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Buchanan's Social District by Mayor Sean Denison A 2020 law allows local governments to apply for a permit to designate groups of restaurants with liquor licenses as social districts. The...

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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor Greetings everyone! Spring is almost done and it's starting to feel like summer, yay! We hope that you have been enjoying The Buchanan Chronicle, now that...

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by Thomas Hoyt I am getting older. We all do. As we get older, our bodies get worn out. Even if you spend all your time exercising and dieting, ultimately death...

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Signs of Summer by Jill McDonald As we step into the month of June, signs of summer are everywhere in the great outdoors! Of course a tell tale sign is...

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 06



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 5/6 – 5/24

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	0
Larceny	1
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	9
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	2
Aggravated Assault	1
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	1
Weapons Offense	2
Unlawful Entry	1
Intimidation/Stalking	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting	1
Fraud Complaint	1
Damage to Property	4
Liquor Violations	0
Obstruction	0
Disorderly Conduct	0
Public Peace / Other	12
OUIL	1
Driving Law Violations	2
Health and Safety	2
Trespass	1
Juvenile Complaints	5
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	6
Abandoned Vehicle	3
Accidental Fire	1
Property Checks	5
Alarms	15
Civil	6
Suspicious Situations	18
Lost/Found Property	2

Description	Total Calls of Type
Natural Death	1
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	20
General Assist	49
Ordinance Violations	37
Missing Person	1

Total Calls 5/6 – 5/24 : 211



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Local Faith – Spotlight

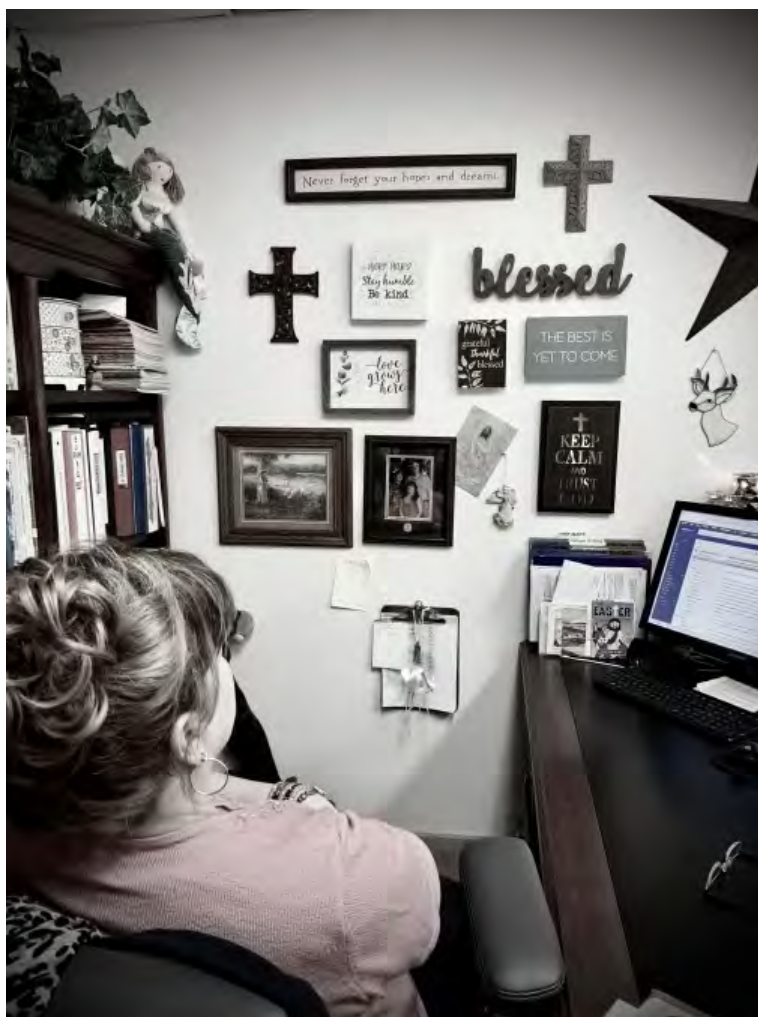


Jan at work, Photo by Stephanie Fain.

God Doesn't Call the Equipped, He Equips the Called – Jan Nowak

by Stephanie Fain

As director of Redbud Area Ministries, AKA RAM Love, Jan Nowak's job is to connect people in need with resources. RAM provides clothing, food, guidance, housewares, utility help and most importantly, prayer, laughter and hope. The small, sturdy brick building on Redbud houses a ministry set on God. No matter what you are called there for, Jan is eager and overjoyed to help! When asked what makes this place so efficient in comparison to other non-profits, Jan made me look up 2 Timothy 4:3-5 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." Basically -She is putting God back in the forefront of social work, "social ministry," baby!



Jan in her work space, Photo by Stephanie Fain.

While we witness the world lose focus of Jesus, we know we can find him among those bricks working with the volunteers no matter what the shift. Instead of focusing on the enemy Jan focuses her energy on God. Building broken down individuals up by minimizing damage done and simply letting us know in our most vulnerable state that Jesus loves us. Jan makes no decisions without including God. The "RAM FAM" enthusiastically starts every shift off with prayer. Get excited! Jan always is! Of my 36 years on earth, Jan is by far the loudest, most influential, contagious and rowdiest down-to-earth angel I have yet met! Clearly Jan doesn't mind getting her hands dirty. (She gardens.. for fun!) "This is the way God intended for us to minister. It is not new- I am just doing what God told us to do, keep him first." Said the fisher of men. My questions are 'What makes a person like Jan?' and 'How can we make more?' Well, let's look at how she was made:



Jan's Uncle Bud Evans, her Dad Sgt. Frank Nowak, her Uncle Bud BruinSlot, and her son National Guardsman Specialist Evan Nowak; Photos provided by Jan Nowak.

Not surprisingly, Jan Nowak came into this world with a bang! New Years Eve was the lucky day and she's been having rowdy loud birthdays ever since. Thankfully she was surrounded by a strong line of God-fearing empaths to keep her in line. Growing up in Niles, her family is very close. With much gratitude, Jan described growing up much like The Walton's and even being able to have her son reap the benefits of being around his grandparents daily. "I grew up in a loving home with my Mom, a registered nurse and my Dad, an elementary educator and principal. I have two older brothers who are 8 and 10 years ahead of me. We churched on Sundays, had family vacations every summer all over the country, went to Grandma's house every Christmas." Jan said. With her grandfather being a pastor and her grandmother, organist and leader of the church choir and woman's group, it's safe to assume much of that wildness got tamed. She stayed close to both parents until the Lord called them home, her father 11 years ago and her mother just 18 months ago after being cared for at home with Jan, right where she belonged.

