is information on the Buchanan School Board and Buchanan City Commission candidates as

well as the proposals. We do not have every candidate's information at the time of publication.

Happy Reading,
Rebecka Hoyt



Now That's Funny! – Issue 38



by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

Not too long ago, my wife and I wanted to go have dinner somewhere we've never been before. My wife suggests we go to New Buffalo since that is one place we don't think of going and she wanted to explore. So we discovered a place in New Buffalo, The Stray Dog Bar & Grill, and set out on our journey. When we arrived in New Buffalo, we discovered that part of their main road in the downtown was blocked. It appeared to be some kind of festival going on in the downtown area. We find a parking spot and parked the car to determine what to do next. My wife then decides to call The Stray Dog to determine what kind of wait to expect. Sure enough, we learn the wait to be at least an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes. So that settled it, we didn't want to wait that long, so we left the downtown area and went to Redamak's. After arriving, it was decided then to return to Buchanan and simply have dinner at Cameron's!

So after a bit of exploration, we fell back on our comfort zone! 🤔🤔🤔 At least we ate well and I got to watch a bit of the Notre Dame v BYU football game.

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • September 19 2022



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

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- **Regular Meeting**
- **09/19/2022 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, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- ABSENT: S. Carlin
- OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Mark Kurland, Becky Kaltenbach, Tom Brinks, Craig Kizer, Brooke Essig, Tammy Holmer

Adoption of Agenda

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee the agenda for the board meeting of September 19, 2022 be adopted as written.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Recognition of Visitors

- Dr. Burnett welcomed all.
- D. Ryman, J. Brackett

Closed Session – Student Discipline

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session for a hearing on student discipline – Student #2219979966. Time 6:05pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, 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 6:28pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Student Reinstatement

- MOTION by H. Burnett, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the recommendation to reinstate student #2219979966 effective immediately.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Points of Pride

- Buck Staff Recognition September Winner: Tammy Holmer, BMS Administrative Assistant & District Registrar. Mrs. Laesch recognized Mrs. Holmer as this month's winner.
- Nominees included:
 - Brian Pruett, BHS Principal
 - Britney Thomas, BMS Paraprofessional
 - Carrie Thompson, Moccasin Administrative Assistant
 - Christine well, Moccasin Special Education Teacher
 - Kelly Smith, Ottawa 1st Grade Teacher
 - Kelsey Hall, Ottawa Paraprofessional
 - Kristin Baker, Ottawa Media Assistant
 - Lisa Traeger, Ottawa 1st Grade Teacher
 - Maggie Patnoudes, Ottawa Speech & Language Pathologist
 - Michelle Canfield, Ottawa Food Service
 - Nate Will, BCS Transportation Supervisor
 - Rachel Carlson, BHS Math Teacher & Coach
 - Sarah Blair, BMS Administrative Assistant
 - Sarah Frazier, BMS Social Studies Teacher

Superintendent / Department Reports

- Updates for BHS, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics & BVA, Business Office, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, and Assistant Superintendent were provided respectively.

Presentations

- School Highlight – Ms. Rebecca Kaltenbach, BCS Food Service Supervisor presented to the board. She informed board members of the change in pricing for school breakfast and lunches, donations to the Bucky Fund, and new cafeteria tables at elementary schools.
- Superintendent Robinson presented to the board. She thanked the community for their support to our district and reviewed many back to school updates.

Information/Reports & New Business

- Human Resources Committee, September 7th Meeting – Mrs. Writer informed the board the committee discussed resignations, transfers, new hires, salary schedule for coaches, van drivers, suggestions for teacher mentors,

conference, paraprofessional updates, equity for students with additional needs and concerns of some of the Ottawa teachers.

