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Upcoming Events – BASC May 2022

May Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center Submitted
by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator ONE
BUCHANAN AGEISM FORUM Saturday, May 14, 2:00—
4:00 pm Learn more about aging at One Buchanan's
Ageism Forum...

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Local Business – Stark School and Event Center

Plans Revealed for Stark School and Event Center by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer Friday, April 22, 2022 The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting after being...

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Community Press Release – Free to See at Buchanan Art Center

Free Upcoming Art Exhibitions, Receptions, and Performances at Buchanan Art Center Submitted by Jan Wiezorek, BAC Marketing Volunteer Emergence 2022 Exhibit Spring brings a new season of the arts to...

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Nature Notes – Nature Outings

Nature Outings for Mother's Day Weekend by Jill K. McDonald Are you looking for some fun ideas to enjoy the great outdoors this weekend near Buchanan? Whether you're seeking some...

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Local Boards – New MI Main Street Board in Buchanan

Michigan Main Street Board in Buchanan by Jen Garry, Publisher NEW in town: Buchanan has formed its Board of Directors to join the Michigan Main Street (MMS) Program. As a...

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May 7, 2022

Past Event – BCS Plow Day 2022

25th Annual Plow Day at Buchanan School Farm Follow-Up by Thomas Hoyt On Saturday, April 23, 2022, was the 25th annual Buchanan Community School Farm Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast....

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May 7, 2022

Past Event – Easter Egg Hunt 2022

Buchanan Community Easter Egg Hunt Hosted by Buchanan-Galien Leo Club Written by Brian Tumbleson, Photos submitted by Jerry Flenar and Alice Kring The Buchanan-Galien Leo's planned, prepared for and hosted...

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Local Faith – LifePlan Response to Recent Events

LifePlan Response to Recent Events Submitted by Cheri Gamble, LifePlan Outreach Director On Monday night, May 2, 2022 a document was leaked showing that the Supreme Court is planning on...

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Community Press Release – Buchanan Bands Spring Collage Concert

Buchanan Bands Spring Collage Concert Who: Buchanan Bands What: Spring Collage Concert Where: Buchanan High School Competition Gym 401 W Chicago St When: Friday, May 13, 2022 at 7pm How...

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May 7, 2022

Community Press Release – Napier Ave Bridge Closure

Napier Avenue Bridge Closure Berrien County, MI – April 24, 2022 TOWNSHIP: St. Joseph Township LOCATION: Napier Avenue Bridge located between Langley Avenue and Miami Road CLOSEST CITIES: St Joseph,...

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May 7, 2022

Past Event – Arbor Day 2022 at Ottawa School

Arbor Day 2022 Buchanan Tree Friends Planting at Ottawa Elementary School by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer Buchanan Tree Friends started their Friday morning April 29, 2022 early at Ottawa...

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Past Event – Buchanan College Club Centennial Gala

Buchanan College Club's 'Grand Centennial Gala' Write-Up and Photos submitted by Jennie Brackett The Buchanan College Club is celebrating 100 years in 2022. They asked the community to celebrate this...

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Past Event – National Day of Prayer 2022

National Day of Prayer was Thursday, May 05, 2022 by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer At the 12:00 hour at the Redbud City Center flag pole is where the National...

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Past Event – Buchanan College Club Annual Honors Banquet

Buchanan College Club Hosts Annual Honors Banquet
Write-Up and Photos submitted by Jennie Brackett On
April 24, 2022, the Buchanan College Club hosted its
annual Honors Banquet for students who...

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Community Press Release – Office of State Senator Kim LaSata

State Senator Kim LaSata's District Update State of
Michigan – April 27, 2022 Dear Friends, Thank you for
taking the time to read my weekly e-newsletter. Below
you will find...

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BCS School Spotlight – BMS May 2022

BMS Bucks for a Buck Submitted by BMS Principal
Shelby Beasley Kindness is not in short supply at
Buchanan Middle School. The daily motto on the
student-led live newscast is,...