Jan was a single mother up until a few years ago when she married her husband, a pastor! (Right!) Jan has 4 fur babies at home. She is most proud of her achievements as the mother of Evan Nowak, of the Army National Guard, a very like minded young man who has also enjoyed philanthropy from a young age. Having always been surrounded by warriors strong in prayer, seeds were planted that would soon bear roots and end up refreshing one of the most valuable resources this community has today for those in need. She describes going into the field for social work as being the only identifiable job in the workforce with her parallel goals of helping people. Spending 10 eventful years in Niles as a social worker for the Salvation Army, Jan was forged for her forever job at RAM. "A community is only as strong as its weakest citizen." – Maya Angelou. If this is true, then Jan is on the frontlines welding the chains as the tensions rise and she has her Rambo face on. I bet the devil wets himself a little when she puts on her slippers in the morning. The only rest he gets is when Jan is singing and taking her garden strolls. This is her grounding.



Jan shows one of her most prized donations: one of many boxes donated in honor of Steve Quick, a devoted member of BCC and a long-time volunteer who passed of cancer last year. Photo by Stephanie Fain.

We are only 3 years in on witnessing Jan's influence in her last job ever, and everyone can clearly see she's rocking it. She looks like she might outlast the building, guys, and that building isn't going anywhere! What does Jan teach me? Trust God. Molds are for machines. Depression can be rearranged. "I pressed on." Here, Arrows meant to harm us can be redirected back at the enemy. With God, crumbling quicksand meant to bury us can be paved into scars that remind us of the day we found mercy, and the warmth thereby generated can then be shared as we help strengthen those around us. We can all be a strong link in the chain. Jan told me her favorite part of this ministry is witnessing patrons come back with their lights bright, walking strong, their cups running over, eager to learn more, fight back and join the front line. If you have the heart to fight for your neighbors, the rowdiest angel in town is now enlisting. With God on your side, who can defeat you? I cannot wait to see what's next! Never stop growing, Buchanan!

Buchanan Farmers' Market : Meet the Market – Issue 06



Miss Vada at her Hydration Station, Photo submitted by Ashley Hanson

Vada's Hydration Station

Submitted by Ashley Hanson

Little Miss Vada is one of the market's many vendors. She serves water and organic juice boxes, all very reasonably priced. Vada starts setting up with her business partner, aka mom, Alana Hollerbach at 7:30am. Though she claims she isn't a morning person, Vada never disappoints on her charismatic antics. Her personality is as spunky as her signature curly hair and makeup style. Vada has taken a sabbatical from Montessori School this past year to engage in homeschooling Hollerbach style. She can do a split anywhere and is planning a photoshoot of splits around the world when they vacation in Florida at Epcot this summer. She loves to travel; the child has visited a number of locations that many adults don't get to see. Not hard to believe that this unique child has a wonderful sense of style, from her Grateful Dead loving musical tendencies to her love for all things colorful and fashionable. Vada has many dreams that far expand the perimeter of her tent. I have no doubt we will be hearing a lot from her in the future, definitely stay tuned to hear all about her Disney trip and record breaking split abilities. Her business partner (mom) also sells at market. Alana carries Colorstreet Nails and Norwex. Also, Vada's dad, Mike, owns Hollerbach Excavating and is a big supporter of the local community garden, donating dirt just on time to start the annual planting. To meet the amazing Miss Vada and all the Hollerbachs come on down to the market. Open every Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. through mid October.



Local Business – Vite Greenhouses



Vite Greenhouses, Photo by Jill McDonald

Local Business – Vite Greenhouses

by Jill McDonald

Are you looking to enhance the beauty of your garden? Would you like to have plants that attract butterflies or hummingbirds? How about creating a flower garden that would provide continual blooms? Vite Greenhouses in Buchanan can assist you!

Vite Greenhouses is proud to be a family-owned business, rich in history from its early days. Vite Greenhouses is owned by brothers Jerome, Don, and Greg Vite. Their wives all work at the greenhouses as well. Their sister Vicki lives out of state. Parents Bill and Madeline Vite have a history in farming, with Bill being a second generation vegetable farmer. After the brothers went away to college, over the years they each returned to the family farm to carry on their farming history. All the brothers each have a home with their families on the property. In 2001, Vite Greenhouses became a corporation.



Inside Vite Greenhouses, Photo by Jill McDonald

Located on Redbud Trail, just three miles south of Buchanan, Vite Greenhouses offers a wide selection for your gardening needs and desires. They are “one of the largest Independent Garden Centers serving all of southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana,” and have a 60,000 square foot shopping area, as stated on their website.

They offer a wide selection of annual and perennial flowers, hanging baskets, ornamentals, shrubs, trees, and much more. They are a certified “Proven Winners Garden Center.” This top selling brand of plants offers plants specifically for the Midwest region, plus introduces unique new varieties. Vite staff receive training and knowledge on these plants.

This 2021 season has been their best year ever, according to Jerome Vite. Last year had been their best year at that point, despite Covid, as more people became interested in gardening as a perfect thing to enjoy at home.



Beautiful Blooms at Vite Greenhouses, Photo by Jill McDonald

For those wondering about current safety Covid protocols, they are following current CDC guidelines and encourage social distancing. The greenhouses have an open-air atmosphere, as there is continual airflow from the vents.

When asked about what Owner Greg's favorite thing is working in the greenhouse business, he responded, "It's where three brothers can work together, all have their areas of responsibility, and can appreciate each other."

The three brothers/owners each play an important role to help the family business run smoothly. Greg is in charge of Building Operations/Human Resources, Jerome the business side, and Don the advertising and website.

When asked about what Owner Jerome's favorite thing is working in the greenhouse business, he said, "I've always enjoyed farming and being out in the country, watching things grow, and seeing God's creation in action." In their greenhouse business, not only does he get to work with his family, but he says he also gets to see the whole process- the plants growing and then seeing people come and enjoy themselves, which he says is very satisfying. Jerome said, "We have the best customers!"



Inside Vite Greenhouses, Photo by Jill McDonald

“The continued success of Vite Greenhouses, as stated on their website, “is a result of the values each family shares: Faith in God, commitment to family, and hard work.” When asked how these values guide their business everyday, Jerome said that his father passed down a saying from his grandfather: “If you can’t make it in six days, you’re not going to make it in seven.” On Sundays their business is closed and although watering still needs to be done, the pace is relaxing and no phones are answered.

Vite Greenhouses is open from April through the end of October. Later in the season they will offer chrysanthemums, asters, and other autumn plants.

Whether you have a green thumb or are just beginning to get curious about growing some flowers at your home, the staff at Vite Greenhouses can definitely help guide you to the perfect plants that you'd enjoy.

Wishing you a fun and fabulous gardening year!

For more information on Vite Greenhouses, check out their website at www.vitegreenhouses.com, their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ViteGreenhouses>, or call them at 269.695.2959.

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Past Event – Memorial Day Parade 2021



2021 Memorial Day Parade through Downtown Buchanan, Photo by Jill McDonald

What a Parade!

by Editor Rebecka Hoyt

Memorial Day, May 31, 2021 was a great day in Buchanan, MI! After not having a Memorial Day parade last year due to the pandemic, the people of Buchanan and other cities of Michigan and I am sure other states as well came to the parade. It started at Redbud Trail Road and Front Street and was led through downtown all the way to the Veteran's Circle at the Oakridge Cemetery on Terre Coupe Road.