Public Comment

- Don Ryman

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of September 19th 2022 be adopted as written:
1. Minutes:
 - 8-15-2022 Regular Meeting
 2. Warrants:
 - Treasury & Expenditure Reports – August 2022
 3. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:
 - Ottawa Elementary Principal, Mrs. Stacey Denison
 - Moccasin Elementary Principal, Mr. Michael Babcock
 - Buchanan Middle School, Mrs. Shelby Beasley
 - Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Operations, Mr. Mark Kurland
 - Assistant Principal & CTE Director, Mr. Mark Frey

Recommended Employee	Title
Carrie Thompson	Moccasin Administrative Assistant
Kathleen Paturalski	Ottawa Interventionist (contract attached)
Jessica Stevenson	1st Grade Teacher
Derrick Dorton	Operations Utility Staff (contract attached)
Britney Thomas	MS Paraprofessional
Kelsey Hall	Ottawa Paraprofessional
Caroline Jarvis	Primary CTE Sports Medicine Teacher
Katie Knisely	Additional CTE Sports Medicine Teacher
Elizabeth Johnson	Ottawa Administrative Assistant

4. Employment Departures:

Name	Position	Date upon which salary, wages or benefits will terminate
Carissa Todd	BMS Language Arts Teacher	August 31, 2022
Justin Ropp	Operations Utility Staff	August 26, 2022

- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None

- MOTION ADOPTED

Buchanan Virtual Academy Graduation Certification

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of Education hereby approves:
- Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:
 - Tara Jesswein
 - Justin Amerson
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, 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, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Donation Approvals Over \$1,000

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following donations:
- FOR WEIGHT ROOM GOAL BOARD:
 - Football Parents Club, \$1,285.00
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Student Handbook Updates

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Ottawa, Moccasin, Middle School and High School handbook updates for the 2022-23 school year as presented.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Career Technical Education (CTE) Recommended Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit 2022-2023

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the recommendation as submitted by BHS Assistant Principal and CTE Director Mark Frey, to accept the recommended Michigan Merit Curriculum Credits for the listed CTE Programs for 2022-23:
 - Advanced Auto
 - Culinary
 - Digital Design / Multimedia
 - Cosmetology
 - Business Management Administration
 - Sports Medicine
 - CISCO
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Crossing Guard Service Agreement

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the proposed crossing guard service agreements as agreed between Buchanan Community Schools and the City of Buchanan effective for the 2022-23 school year.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAINED: H. Burnett
- MOTION ADOPTED

BEA Letter of Agreement – Student Day Schedule

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education approves the attached letter of agreement with the Buchanan Education Association for the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 school years student day schedule.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Questions & Comments from Board Members

- Mrs. Berry shared that she was made aware that Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Pruett had an assembly and discussion with the students about the consequences of decisions and thanked Mrs. Robinson for the communication to the community.
- Mrs. Writer shared that she loves seeing Buchanan alumni come back as staff.
- Dr. Burnett thanked the board for their patience and support.

Next Board Meeting

- Monday, October 17th at 6pm.

Adjournment

- 6:59 pm

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Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

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

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

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

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

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

City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • September 12 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, September 12th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, September 12, 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

– None

III. Pledge of Allegiance

– Mayor Denison led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

– Present: Mayor Sean Denison, Commissioner Cameron Downey, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem

– Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon

– City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; City Treasurer, Deborah Perez; Director Public Services, Mike Baker; Public Safety Director, Tim Ganus.

V. Approve Agenda

– Motion made by Money, supported by Downey to approve the agenda as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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

– Juanita Lewis: enjoyed the common concerts, would like to see community be as welcoming as possible to others.

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

VII.A. Expenditures

– Consider approving expenditures for September 12, 2022, in the amount of \$2,191,931.49.

– \$1,816,057.82 of the amount above is for tax disbursements to other taxing entities, and \$223,130 is for a required wastewater bond payment.

VII.B. Minutes

– Consider approving the following minutes:

a. Consider approving minutes from the August 22, 2022, Regular Meeting.

b. Consider approving minutes from the August 22, 2022, Closed Session.

c. Consider approving minutes from the August 25, 2022, Special Meeting.