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Now That's Funny! – Issue 27

by Thomas Hoyt In a previous issue, I had written about
how men and women are so different. I wrote about how
we communicate differently. When a man hears a...

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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 27

by Jen Garry, Publisher Mother's Day is tomorrow, Sunday, May 8, 2022! Now that we've been Buchanan's local online news for more than a year, our team is able to...

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Remembering – Issue 27

Buchanan Losses • 04/11-05/02 Name Age Born Died
Virginia Ann Henderson 78 August 12, 1943 May 2, 2022
John Lee Heller Sr. 86 January 19, 1936 May 1, 2022
Robert...

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The Clark Barker – Issue 27

Calling Volunteers I've described a few volunteer opportunities below that my keen ears have heard about recently, see what YOU can do to help here in Buchanan! MegaHurtz Robotics: The...

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 27

Police Call Log : 4/20 – 5/01 Buchanan City Police
Department Description Total Calls of Type Sex Offenses
2 Parental Kidnapping 0 Larceny 2 Larceny – Theft from
Motor Vehicle...

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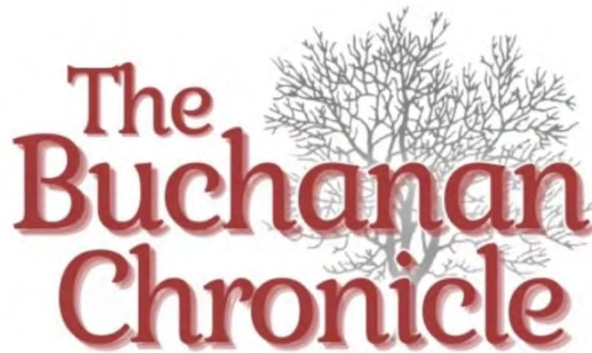
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Upcoming Events – BASC May 2022



May Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

ONE BUCHANAN AGEISM FORUM

Saturday, May 14, 2:00—4:00 pm

Learn more about aging at One Buchanan's Ageism Forum at the Buchanan Area Senior Center



As our population ages, many issues arise and need to be addressed through public discourse. Ageism involves serious issues and consequences for people's health. Many elders find the rapidly changing world confusing and downright frightening. They may experience poorer physical and mental health, the reality of social isolation, loneliness, financial insecurity, and in some cases various forms of abuse. These result in a decreased quality of life impacting the daily lives as individuals age.

The format will involve a panel of experts, several who live in Buchanan. The topics will be Aging, Perceptions of Ageism, the Complexities of Multiple Generations in the Workplace, Discrimination, Elder Abuse and Scams.

Learn about One Buchanan and the Ageism Forum by engaging with leaders of the group.

CARFIT HELPING MATURE DRIVERS FIND THEIR SAFEST FIT

Schedule your appointment for CarFit at the BASC!

CarFit is a free, interactive and educational program that teaches participants how to make their personal vehicle 'fit' them to increase safety and mobility when they hit the road.

CarFit is sponsored by TRIAD and will be held at the BASC on Tuesday, May 10, 10:00 am —12:00 pm.

Please call 695-7119 to schedule your appointed time for your free CarFit checkup!





LGBTQ+ SOCIAL

Monday, May 16, at 10:00 am

Come on by the BASC for the LGBTQ+ Social

Meet new friends and discuss the start up of a LGBTQ+ group.

The intention of the LGBTQ+ Social is to offer a space for like minded people to gather, meet new people, have discussions, laugh, and to enjoy each other's company. We will discuss what this new group wants of future gatherings. Please bring your ideas to the social!



**American
Red Cross**

Be Red Cross Ready – House Fire

Thursday, May 26 at 2:00 pm

Presented by the American Red Cross

Call 695-7119 to reserve your seat!