Veterans on Parade, Photo by Jill McDonald

The Buchanan Chronicle Team was all throughout the parade route capturing photos as we learned about the people who were watching. We hope that you enjoy reading their thoughts on the parade and seeing their photos.



Parade Flags, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Writer Jan Wieszorek captured a photo of Buchanan resident, Linda Nelson and her grandson, Henry Nelson (who is a frequent Memorial Day parade-goer), as she has attended this parade for nearly 60 years. Linda says, "I'm at the point in my life where the old cars (in the parade) are a big deal." The favorite part of the parade for Jan was the "One Buchanan" group and the Disney characters handing out candy to the kids with some big, beautiful smiles!



Parade Viewing Family, Photo by Jan Wiezorek

Writer Nik Sanchez, said that he liked the vibe at the ceremony as everyone was excited to be there.



Raquel who sang The National Anthem at the Ceremony, Photo by Nik Sanchez

Writer/proofreader Tom Hoyt, was actually in the parade with him and Rebecka's daughter, Julie with the American Heritage Girls (AHG). He liked it when he saw friends along the parade route and smiled and waved at them.



Tom and Julie Hoyt walk with American Heritage Girls, Photo by Jill McDonald

Publisher Jen Garry, was amazed to see nearly the whole town either in the parade or watching and cheering from the sides. Her son loved all the cars, tractors, and fire trucks, and especially seeing the Disney characters!



Tractors down Terre Coupe, Photo by Jen Garry

Writer/videographer Stephanie Fain, liked how an almost 94-year-old WW2 veteran attended the ceremony at the Veteran's Circle at Oakridge Cemetery and he couldn't stop talking about his wife who couldn't attend. He had a great day while also being at the legion.



Veteran with Family, Photo by Stephanie Fain

Writer/photographer Jill McDonald, enjoyed taking photos of the parade downtown and attendees.



Pup Parade-Goer, Photo by Jill McDonald

Editor/photographer Rebecka Hoyt, really loved capturing photos of the cars and a couple of patriotic attendees. Ms. Price was decked out in red, white and blue with her sons and their families. She got married to her husband before Vietnam and they were married for 51 years.



On our [Facebook page, The Buchanan Chronicle](#), we have a great video that our videographer Stephanie Fain put together of the parade as well as when the Veteran's Circle received a makeover. So go ahead and take a look! We hope that you enjoyed this year's parade and we look forward to covering more community events. Also, a HUGE "THANK YOU" goes out to all of the men and women veterans who served our country!



Veterans Celebrated, Photo by Jan Wiezorek

Local Business – Union Coffee House



Union Coffee House downtown Buchanan, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Roasted Flavor and Healthy Eats Await You at Union Coffee House and Cafe

by Editor Rebecka Hoyt

11 years ago, in August of 2010, is when Union Coffee House and Cafe opened up at 115 E. Front Street in downtown Buchanan, MI. I was thrilled that I didn't have to go to another town to get some really good coffee. And, I automatically thought of the TV show "Friends" and how the "Central Perk" coffee shop had comfy chairs, a couch, cafe tables & chairs inside. I had the chance to talk with owner and manager Molly Thornton on a recent morning. When I asked her what inspired her to start the cafe she said, "The revitalization of 2008-2009 where there had been vacant buildings downtown and to offer healthier food options other than what was around town known as "bar food."

Molly Thornton, who is also on the Buchanan District Library Board, creates the recipes and menu, and receives input from her crew. Molly states, "The younger staff here like to go to other places and learn what kind of drinks are new and hip, and they take it upon themselves to learn the techniques, and then they bring it to me and we figure out a way with our equipment and our supplies to create it to make it happen." "Brown Sugar Bucks" was a collaborative effort between the staff and a customer. Molly said, "It's basically a brown sugar cold brew with oat milk and cinnamon topper; you can say that it's a cold caffeinated semi-sweet spiced drink." One thing that I learned from Molly is that cold brew coffee and hot brew coffee have different tastes. "The cold brew is coffee brewed in water over a long a period of time so it pulls out a different flavor profile than hot coffee brewed in a short period of time, and it has a longer time to extract the caffeine out of the bean so it is a little bit more of caffeinated than a basic hot cup of coffee. If you drink them side by side, one would make you feel one way and the other would make you feel a little different – caffeine wise," Molly explained. One of the baristas, Cassidy, has come up with some food specials.

The 4-full-time, happy, long-term baristas that are managed by Molly, have been very nice since day one! They even remember what you order. Sometimes, I order something completely different and I am sure that it catches them off guard! Each season they change up the drinks and food. Coming soon in early June, they will have their summer menu. A soup will be changed to a Roasted Red Pepper Gouda. It will have more of a summer esque vibe sandwich, food & drinks will change – stay tuned to their [website and online store](#) and by calling them to place an order over the phone for pick-up/curbside at 269-409-7004. You can also order “U” swag, and e-gift cards online. They also cater events. Because of the pandemic, they are at 50% capacity. They have plans to get some more outdoor seating on the side of Main Street soon that can accommodate more than two people, and she loves the idea of the outdoor eating area that the Andrews University students gave our community at the redevelopment community meeting.



Black Bean & Avocado Plate with 4-Shot Caramel Latte, Photo by Stephanie Fain

Molly's two favorite drinks are the Medium Roast Coffee with cream & Americano Supremo. Her favorite food item is the Veggie Reuben. My favorite drink is the Chai Tea Latte either hot/cold. And my favorite food item, hands down: Breakfast Bagel. True fact: Molly said that she “came up with the Breakfast Bagel, the night before I opened the shop. And now it's the most popular bagel! It has a lot of flavor without meat.” A couple of our Buchanan Chronicle team members also like the Black Bean and Avocado Plate.



Breakfast Bagel, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Union Coffee House and Cafe is open 7 days a week, 7am – 4pm Monday – Friday; and 8am – 2pm Saturday and Sunday. If you haven't been here yet, check them out along with a very good homemade peanut butter cookie! FYI, you will need something to drink with it! Feel free to comment on our Facebook post of this article and tell us what you like from Union Coffee House and Cafe.

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Buchanan Community Schools – BHS Gallery



Buchanan High School

Buchanan High School Student Gallery

by Editor Rebecka Hoyt with excerpts from Principal Stacey DeMaio's May 2021 Monthly Update

As the school year comes to an end, graduation for the Buchanan High School Seniors is coming up. In our spotlight, Malayna Craig, a freshman in Basic Art, was BHS' artist spotlight for the month of May. Mrs. DeMaio, Principal of BHS says, "Malayna enjoys drawing realistically and is especially talented in portraiture."



Artwork by Malayna Craig

We have some good news from the Art Dept this morning. We received the list of winner's for the Buchanan Art Center's Buchanan Youth Art Exhibition today. If you see Jordan Bauer and Tyler Balam give them a shout out for winning Special Merit awards for their artwork in the exhibition. They are two very deserving students for this award as they work every second in art class for every day that they are here. Great kids and talented artists.