VII.C. Halloween Hours

– Consider approving Halloween trick or treat hours for Monday, October 31, 2022, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

– Motion made by Money, supported by Downey to approve the consent agenda as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

X. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

– None

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

IX.A. Friends of the McCoy Creek Trail Report – Jerry Flenar

IX.A.1. Consider approval Trek-or-Treat date for Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022

IX.A.2. Yearly Review of McCoy Creek Trail

– Jerry Flenar Chairman of the Friends of McCoy Creek Trail highlighted what the group has done this past year. Safety signs were put along the trail in case of a medical emergency, they would be able to communicate their location more accurately. Four new benches were installed and the plantings of four Chestnut Trees along the Trail. Two Eagle Scout projects were completed. The Friends of the Trail also worked with Berrien County Jail Trustees, with them working 7 days total this year. They do an amazing job helping with the clearing. Friends of the Trail has asked some groups around town to help with maintaining some areas. Honor Credit Union has been doing the Veterans Memorial Park and Red Bud Roots is helping take care of the area behind the Commons. The trail extension is moving forward, we have received a grant already \$339,000.00 from the state. In November they will award another \$339,000.00 which the trail hopes to receive. The biggest accomplishment was having to raise \$106,000.00 of Buchanan match money to make those grants happen and they ended up raising \$214,000.00 doubling what they needed to raise. In October we have Trek or Treat with almost 2,000 kids and adults going through the trail last year. The Trail group held 3 lunches for the DPW crew for all the hard work they do on the trail. New brochures were handed out as well as Flenar asking for anyone that is not a member of the Trail to please donate and join.

– Motion made by Swem, supported by Money to approve the Trek-or-Treat event, as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.B. Finance Department Report

– Treasurer Deb Perez will give an update on City financials.

Perez reported on the summer 2022 Property Tax collection. (See attachment A)

IX.C. Public Safety Report

– Director Tim Ganus, Chief Harvey Burnett, and Buchanan Community Schools

Superintendent Patricia Robinson will present a proposal for a School Resource Officer.

School Resource Officer Proposal, 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 in February, and new State of Michigan funding supposed to be coming available in the near future.

– Discussion about how this could improve safety at the school and a role model present for the kids. With 122 school incidents at the school during the 2021-2022 school year, having a police officer on staff to handle those incidents would benefit the school and the department.

– The commission would like to see the City Manager reach out to the leadership of the surrounding townships within the Buchanan School District to try to negotiate a potential cost-share arrangement to help more equitably allocate any expenses related to the proposed School Resource Officer.

X. Unfinished Business

– None

XI. New Business

XI.A. Automated Clearing House (ACH) Transaction Policy

– Consider approving an ACH Policy for the City of Buchanan Finance Department.

– Motion made by Swem, supported by Downey to approve the ACH Policy, as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

XI.B. Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2022.09/434

– Consider approving the first reading of an ordinance regarding Pedestrian Right-Of-Way at Crosswalks.

– Motion made by Money, supported by Downey to approve the first reading of the Pedestrian Rightof-Way at Crosswalks Ordinance, as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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

XII.A.1. AEP Building update

XII.A.2. River Access Master Plan Update

XII.A.3. MEDC Update

XII.A.4. Federal EDA Update

– Grace gave quick updates on the communications above. With progress being made in each subject.

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

- Norma Ferris: Comments about City Hall staff.
- Monroe Lemay: Praising the Scarecrow Charities for their work this year.
- Juanita Lewis: Praising the Scarecrow Charities as well.
- Thomas Wilson: comments about traffic on Front St. and truck route as well as questions about the reconstruction project.

XIV. Executive Comments

XIV.A. City Manager Comments

- Thanked everyone for attending. As well as gave an update that the reconstruction projects second meeting happening soon and will have an update soon about time and place it will be.

XIV.B. Commissioner Comments

- Swem thanked the Friends of the Trail for all their hard work.
- Downey asked for an update on the Thrill on the Hill report.
- Money thanked Jerry and the Friends of the Trail as well as the Scarecrow Charities.

XIV.C. Mayor Comments

- Thanked the Scarecrow Charities and Jerry with the Friends of the Trails for all their hard work. 9/11 ceremony was done beautifully with Pastor Dave Mitchell. Meet the mayor will be September 22 at Lehman's if anyone wants to attend.