The American Red Cross, Be Red Cross Ready presentations provide emergency preparedness information and guidance that persons can use to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other-related emergencies. Having more community members be better prepared for disasters can lead to a more resilient community, potentially help save lives, and reduce the negative impacts of disasters that affect a community. Be Red Cross Ready Presentation includes a basic "Preparedness Essentials" module that offers standardized preparedness information, including "Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Be Informed."

Read the full BASC Newsletter for May 2022 [HERE](#).

Buchanan Area Senior Center - May 2022 Calendar

Exercise / **Health** / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
² 10:00 Chair Exercise with Linda 11:00 Zumba Low-Impact with CC 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	³ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	⁴ 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 9:00 Coffee Chat 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	⁵ 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day	⁶ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 11:00 People Inspiring People 1:00 Fiber Friends
⁹ 10:00 Chair Exercise with Linda 11:00 Zumba Low-Impact with CC 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	¹⁰ 10:00 CarFit 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	¹¹ 9:30 Field Trip - Museums 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	¹² 9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 11:00 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Monthly CSEP Commodities 3:00 Board Meeting	¹³ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Fried Green Tomatoes 2:00 Art/Craft Spring Basket
¹⁶ 10:00 Chair Exercise with Linda 10:00 LGBTQ+ Social 11:00 Zumba Low-Impact with CC 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	¹⁷ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 9:30 Walk Day 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 Hearing Aid Check	¹⁸ 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Quarterly TEFAP Commodities 6:00 Pinochle	¹⁹ 9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 10:30 Book Club 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day	²⁰ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends
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Closed ³⁰ 	³¹ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	Ageism Forum One Buchanan Saturday, May 14 2:00—4:00 pm at the Buchanan Area Senior Center 	CarFit Tuesday, May 10 Call 695-7119 to schedule your appointment time. 	Be Red Cross Ready House Fire Thursday, May 26 2:00 pm 

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BASC Calendar May 2022

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

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



About Buchanan Area Senior Center: Buchanan Area Senior Center provides a complete facility, a friendly and efficient staff, and active volunteers that enhance the quality of life of seniors in our community. We offer programs and services designed to promote physical, social, and mental well-being, including exercise, recreation, and crafts, as well as Senior Nutrition Services, food commodities, and a Senior Community Garden.

Buchanan Area Senior Center

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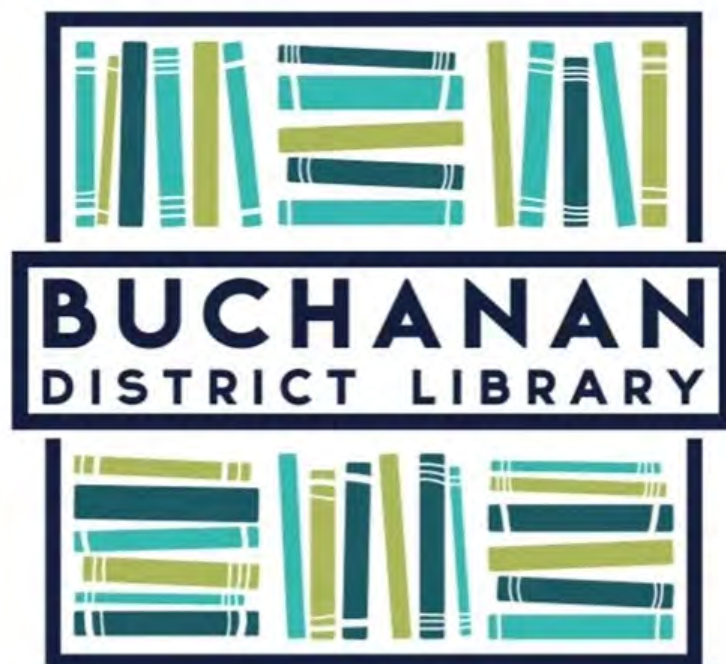
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May at Buchanan District Library

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"It's always better to have too much to read than not enough."