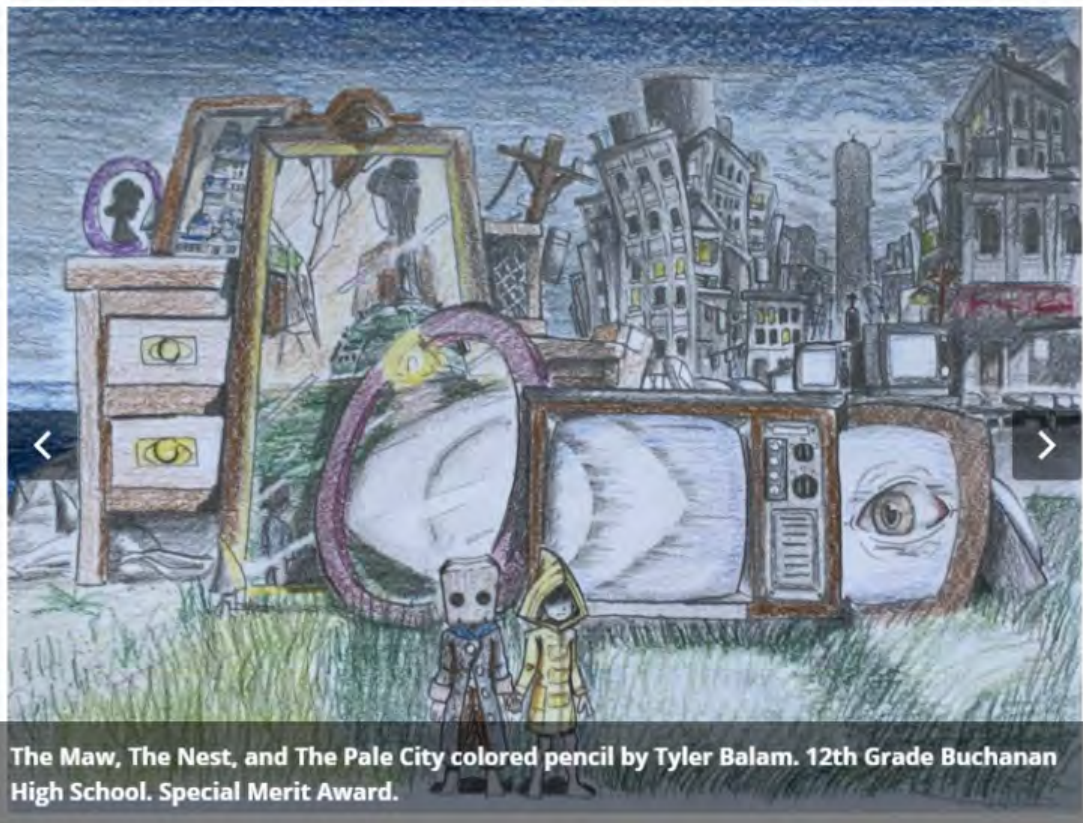
High School



Addiction. Watercolor by Jordan Bauer. 12th Grade Buchanan High School. Special Merit Award.

Artwork by Jordan Bauer, Emerging Artist Exhibit on display at Buchanan Art Center

High School



The Maw, The Nest, and The Pale City colored pencil by Tyler Balam. 12th Grade Buchanan High School. Special Merit Award.

Artwork by Tyler Balam, Emerging Artist Exhibit at Buchanan Art Center

At Buchanan High School, we strive to prepare students for life outside of the academic setting. We are always looking for partnerships within our community to bring real world life experiences to our students. Please reach out to us if you have an idea you'd like to discuss to help our students become successful.

If you call our office, our phone menu has changed, please listen carefully to the new option. Please check out our new Facebook page and like us!

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Local Business – Chicago Dogs



Ben mans the hotdog stand, Photo by Nik Sanchez

Local Business – Chicago Dogs

by Nik Sanchez

Ben and Danna have always had a dream of starting their own food cart or truck. As they retired that dream became true, in 2001 they started the Michigan Concession. It's a place where you can find classic Chicago style hot dogs and the famous chili dog they are most known for. As they are from Buchanan, Ben and Danna wanted to give back to a great community. The whole idea came from traveling to Florida and seeing so many food trucks and food carts and they wanted to put their own spin on it.

This year 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of starting the hot dog cart up, both are very excited and are grateful for the many years being able to do what they love. They both enjoy having this hobby because it keeps them active and gives them something to do, when the sun is out and the weather is warm they love selling hot dogs and other tasty treats they have. This stand is also veteran owned and has hosted fundraisers and relief funds to aid those in need. Ben and Danna also have won numerous awards for cooking including 1999 BBQ competition and a 2005 pulled pork 1st place all in Michigan.

They both look forward to the future and growing their business since last year was tough with COVID, they were only able to set up 5 times last year and nearly lost their license due to restrictions. They have future plans of possibly setting up a Mexican taco truck and a breakfast stand which sounds really exciting in the near future I hope. The township of Buchanan needs more food options and it would only continue to grow the nicest place in America.



Hotdog Stand Menu, Photo by Nik Sanchez

Buchanan Sports – Athlete Spotlight



Gavin Fazi on the basketball court, Photo submitted by Gavin Fazi

Heart, Hustle, and Muscle

by Nik Sanchez

The longest kick return(football) in Buchanan High School history(99 yards)Student athlete Gavin Fazi(18) holds it. Gavin falls nothing short of a dominant player both in basketball and football. The pictures speak for themselves as he shows heart, hustle and muscle. Upon speaking with Gavin I noticed he was very quiet, almost ninja-like. His demeanor was calm and collective but ready to explode at any given time, something I would look for in an athlete.

In football he plays both sides of the ball, offense and defense which again is very tough to do especially in the same game. On offense he plays tight end, which is a very physical position to play. But also he has the softest hands on the team. Putting up huge numbers in his career so far at Buchanan High school. He currently holds the record for most reception yards per catch at 20+. On defense he is known as a punishing hard hitter, while playing middle linebacker he serves as an anchor to stop opposing teams from scoring.



Gavin Fazi on the football field, Photo submitted by Gavin Fazi

Gavin also holds the record for most tackles in a season also as a linebacker. As a basketball player he plays the power forward position, he describes his play as old school 90's style. He describes himself as a tough person and has a lot of heart as he describes how he played hurt through year. He sprained his ankle early into his senior year and played on one at times. He didn't want to leave his team mates and put his health aside for the love of the game.



Gavin Fazi on the basketball court, Photo submitted by Gavin Fazi

It's more than just sports for Gavin also, he takes school seriously and has exceptional grades (a mind with a body). He plans on attending Ferris State University (Big Rapids) in the future to major in accounting, after he has accomplished that he plans on going after his C.P.A. to further his goals after he reaches this stage in his life. Currently Gavin is working as a Diesel Mechanical Tech fixing up trucks, truly a man's job that takes hard work and getting your hands dirty.

I can tell Gavin is a great kid with the future ahead of him because he cares about the community, he has cleaned up Smith park as volunteer work and plans on helping out the community this summer. Some other accomplishments are All State LB in 2020, All Conference Basketball 2021.