XVII. Adjourn

- Motion made by Money, supported by Swem to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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MONDAY, September 26, 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

- None

III. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Denison led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

- Present: Mayor Sean Denison, Commissioner Cameron Downey, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem

- Absent: Commissioner Mark Weedon

- City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Sexton, Nick Bailey; Director of Public Safety, Tim Ganus; Chief of Police Harvey Burnett, Officer Bree Schmidt

V. Approve Agenda

- Motion made by Downey, supported by Swem to amend the agenda to add section VII. D. to the Consent Agenda to excuse Commissioner Weedon's absence on 9/26/22 and 9/12/22.

- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Money to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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

- Norma Ferris made comments about the upcoming public hearing with concerns about closing Rynearson.

- Fran Terry made comments in support of Building 324 getting the façade grant.

- Juanita Lewis made comments about the Rynearson and the clarification of the upcoming public hearings.

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

IX.A. Minutes

- Consider approving Regular Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2022.

IX.B. Invoices

- Consider approving September 26th, 2022 expenditures in the amount of \$ 121,857.93

IX.C. Street Closure

- Consider approving a Street Closure for October 14, 2022, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, starting at Terre Coupe to Smith St. for BCS Homecoming Parade.

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Downey to approve the Consent Agenda as Amended.

- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

IX.A. Community Development Report – Director Rich Murphy

IX.A.1. 324 Building Facade Grant Request, Randy and Jess Hendrixson

- Murphy is very supportive of this Grant for Building 324. Randy Hendrixson presented to the commission on how iconic this building is. The building has over 30 different businesses in it which has a hundred different employees

coming in and out every day. It is a thriving economic engine of the community. Currently they are occupied about 2/3rd, they are looking to expand and put new businesses in there.

- Jess Hendrixson commented on how much blood, sweat and tears went into this building. And how she appreciates the opportunity to be considered for this grant.

- Swem thanked the Hendrixson's on their commitment to historic preservation of a transformative property in the community.

- Denison made comments about how exciting it is to watch them transform the building and thank them for doing what they do for the community.

- Money also thanked them, doing an outstanding job so far.

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Downey to approve the 324 Building Façade Grant Request, as presented.

- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

- This façade grant will be the full \$10,000.00

IX.A.2. Hannah Roberts Mural Update

- The art critics seem to like it so far. We are getting a lot of positive feed back so far. Media coverage has been great. It really captures Community Pride. Public art is a community development and it's a positive aspect for downtown revitalization. The artist is expected to be finished by Saturday. A ribbon cutting has been talked about after it's completed.

- The commission thanked Murphy for driving this project, it was not an easy task getting everyone together on this.

IX.B. Public Service Report – Director Mike Baker

IX.B.1. Sweeper Update

- Conversation RE 2008 Elgin Sweeper. Director Baker will share the status of

the sweeper, including needed repairs vs replacement costs. Director Baker and Streets

Department Lead Klay Weaver will present a comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan & Asset Management Plan at the October 10, 2022 City Commission meeting, at which time the Commission will be asked to vote to decide the direction preferred regarding the Sweeper. No vote is requested at this time, until the CAP & AMP are finalized—this is just a preliminary update.

- Baker updated the Commission on the failing sweeper. Baker provided quotes to either repair or replace. Baker will present on the Capital Improvement Plan next meeting. No decision needs to be made at this time but wanted to bring it to commissions attention since this would be a high price item.

- Baker went through the details of each quote given and his opinion on which would be better. With the MS4 permit the roads must be swept 4 times a year.

IX.B.2. Third Street Update

- Director Baker will provide an update RE the Third Street project, including Selge's status with the project.

- Selge came in last week and dug up the intersection, the first 14 feet there is not a good section of pipe. They made the best repair they could on the pipe with it getting patched today.

- Motion made by Money, supported by Denison to open 3rd St.

- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.C. Public Safety Report

IX.C.1. Faith and Blue Weekend

- Director Tim Ganus will update the commission and the public on the upcoming National Faith and Blue Weekend events.

- Officer Schmidt updated the Commission about the upcoming events for Faith & Blue. The event is to help build a relationship with the community. Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th there will be 5 events held on those 2 days. A Blood Drive will be held at Life Action Ministries on October 8th from 10 AM to 2 PM. The blood drive is held through South Bend Medical Foundation and the blood stays local. Pastries with Police will also be held at Life Action Ministries from 11 AM till 2 PM on October 8th. Please check out the flyers for all the events listed for those 2 days.

- Denison thanked the Police Department for their above and beyond effort with the community.

IX.C.2. School Resource Officer

- Manager Grace will update regarding the status of the School Resource Officer proposal.

Grace has reached out to the surrounding townships about engaging in the dialogue of a possible School Resource Officer. Which they will take to their next board meetings. Grace is anticipating having a better update next month.

IX.D. Clerk Report

IX.D.1. Elections

- Clerk Kalla Langston will update the commission and the public on the upcoming General Election on November 8, 2022.
- November 8th General Election Polls will be open from 7AM to 8 PM that day. If you applied for an Absentee Ballot, you should see your ballot arriving the first week of October. If you are wanting to vote absentee, you have until the Monday before election to do so. Political mail is making an appearance, please call the office if you have any questions related to voting or absentee. A lot of the applications that are coming back, when we already have on file, if you're unsure just give my office a call. Starting the first week of October sample ballots can be located on the city's website under clerk department as well as a copy in the lobby here at city hall, and if you would like a printout of a sample ballot they will be located at the front desk. Videos on voter registration and absentee voting have been put up on the city's Facebook and website, that has some great information in them, I encourage you to watch them. There will be 3 proposals on the ballot for this election as well as the county with their Public Safety Milage and the Buchanan Community Schools with their Bond Proposal. Buchanan Schools will be holding an informational meeting on the Bond Proposal on September 28th starting at 6 pm at Buchanan Christian Church. Saturday, October 8th, City Hall will be hosting Coffee with the Candidates from 9 AM- 11 AM, this is a very informal sit down and chat with the Candidates running for City Commissioner this November 8th, there are 3 seats up with 5 candidates.

IX.D.2. Upcoming Public Open House

- Clerk Langston will briefly mention the upcoming Public Open House for the "Downtown Project" (redesign & reconstruction of Front Street with possible closure of Rynearson intersection). The public is encouraged to attend. It takes place from 6pm-7pm on Thursday, September 29th at the American Legion post in Buchanan.

IX.D.3. Upcoming Public Hearings

- Clerk Langston will also briefly mention that there will be two public hearings coming up during our next regular City Commission meeting, on the topic of the Downtown Project with possible closure of the Rynearson intersection, in addition to review of a list of City-owned property whereby the City is seeking public comment regarding whether the properties should be sold, and what type of development would be best suited for each location.
- The public is encouraged to attend and comment, beginning at 7pm at City Hall on Monday, October 10, 2022.

IX.E. Cemetery Report – Nick Bailey, Sexton

IX.E.1. Possible Tree Removal

- Consider the possible removal of two large, unsafe trees at Oakridge Cemetery.
- Bailey presented to the commission a proposal with 3 different quotes to remove 2 large trees. Bailey spoke with the Buchanan Tree Friends, they agreed with 1 tree but would like to revisit the other in a year. The large oak in the old section of the cemetery the stump is half rotted. Bailey provided pictures of the trees and recommended that both be taken down due to liability and risk to the staff, visitors, and headstones.
- Commission would like to have the stumps removed and to come back with a list and quotes to have the stumps removed They'd like to work together with the Friends of Oak Ridge Cemetery.
- Motion made by Money, supported by Swem to approve the tree removal bid submitted by Hartline Expert Tree Service in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. Pedestrian Crossing Ordinance

- Consider approving the 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance 2022.09/434 regarding Pedestrian Right-Of-Way at Identified Crosswalks in the City of Buchanan.
- Motion made by Swem, supported by Downey to approve the second reading of the Pedestrian Crossing Ordinance, and enact into law Ordinance #2022.09/434.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

XI. New Business

XI.A. Resolution for Bond Notice of Intent

- Consider approving a Resolution for the Bond Notice of Intent regarding water and sewer infrastructure related projects for the City of Buchanan.
- Motion made by Downy, supported by Money to approve the Resolution for Bond Notice of Intent, as presented.

- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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

- None

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

- Don Ryman made comments about trees being removed in the city that are on private property, that don't need to be removed.
- Juanita Lewis made comments about the Senior Center and volunteering.
- Norma Ferris made comments about roads at the cemetery, that they need work.
- Monroe Lemay announced on October 8th One Buchanan will hold a disability forum at the Senior Center.

XIV. Executive Comments

XIV.A. City Manager Comments

- Grace mentioned the many events that are happening in Buchanan speaks volumes to the kind of people we have in our community. Wanted to thank her team, congratulations and job well done to Bailey on his first time presenting to the Commission. The amount of detail that the staff goes into, personally is a great benefit to the community. Anyone in our area that decides to attend a meeting can really learn a lot of the inner workings of our community. We are going to try to continue driving up attendance at meetings and getting this information out for public consumption. Wanted to thank the team for all the detail that goes into putting these meetings together. Thanked the commission for always taking the time to review the information provided and render judgment the best interests of the community.

XIV.B. Commissioner Comments

- Money Congratulated Randy and Jess Hendrixson. Thanks to Murphy for his work on the mural and the streetscape project. Encouraging everyone to come to the open house on the Streetscape to get as much insight as possible about the upcoming project. Thanks to the Police Department and the programs coming up in October. Thanked the commission for all they do.
- Downey had no comment.
- Swem thanked Randy and Jess Hendrixson. The mural is looking fantastic as well. Happy to hear 3rd street is reopened. One topic he would like an update on is all the RFP's on when to expect to see them, would like to make sure the mowing RFP to be ready in the spring. Budget for next year would like to see how the allocation and budgeting is compared to surrounding communities. Encourage everyone to come to the meeting on Thursday, it was moved to the Legion because last time we packed City Hall. Were all trying to figure out what's best for the future.

XVI.C. Mayor Comments

- There is a ton going on in our community, we need to encourage OUR friends and family to pay attention to what's going on. Because we have a lot on our plate, we have the school bond, 2023 reconstruction project, we have the need for resource officers. I would encourage everyone to attend those meetings. Wednesday at 6 pm at Buchanan Christian Church the informational meeting about the school bond. Thursday at 6 pm at the Legion is the reconstruction project meeting, get people to attend these things. Thanked the Richie's and Redbud for brining 100,000 people to town. The gas lines that are laying around Chippewa, Semco is replacing vintage gas lines from 4th St. to Front St. and all the way across 3rd St. The entire job will take a few months. The yellow lines laying on the tree lawn should be gone in a couple of weeks. Trek or Treat needs candy, candy is a lot more expensive this year, if you can please donate.

XVII. Adjourn

- Motion made by Money, supported by Downey to Adjourn the meeting at 8:19 P.M.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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Name	Age	Born	Died
George R. Carrier	85	October 25, 1936	October 19, 2022
James Maurice Booker Biggs	32	December 26, 1989	October 18, 2022
Gordon Richard Hull	81	June 11, 1941	October 18, 2022
Earlene Jane (Bivins) Orrick	86	August 20, 1936	October 14, 2022
Edward A. Speckine	88	July 19, 1934	October 13, 2022
Larry Lee Fox Sr.	81	July 6, 1941	October 12, 2022
Nancy J. Vlcek	82	February 19, 1940	October 12, 2022
Marilyn S. Schrumpf	74	January 28, 1948	October 9, 2022
Chester Bays "Bud" Walkden	95	May 25, 1927	October 6, 2022
Norma Jean Bybee	77	July 8, 1945	October 5, 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.

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