Ann Patchett



NEW! myLIBRO App

Buchanan District Library now has an app!

Now it's super easy to search our catalog, reserve and renew items, checkout eBooks and digital audiobooks, stay informed about library events, and more! Here's how to get started:

Download the myLIBRO app

– Go to your app store and download the myLIBRO app.

Set up your account

– Search for Buchanan District Library and log in with your library card number and phone number (PIN).

– Add family members by swiping sideways on the blue account box and tapping "Add library card."

– To switch accounts, swipe to the account you wish to use and tap "Activate" in the top left of the blue account box.

Questions? Visit our website, stop by the library, or give us a call at 269.695.3681.

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ERASURE (BLACK OUT) POETRY

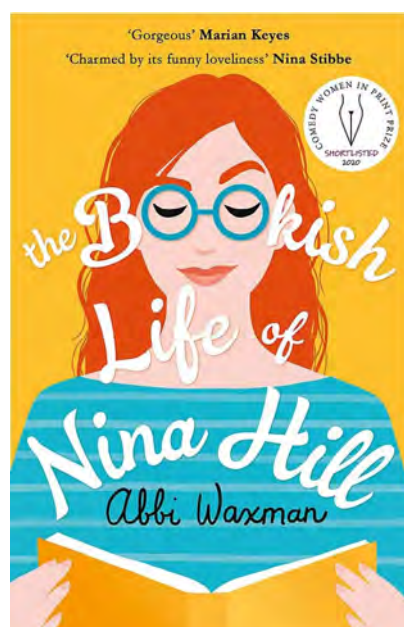
Take & Make Kit

Pick-Up Starting Friday, May 6

If you can, join us to meet poet Danika Stegeman LeMay for a black out poetry activity on Friday, May 6 at 4pm, or stop by the library to pick up a take & make kit. Compose your poem and bring it back for us to display. This take & make is best for older children, teens, and adults.

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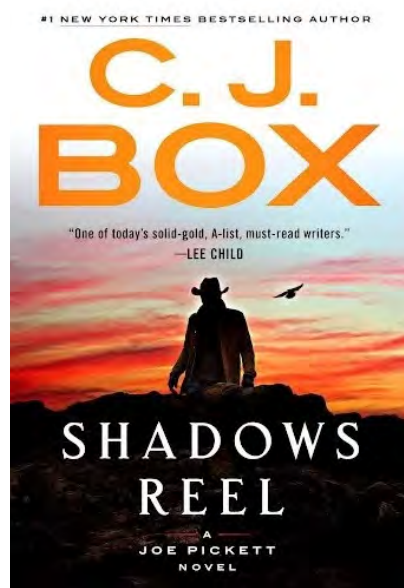
WHAT WE'RE READING:



LAURA IS READING...

THE BOOKISH LIFE OF NINA HILL
ABBI WAXMAN

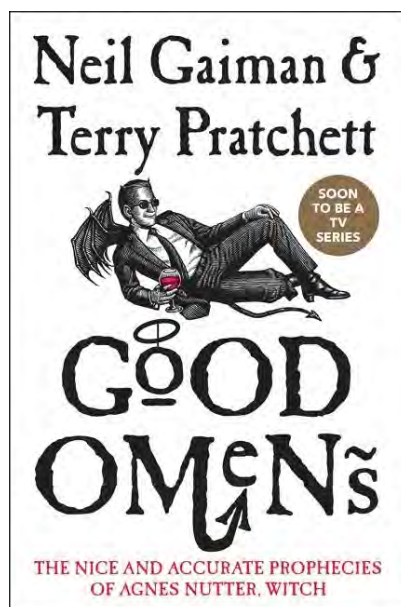
Nina Hill's life may not seem like much, but for a person battling anxiety, it's more than enough. She enjoys her job at a bookstore and her small circle of friends. Until a visit from a lawyer changes everything. The father that Nina never knew existed has died, leaving behind an enormous extended family. Nina now has innumerable sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and cousins all living within a twenty-mile radius—some welcoming and some not so welcoming, but all demanding her attention. If that's not enough, Nina's talent for worrying is taking the thrill out of falling in love. Tom, a fellow trivia nerd—who's totally into her—is obviously too good to be true. Everything is moving too fast for Nina. Caught in a whirlwind of new people, emotions and experiences, she feels the need to protect herself. But maybe opening her world—and her heart—is a risk worth taking.