Mayor's Memo – Buchanan's Social District



Buchanan's Social District

by Mayor Sean Denison

A 2020 law allows local governments to apply for a permit to designate groups of restaurants with liquor licenses as social districts. The law also creates areas between restaurants in the districts where alcohol in marked containers from these businesses may be consumed. I am hoping that by the time this article is published, the City of Buchanan will have applied for their Social District permit.

The goal is to create an environment where people want to come and walk around, and that in turn creates a space where businesses want to be located. Make no mistake, this is an economic development tool – being utilized to create an environment downtown that helps our merchants be successful.

Michigan's restaurant business has been particularly hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. I read somewhere that they have seen a 57% decline in sales – nearly twice the national average. We need to do all we can as a City Commission, to give them every opportunity to make up for lost revenues and ensure a successful future. I do not believe that creating the social district alone will be a magic bullet. But I do believe that if we continue to take advantage of every possible resource available and continue to create an environment where people want to be and businesses want to operate – we will have a very bright future.

Thank you, see you around town,
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Mayor Sean Denison, Spring 2021, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

Young Writer Spotlight – Issue 06



Photo submitted by Emma-lee Woodbury

Safety Tips for Mrs. Holloway's Class!

Submitted by Emma-lee Woodbury, Fourth Grade at Moccasin School

The 3 B's:

You probably learned these rules in preschool or kindergarten.

#1 is Be Safe, being safe is very important. Some things you can do is push your chair in, walk and not run, and also you can be safe on the playground.

#2 is Being Respectful. You can be respectful to other kids or adults even if they treat you badly. You show them what a good person does. Another thing you could do is pick up trash that you find on the ground or floor. For example in the lunchroom if the lunch aids ask you to pick something up or be a little quieter don't give them sassiness or talk back as you are asked.

#3 is to Be Responsible, something you can do is to be organized aka desk, locker, and reading bin.

Those are the 3 B's.

The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for guest writers to be showcased. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submissions as received.

Guest Writer – The Relativity of Rain



The Relativity of Rain (or Meteorological Murphy's Law)

Submitted by Jan Ferris

A few stray raindrops splatted on the pollen-dusted windshield as I parked my car in Harding's lot. Good, I thought. We could sure use it.

"We may finally get some rain," I said to the woman parked beside me as we headed for the store. "We sure need it."

"I did my best yesterday to make it rain," she responded. "I hung my clothes out and washed my car."

I chuckled from beneath my facemask. "That should have done it! Maybe it will be pouring when we come out of the store with armloads of groceries."

"That's usually the way it goes," she chortled. And we went about our shopping.

When I came out of the store, the sun was shining! Good grief, I thought. I should have left the car windows down.

Have you ever watered thirsty flowers, even though the weather forecasters were calling for rain? The assumption is that if you go to that extra effort, the skies will open up for sure. Liquid sunshine. Everything and everyone needs it, which is why we dwell on it so much when it is absent.

If you want rain, leave your umbrella or rain jacket at home. As kids, we learned that if you stepped on a Daddy Longlegs spider, it would be bad luck and make it rain. Therefore, we generally avoided bothering the spiders. Another good one – leave your house for the day with the windows wide open. You are just asking for rain.

These are just a few examples of the relativity of rain, things we do or don't do, KNOWING that the action will bring on rain. Kind of like Meteorological Murphy's Law. But, alas, sometimes they don't do the trick.

The cast of Gunsmoke would take up a collection and call in a rainmaker to do a raindance, for a fee of course. And in extreme drought, they summoned a diviner to "witch out" water underground for wells to irrigate their crops and water their livestock. Spoiler alert! Things don't always work out in real life the way they do on Gunsmoke.

I used to joke that if an area needs rain, they should just invite me there for vacation. Inevitably, an area of the desert that only gets about three inches of rain a year will get about two inches while I'm there. And it won't cost them a penny! You are welcome. And when I was in Ireland on vacation, I was told that they "never have puddles," which they weren't lacking while I was there. Go figure.

Fair weather is nice when you want to mow your lawn or plant your garden or fields, go on vacation, or have an outdoor party. Which reminds me – if you are having an outdoor party, rent a tent or clean out the garage as a back-up. Then it shouldn't rain.

But eventually, we are all hoping for rain, and looking for signs of it or things we can do that will bring it on. We start dwelling on it. That's how many of the old sayings about rain came about. Watch for a red sky in morning (sailors take warning), or mares' tails clouds (AKA cirrus uncinus clouds), which both signify rain on the way. Every region and every family has their own wives' tales about the rain. Whether they are true is debatable.

What are some of the things you have always heard about summoning rain? Do you believe in them? Do you pass on these beliefs to the next generation?

This is just food for thought. In the end, we really can't do anything about the weather. But take heart and remember – when it rains, it pours. Which begs the question, how do you know how long the rain will continue?

Community Press Release – Southshore Concert Band



Southshore Concert Band – Buchanan Summer Concert

Buchanan, MI – May 21, 2021

Submitted by Jan Street, Public Relations Chairperson, Southshore Concert Band

We're on a mission to share the "joy of music" with our very first audience in fifteen months so we're getting the band back together! Southshore Concert Band, Berrien County's adult community band, will be performing at the beautiful Buchanan Common on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Conductor Dale Reuss and all of the band members are thrilled to be preparing an entertaining outdoor concert for the residents of the Buchanan area.

This concert will feature toe-tapping marches, musical medleys from the silver screen and rock and roll in addition to a variety of familiar patriotic melodies. The band will present marches The Fairest of the Fair and The Lambs' March by John Philip Sousa; "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead", "If I Only Had a Brain", and "Over the Rainbow" from The Wizard of Oz; John Williams' Star Wars – The Marches from some far-away galaxies; "Light My Fire", "Riders of the Storm" and "Love Her Madly" from The Doors in Concert; Armed Forces Salute, music to honor our nation's service members; and of course, Jake and Elwood's favorites "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love", "Soul Man", "Gimme Some Lovin", "Respect", and "Soul Man" from The Blues Brothers.

Yes, Southshore Concert Band is back together and ready for an evening of fun in downtown Buchanan. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring a chair or blanket and bring your enthusiasm and joy as we welcome back the music together!



About The Southshore Concert Band

The Southshore Concert Band was formed in 1992 to provide an opportunity for Berrien County adults to use their musical skills formed in high school and college on a volunteer basis for personal enjoyment. The band membership has grown over the years to include members from northern Indiana as well as other southwest Michigan counties. Membership includes a broad range of professional careers- retired band teachers, current teachers, engineers, accountants, social workers, computer consultants -all playing together to share their common passion for music.

The band provides free concerts at various locations in southwest Michigan during the year. Regular concerts include Winter and Spring concerts at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center. Additional concerts such as a Halloween Concert, Veteran's Day Let Us Not Forget Concert, a collaborative concert with the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomie, and a Pops Concert add wide variety to our seasons. A "Big Band" was also created from members of the Southshore Concert Band to showcase sounds from a great musical time period. Annual summer concerts are played in local community parks and band shells.