THELMA IS READING...

SHADOWS REEL
C.J. BOX

A day before the three Pickett girls come home for Thanksgiving, Joe is called out for a moose-poaching incident that turns out to be something much more sinister: a local fishing guide has been brutally tortured and murdered. At the same time, Marybeth opens an unmarked package at the library where she works and finds a photo album that belonged to an infamous Nazi official. Who left it there? And why? Meanwhile, Nate Romanowski is on the hunt for the man who stole his falcons and attacked his wife. Using a network of fellow falconers, Nate tracks the man from one city to another. Even as he grasps the true threat his quarry presents, Nate swoops in for the kill—and a stunning final showdown.



MEG IS READING...

GOOD OMENS

NEIL GAIMAN & TERRY PRATCHETT

According to The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch (the world's only completely accurate book of prophecies, written in 1655, before she exploded), the world will end on a Saturday. Next Saturday, in fact. Just before dinner.

So the armies of Good and Evil are amassing, Atlantis is rising, frogs are falling, tempers are flaring. Everything appears to be going according to Divine Plan. Except a somewhat fussy angel and a fast-living demon—both of whom have lived amongst Earth's mortals since The Beginning and have grown rather fond of the lifestyle—are not actually looking forward to the coming Rapture.

And someone seems to have misplaced the Antichrist . . .

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:30am

May 4–May 18

Join us for Preschool Storytime at the Library. Come sing, dance, and hear stories! Designed for preschool-aged children, but families with children of all ages are welcome.



PAJAMA STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 6:00pm

May 10 & 24

Come in your PJs for a special bedtime storytime! Join Miss Jen for a variety of stories and activities, usually with a bedtime twist. Designed for preschool-aged children, but families with children of all ages are welcome.



SATURDAY STORYTIME – AT THE FARMER'S MARKET!

Saturday, May 28 at 10:30am

Join Miss Jen for a special Storytime at the Farmer's Market! Look for us on the lawn, or inside the library if it is rainy.

ADULT PROGRAMS:



PAINTINGS FOR PEACE: SUNFLOWERS

Saturday, May 7, 10:30am

Stand with Ukraine and peace with artist Mike Morehouse as he guides you to paint sunflowers. Space is limited and is first come, first served. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



ADULT CRAFT CLASSES:

SUNBURST YARD ORNAMENT

Thursday, May 19, 11am-12:30pm

Friday, May 20, 5:30-7pm

Create a dazzling unique yard ornament with wire and beads. All materials are provided. Click the link below to sign up. Space is limited and is first come, first served. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



HOUSEPLANTS FOR BEGINNERS

Thursday, May 26, 5-6pm

Join Molly Ross to learn about basic houseplant care and identifying needs such as when to repot, etc. People and plants welcome!



SIT & KNIT

Friday, May 13, 6-7pm

Novice and expert knitters welcome! Learn to knit or bring your own projects with you to show off. Some materials provided but you are welcome to bring in whatever you are working on. Enjoy some conversation with fellow knitters while you work!

ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

Did you know you can request materials for the library to purchase? To make a request, log into [your LIBRARY ACCOUNT](#) (in the upper right-hand corner, use your library card number and 10-digit phone number), click on the Reserves/Requests tab, and click the request link.

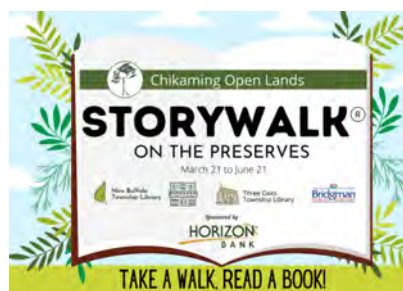
LOT LIBRARY of THINGS FEATURED ITEM



COLEMAN INSTANT CABIN TENT

The Coleman Instant Cabin makes getting camp set up quicker and easier than ever. You can assemble the tent in about a minute and then get started on your adventure! This 6-person tent offers enough room for two queen size air beds and comes with integrated storage pockets to help you keep small items organized.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to become an LoT patron at the Buchanan District Library!



STORYWALK ON THE PRESERVES

March 21 – June 21

Take a Walk, Read a Book!

Chikaming Open Lands is hosting StoryWalk on the Preserves again this year! Check out four different stories at four different area parks from March 21 through June 21. Buchanan's StoryWalk is at Burns Prairie Preserve on Mt. Zion Rd. Learn more [here](#).

MEET OUR NEW STAFF!



Cheryl Ratcliffe | Circulation Assistant

Cheryl was born in Niles, Michigan, moved away to Illinois for 30 years, and moved back to Buchanan in 2020. She has four grown children and a dog named Stevie. Cheryl is a true "trekie," enjoys singing and playing her guitar, collecting Barbie dolls, and of course, reading!



Ashley Phillips | Library Page

Ashley (or Ash) has lived in Buchanan since 2019. She works doing all kinds of jobs for the library, such as dusting shelves, cleaning up spills, watering plants and pretty much anything else that needs to get done! Ashley loves reading, watching movies, playing toontown, and just chilling with her cat Bonnie. She reads any book she can get her hands on and is a huge history nerd. It has always been her dream to work at a library and she is glad to be part of the team!



Check it out!

Curious about us? We now have an Our Staff page on our website!
www.buchananlibrary.org/about-us/our-staff

PLEASE VISIT OUR COVID-19 PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON LIBRARY POLICIES.

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



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

Buchanan District Library

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Local Business – Stark School and Event Center



Jen Tabor and Souldier bought Buchanan's Stark School, Photo from Souldier
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Plans Revealed for Stark School and Event Center

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer

Friday, April 22, 2022 The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting after being on a 2-year pandemic break at the Stark School and Center where Jen Tabor's Souldier headquarters office and community center will be held at 502 Claremont Street, Buchanan, Michigan. While attending the meeting, Jen Tabor showed her enthusiasm for this building while stating what this building will bring to our Buchanan community.

The classroom where the presentation was held, around 30 people enjoyed an egg casserole, fruit, doughnuts, muffins, juice and coffee. Sabine Wheatley told me that the school, where her kids attended, "the Pumpkin Jamboree was held here. It is good to see this building put to use and I am excited to hear the plans." Sabine was not the only one excited to hear the plans and many in the room showed excited faces as Jen Tabor shared those plans.



Souldier moving in to Stark School, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Jen moved here five years ago. She has a music degree and does business on the side. She goes from a 22,000 sq. ft. of Stark space to 8,000 sq. ft. in the old Bosch building behind Rite Aid. The manufacturing will not be coming in here. It has its own space and own life. Her personal mission is to make Souldier here in America and not overseas. "We always make the orders as they come in, "made-to-order" out of recycled seatbelts and other fabrics/damaged leather," stated Jen. Jen comes up with her own designs and they are never mass-produced. She trains her best sewing person on how each thread is to be stitched and then that person passes it onto the next sewer and so on. Souldier also makes wallets, keychains, bags, and possibly clothing in the future, etc....

Souldier has made guitar straps and other items for musicians such as: Gretta Van Fleet (band from Michigan), Aerosmith, Taylor Swift, Chris Stapleton, The Black Crows, Cheryl Crow, one of her good friends who is the banjo player for Florida Georgia Line and many others. Currently, she is working on a birthday present for Paul McCartney's 70th birthday!