The band has traveled to Boston and Washington D.C. to participate in the National Festival of the States concert series. It allowed the band to experience new performance venues and share a little bit of southwest Michigan with other parts of the country.

The Southshore Concert Band was founded and is conducted by Dale Reuss. The band has a membership of approximately 75 adults. Rehearsals are at Lake Michigan College every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. during the regular season (except holidays). We welcome new members! If you are interested in joining, please email Dale

Reuss at southshoreconcertband@gmail.com. A brief audition will be required.

The organization achieved 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation status in February, 1999. The band relies on member's dues, grants and public donations to fund its activities. The organization receives no public funds.

Southshore Concert Band

Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI

www.southshoreconcertband.com

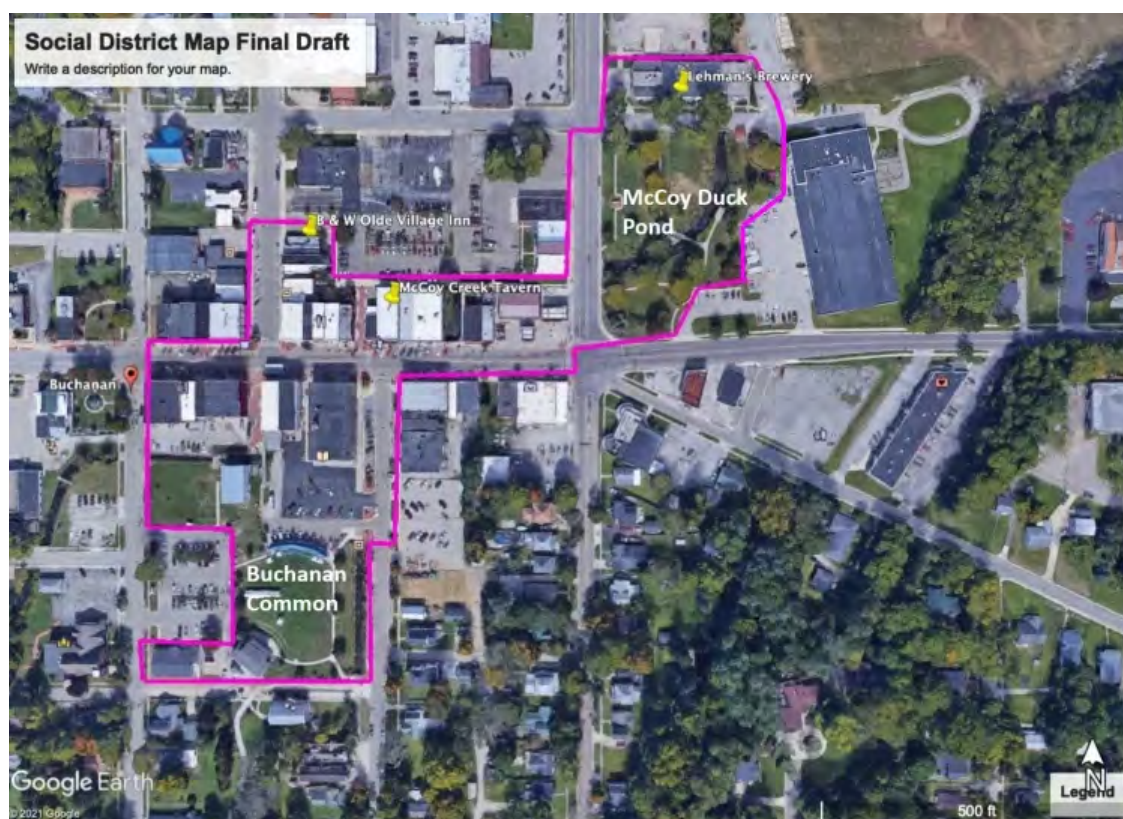
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City Commission Meeting Summary • May 24 2021



Social District Map, Photo courtesy of The City of Buchanan

Three Cheers for New Social District Plan

by Jan Wieszorek

Buchanan's new social district plan for outdoor consumption of alcohol received a round of encouragement from commissioners and residents during a May 24 virtual meeting.

Commissioners unanimously adopted an application and maintenance plan for establishing the city's social district downtown.

Community Development Director Rich Murphy says he worked with leaders in St. Joseph, Bridgman, and Niles to develop in Buchanan plans for outdoor consumption of alcohol within a designated area, or social district.

The district should make an impact this season and bring more people downtown, he says.

Police Chief Tim Ganus says that he “feels very confident” the social district will be safe and serve the needs of the community. He says police presence in the area will help to ensure safety.

Buchanan Mayor Sean Denison adds, “I’ve heard positive support for a social district. It’s a winning strategy and worth a try.”

Michael Rowland, president and CEO of the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, also supports the district, saying it would be “good for local business.”

The district will follow natural walking patterns, Murphy says. Participants have a traffic light for crossing Red Bud Trail at Front Street, but one crossing along Front Street has no traffic light.

Appropriate street crossings will be marked. Signs will be added to designate that individuals are entering or leaving the district. Those drinking alcohol in the district will wear wristbands. Cups will bear the name of the establishment where the beverage was purchased.

Commissioner Cameron Downey suggested additional waste receptacles within the district.

Murphy is working with Buchanan establishments, as district licensees, to complete their state application for opting into the social district program.

Commissioner Mark Weedon also suggests a trolley could be added to, say, take participants from River St. Joe into downtown Buchanan and bring more life and foot traffic downtown.

Master Plan Online

Speaking of walking, Buchanan also has a master plan online for public viewing at nicestplacetowalk.com

The plan, developed with assistance from Andrews University, is approved for dissemination. The public will have 63 days to comment on the plan before a public hearing and potential adoption by the city commission possibly in late September.

Murphy says the plan opens dialogue with potential investors and business prospects. It also showcases a “reimagining” of development opportunities for Buchanan. He adds that more than 2,000 individuals have already seen the plan online.

Plan ideas include façade grants and improvements to Mill Alley, Front Street, and McCoy’s Creek Trail. Highlights also include business expansion and improving vacant buildings to enhance Buchanan’s tax rolls.

Commissioners are planning a workshop the week of June 7 to discuss an action strategy for the master plan.

Residents Appointed

Three-year appointments to the Design Review Committee include: Chris Brayak (reappointment beginning July 1, 2020), Kevin Barker (reappointment beginning July 1, 2021), and Dan Carlson (beginning immediately through June 20, 2025).

Tree City, U.S.A.

A new auger may be forthcoming to help the Buchanan Tree Friends meet their goal of planting 100 new trees annually in the city. Richard Martin and Beth Murphy of the city’s Tree Friends support buying a new auger for the job. More auger bids are in the works, and commissioners plan to address the issue again soon.

Bits & Pieces

Public Services Director J. T. Adkerson will retire June 18. The city is posting an opening for the position, with a salary of between \$60,000 and \$70,000 annually.

Mayor Denison, City Manager Heather Grace, and residents Jerry Flenar and Wayne Writer were among those thanking Adkerson for his years of service to the community.

Four additional NO U-TURN signs will be placed on Front Street between Red Bud Trail and Oak Street.