Souldier moving in to Stark School, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Music lessons for guitar, piano, etc...and band practices, even birthday parties, play times with play room and art room, movie nights will also be held here. A massage therapy room will be moving in as well. If you want to teach a music/art class, have a meeting here, you can contact Jen to rent a room. A tour was given throughout the 3-story building. Desks, chairs, and tables lined the hallways that were priced to sell. A percentage of the sales from the marching band uniforms will go toward the Buchanan Bands March 4 Band Fundraiser. Instructions written on marker/chalk boards, as well as the teacher's name for their classrooms remained since the doors last closed. Painted handprints and a "Stark's wall of Fame" are still around. Jen Tabor is going to still keep some art the way it is and/or paint something different on the walls. It is not her intention to completely makeover the building. There will be some new windows going in soon.

The Buchanan Chronicle will definitely keep everyone updated when the Stark School and Event Center is ready to be used.



About Souldier: Souldier is an independent design manufacturer, fusing aesthetic textile creation with functionality. Our unique merchandise is inspired by musicians and created for the connoisseur looking to express their inner spirit. At Souldier, all of our products are handmade in the USA. We do not outsource to other agents and pride ourselves on the craftsmanship of our product. Our straps and hand cut leather ends carry a lifetime warranty that we are proud to standby. The online store was created with the customer in mind, offering complete customization of any and all products we offer. With an ever increasing product line, we hope you continue to visit the site, and contact us with your designs ideas. Our products are not designed for the masses, but for those are committed to their craft. Support the independent lifestyle.

Souldier

- Monday-Thursday 11am-5pm
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Nature Notes – Nature Outings



Nature Outings for Mother's Day Weekend

by Jill K. McDonald

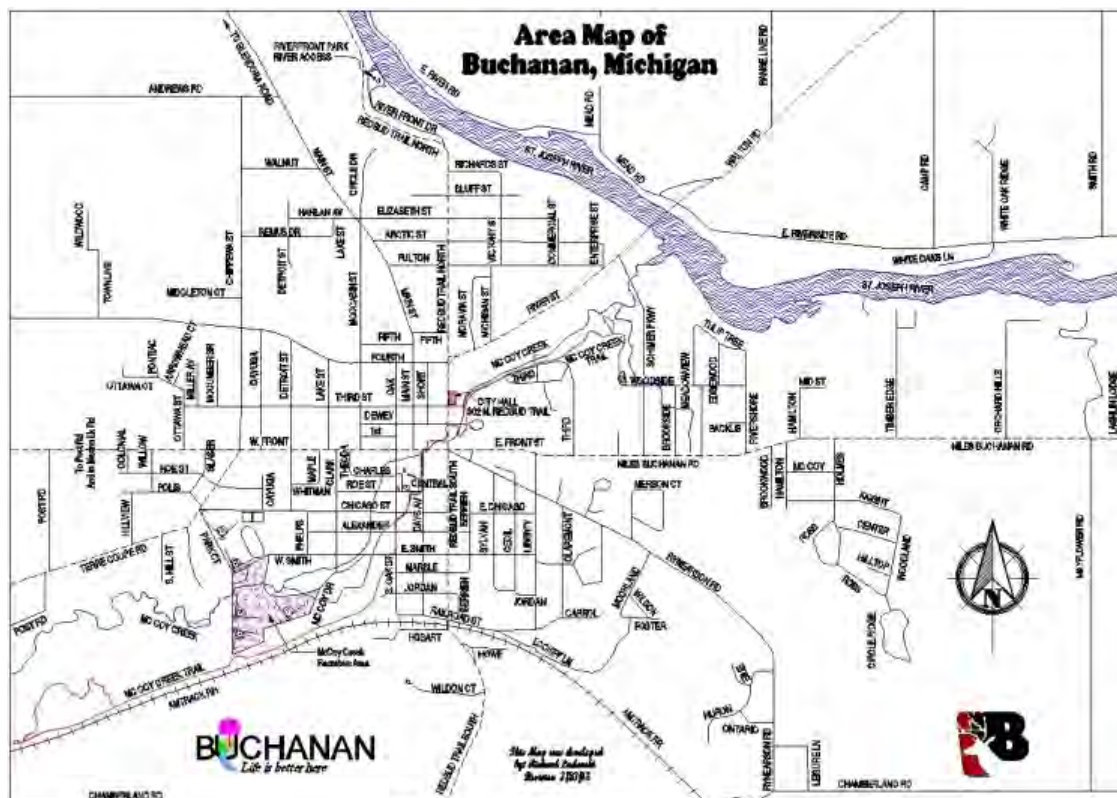
Are you looking for some fun ideas to enjoy the great outdoors this weekend near Buchanan? Whether you're