A bid to resurface basketball courts at Victory Park was approved.

Commissioner Larry Money says to look soon for the new veterans’ banners downtown.

Marijuana permit renewals for Redbud Roots were approved.

Commissioners approved an expanded independent contractor agreement with Farmers’ Market Master Ashley Hanson.

City Clerk Barbara Pitcher is recommending ways to ensure best practices and enhanced productivity within the city’s boards and committees. She is developing a portal of information for handy reference.

Enjoy the concert at the Common, June 10 at 7 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of city commissioners is June 14 at 7 p.m.

You may view the completed May 24, 2021 City Commissioner Meeting Minutes on [the City of Buchanan Website](#).



The Clark Barker – Issue 06



Not On My Grass!

As you all know, we have many squirrels and bunnies here in Buchanan. Well, I should also say, not just in Buchanan, but all over the world! My other doggie friends would have to agree with me that squirrels and bunnies are our favorite thing to run after whenever we see them. I do have to admit that I make it known to my humans when there is a squirrel in the yard, driveway, tree, or even across the street with my barking. It's my way of saying "Hi," (sometimes) or "Not on my grass!" My owners try to tell me that "It's okay that the squirrels are out there and no you can't go get it." One time though, I was successful in getting a squirrel, but my human had to take me back inside so I wouldn't do anything more to it. I was happy that I got it, but also sad as when I went back outside and couldn't find it. I have noticed that these squirrels love to go up in the trees and they go up so high, find a spot to stay and look down at me. It's like they are teasing me, as I keep my eyes on that squirrel no matter how long they stay there or when my human brings me back inside. And then when we go on walks, and if I see one on the sidewalk or in a yard I want to go after it, but my owner holds me back. Don't these squirrels ever sleep is what my owner wants to know. I don't think that they do, but perhaps at night time while I am sleeping. So, to all of my canine friends, good luck on getting a squirrel or a bunny!



Tough Squirrel, Photo by Nik Sanchez



Squirrel Sighting, Photo by Nik Sanchez



Bunny Friend, Photo by Nik Sanchez

Local Clubs – Buchanan College Club



Buchanan College Club Scholarship Winners

Submitted by Sarah Gault

The Buchanan College Club, which offers interest free loans to Buchanan High School graduates, hosted their 2021 Honors Banquet on Sunday, May 16th at Lehman's Farmhouse. This year's recipients of scholarship funds are Erin Chase and Andrew Ruth, for their outstanding classmanship, volunteerism, extracurricular activities, and above average grade point. The Buchanan College Club was founded in 1922 by a group of 12 women to support other women in their advanced education. Their budget was \$15.41. The current club has 18 active members and 10 associate members (long-term members) and raises funds throughout the year toward a scholarship to a deserving BHS graduate in addition to offering interest-free loans to qualifying Buchanan graduates. Since 1950 it has given out over \$150,000 in loans. Some of the Buchanan College Club's fundraisers include bake sales at the Farmer's Market (June 12th, July 10th, and August 7th), Fish/Chicken Fry at Hilltop Café, and Shop 'Til You Drop. Look forward to a dinner dance in February to celebrate the club's 100th Anniversary. If you'd like more information on the Buchanan College Club please email collegeclubbuchanan@gmail.com.



Scholarship Recipients Andrew Ruth and Erin Chase, Photo submitted by Sarah Gault



Club members: Bottom row L-R: Sarah Haines, Erin Ross, Becky Kaltenbach, Alice Kring, JoAnn Pressey. Second Row L-R: Jennie Brackett, Patti Baltazar, Liz McGinnis, Sarah Gault. Third Row L-R: Karin Falkenstein, Kari Chase, Brandy Villwock, Dianne Ross, Debra Bonek; Photo submitted by Sarah Gault

Remembering – Issue 06

Remembering

Buchanan Losses • 5/15-6/5

Name	Age	Born	Died
Shirley Anne Bruno	79	December 29, 1941	May 27, 2021
Mark Edward Davidson	49	January 20, 1972	May 27, 2021
Ronald John Sather	85	March 19, 1936	May 25, 2021
Joel William Camp	78	August 29, 1942	May 22, 2021
Nadine Louise Rose	96	March 5, 1925	May 21, 2021
Patricia Anne Cole	50	December 7, 1970	May 20, 2021
George K. Roberts	85	May 17, 1936	May 17, 2021

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

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Nature Notes – Issue 06

Nature Notes

Signs of Summer

by Jill McDonald



Flowers in Bloom, Photo by Jill McDonald

As we step into the month of June, signs of summer are everywhere in the great outdoors! Of course a tell tale sign is the daily temperature is warming, but the sun is actually shining it's radiant beams and the cold-weather permacloud in southwest Michigan is gone!



Robin Photo by Jill McDonald

If we slow down and tune into the nature that surrounds us, there are truly are signs of summer everywhere! Here's sharing some highlights below that catch my senses in this corner of Michigan as spring transitions into summer:

- Sights –
 - Green foliage of trees creates a lush canopy of shade
 - Flowers in a myriad of colors in gardens
 - Sunsets over a lake or driving down a backroad
- Sounds –
 - Robins especially singing in the wee early morning and near dusk
 - Cardinals singing their “cheer, cheer, cheer” song throughout the day
 - Cicadas soon buzzing throughout the day high in the treetops
 - Crickets chirping after dusk
- Scents –
 - The fresh humid scent before and after a thunderstorm
 - Flower gardens are filled with unique floral scents
- Tastes –
 - Fresh Vegetables, Herbs, and Honey at Farmers Markets and in gardens
- Touch –
 - Soft green grass, especially on bare feet
 - Sand at the lake
 - Note: Do Not touch Poison ivy (Remember: Leaves of 3, Let it be!)



Poison Ivy Photo by Jill McDonald

So whether you have a few moments throughout the day or a few hours free, perhaps step outside and try to truly notice and appreciate what's around you. Sights and sounds seem wonderfully endless in nature. Slow down, breathe, and use all your senses to experience the simple joys found in the great outdoors!



Cardinal Photo by Jill McDonald

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A Note from the Editor – Issue 06



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Greetings everyone! Spring is almost done and it's starting to feel like summer, yay! We hope that you have been enjoying The Buchanan Chronicle, now that we are six issues in! Word has been getting around about us and we hope that you will continue to share this issue, [The Buchanan Chronicle website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

In our latest issue (Fifth issue), we published an "Opinion" piece. Our readers have opinions and we want to provide a place to express them – regardless if we agree with them. However, we do ask that you abide by our "Opinion Guidelines" and I will mention them here:

- Please keep it under 400 words.
- We don't accept anonymous letters and will publish your name and city. (We contact all writers to verify their veracity.)
- Check your facts. Letters that are factually inaccurate will not be printed. (If we see inaccuracies, we will ask the writer to verify them.)
- We do not publish ad hominem attacks, rudeness or foul language, or personal grievances.
- Space is limited for letters and we must give priority to the ones that are most timely, well-written, relevant, and/or provide a unique perspective.
- We edit and/or trim letters a little as possible, but we reserve the right to do so as necessary.

We would love to showcase your business/group/club in The Buchanan Chronicle. Please [send us an email](#) and/or a message through our Facebook page ([The Buchanan Chronicle Facebook page](#)), or call at 269-697-9874. As stated from our publisher in the last issue, we now have advertising rates! Jen and I are hoping to meet soon with any Buchanan business to tell you what we have to offer to get your business noticed even more! Enjoy the 6th issue.

Happy Readings,
Rebecka Hoyt



The Buchanan Chronicle

Now That's Funny! – Issue 06



by Thomas Hoyt

I am getting older. We all do. As we get older, our bodies get worn out. Even if you spend all your time exercising and dieting, ultimately death finds us. And that is okay. The older we get, the more we discover things that we used to do in our youth no longer interest us or become a bit too much for these older bodies to keep up. If you have ever seen the Lethal Weapon films, you know the character Sgt. Murtaugh who says from time to time, "I'm getting too old for this s!@\$." So, here's my Murtaugh list so far.

- Staying up past midnight
- Roller skating
- Drinking more beer than we ought to
- Sledding
- Playing computer games all evening
- Playing sports that require much of you (football, baseball, basketball)
- Heavy lifting all by yourself

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Movie Showtimes – 06/10/21



Wonderland Cinema • 6/4-6/10

Movie	Rating	Times
Cruella	PG13	12:15, 1:00, 3:00, 6:00, 6:30, 8:45
The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It	R	1:15, 2:50, 4:00, 6:45, 7:20, 9:30, 9:45
A Quiet Place Part II	PG13	12:45, 3:00, 3:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:15, 9:35
Spirit Untamed	PG	12:30, 12:45, 2:40, 4:45, 5:20, 7:00, 9:15



Wonderland Cinema

[269-683-1112](tel:269-683-1112)

[402 N Front St](#)

[Niles, MI 49120](#)

[USA](#)

Moore Movie Bucket Policy:

- Moore Movie Bucket Policy
- Monday-Wednesday each bucket fill is \$0.75
- Thursday is FREE popcorn with bucket and ticket purchase
- Buckets are NOT allowed Friday-Sunday
- Refillable plastic Bucket costs \$3.00

Monday - Wednesday

75¢ REFILLS

**FREE POPCORN
Thursday**
If you bring the
current bucket
with your ticket
purchase.

**Sorry,
No Buckets
Friday - Sunday**

The

**MOORE
THEATRES**

A promotional poster for Moore Theatres. The background is a diagonal split of red and yellow. A film strip with the Moore Theatres logo runs diagonally across the middle. In the foreground, a large white bucket of popcorn is shown, with the Moore Theatres logo and the word 'The' visible on it.

Ticket Pricing:

Matinees – All shows before 5:00 PM

Forenoon: \$2.50 (before 12pm)

Afternoon: \$4.00 (12pm to 5:00pm)

Evening – All shows 5:00 PM and after

All tickets: \$5.00

Monday Special 2 Tickets for: \$8.00

* Showtimes subject to change without notice, please click [here](#) to check the Wonderland website for latest showtimes and ticket pricing. *



**PRIVATE
WATCH
PARTY**

\$60.00 - 2 HOURS
**Bring your own DVD, BLU RAY,
XBOX or PLAYSTATION**

\$100.00 - 2 HOURS
CURRENT MOVIE

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SCOTT 269.207.3732

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OR LESS**

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BCS Superintendent's Note – May 2021



Superintendent of Schools

Phone: 269-695-8401 Fax: 269-695-8450

401 West Chicago Street Buchanan, Michigan 49107

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

A Note from BCS Superintendent

by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent

As this school year is coming to a close, there have been examples of resilience, determination, compassion, grit, dedication and appreciation shown throughout the school year.

Teachers and staff have completed a full year of school during a pandemic and adjusted to the educational nuances, they have been flexible with the interruptions of in-person learning and have learned and managed how to teach and learn while wearing masks. Teachers have become masters at meeting and teaching virtually with faces that lack expressions staring back at them. They have learned to make pivots with last minute school pausing to move from in-person learning to virtual learning. Our teachers and staff have been and are the backbone of this organization and for that we are thankful.

Students have weathered this storm with such amazing strength. We continue to be in awe of their attitudes and desire of wanting to attend school in-person. They wear their masks as if masks have been part of their lives all along. Our students have learned to participate in sports while wearing a mask. They have taken this challenge head on with such dignity, strength, and positive mindsets and for that we are humbled and honored that you are here with us.

Parents have been extremely flexible and for their willingness to adjust we simply say thank-you. Parents have several plans in place to make these adjustments. They have had to figure out child care, figure how to help their child during virtual learning times while attempting to work at home themselves, they have had to manage with social and emotional struggles during virtual learning, parents, families, and the community have been the biggest cheerleaders of student support and for that we are extremely grateful.

Although this school year is closing, we are excited about returning next school year. We are working on a few things to get us ready for 2021-2022:

- Free Summer school program that includes transportation and food
- The 2021-2022 calendar will be posted in June
- Implementation of the Here Comes the Bus App which gives parents real-time information regarding the whereabouts of the bus
- Planning for in-person learning for all students
- Plans for the Centennial Celebration of our High School are underway
- End of year Newsletter will be distributed in June
- The Buck Bulletin will be shared earlier this year

We will continue to support students by focusing on our mission which t is to develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

Go Bucks!

Educationally yours,



Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools



BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021, Photo from BCS

City Commission Meeting Agenda • April 12 2021

Write-Up by Editor Rebecka Hoyt, Agenda by City Clerk Barbara A. Pitcher

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

The Buchanan City Commission met via Zoom for their first Monday meeting of April 12th 2021 at 7:00 pm; all commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Denison and roll call was taken with no absentees. An addition to the agenda was added: New Business, Item G. Resolution for Support for USDA Grant for Construction of DPW Building. Downey moved, seconded by Weedon to accept the agenda as amended. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Begin Agenda:

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION HELD ELECTRONICALLY

ON:

MONDAY, April 12, 2021 – 7:00 PM

I. Recognition

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

V. Agenda

- Additions to the Agenda
- Approval of the Agenda

VI. Public Comment

- Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Approve Minutes:
 - Regular City Commission Meeting, April 12, 2021
- Approve Invoices/Expenditures:
 - for April 26, 2021 in the amount of: \$549,922.82
 - \$502, 579.00 of which is the March payment to Davis Construction for the WWTP Construction.
 - \$6,080.00 for the water department's new trailer.

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

- Introduction of New City Attorney

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

- Friend's of McCoy Creek Trail
- Buchanan Common Committee: Board Appointment Recommendation

X. Unfinished Business

- Edgewater Bank

XI. New Business

- City Investment Policy

XII. Communications

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

- Draft Budget Proposal
- Taxables

XIII. Public Comment

- Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

XIV. Executive Comments

- City Manager Comments
- Commissioner Comments
- Mayor Comments

XV. Adjourn

You may view the completed April 12, 2021 City Commissioner Meeting Minutes on [the City of Buchanan Website](#).