seeking some peaceful solo time in nature, looking for a family adventure, or trying to figure out a nice activity to enjoy with your Mom, there are options you can enjoy just a short drive away.

A few great options to explore near Buchanan this spring:

1. McCoy's Creek Trail

This trail system meanders through forests with spring wildflowers, alongside a peaceful creek, and into and through the nice downtown area. If you're in the downtown area, the trail will pass by the historic Pears Mill and Tin Shop Theatre. Spring wildflowers are sure to delight, as well as the sounds of various birds and the babbling creek.



McCoy's Creek Trail map

Parking for the east section of the trail at E.B. Clark Woods can be found off Schirmer Parkway or at the corner of Skyline and E. Third Street. For easy parking access to the west section of the trail, parking can be found off McCoy Creek Drive, near W. Smith Street.

For the map, check out: www.buchanan.mi.us/item/about-mccoy-s-creek-trail.html.

2. Trillium Ravine Plant Preserve

Nestled just four miles northeast of downtown Buchanan, this 15-acre gem shows off unique beauty in the month of May. This Michigan Nature Association (MNA) preserve is a single-loop trail that is beautifully carpeted with trillium flowers in May, in addition to many other spring wildflowers.



Trillium Ravine Preserve, Photo by Jill McDonald

It may be somewhat tricky to find, here's how to get there: On Walton Road, turn south at the first road east of the bypass onto E. Geyer Road, which will become Riverside Road. Be respectful with your driving, as you'll be going through a neighborhood. From Walton Road, it is almost one mile to the preserve. If you reach farmland, you have just passed it. Parking is simply pulling off to the side of the road. Signage informs you about the preserve.

For more info, check out: www.michigannature.org/trillium-ravine.

3. Fernwood Botanical Gardens

Located at the edge of Niles and Buchanan, Fernwood is a peaceful 105-acre oasis of gardens, woodland

trails, ponds, tallgrass prairie, an education center, railway garden, gift shop, cafe, and much more. It is located on Range Line Road, off of Walton.



For more info, check out their website: <https://www.fernwoodbotanical.org/>.

4. Nature at Home



Hummingbird feeding, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

Last but not least, if you're looking to enjoy something simple at home, perhaps put some bird feeders outside your windows to attract the many winged beauties. Sunflower seed attracts a great variety of birds. Also, don't forget the hummingbirds. Simple homemade nectar of 4 parts water to 1 part white sugar is key. No dye is needed and it's best to do without.

Whatever adventure you choose this weekend, may you enjoy all the peace and beauty found among nature!

Jill K. McDonald is a freelance nature & travel educator, writer, photographer, and speaker. She can be reached by email at jillmcdonaldjkm123@gmail.com or connect with her on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/naturetravelerjillmcdonald.

Local Boards – New MI Main Street Board in Buchanan



MI Main Street Program in Buchanan

Michigan Main Street Board in Buchanan

by Jen Garry, Publisher

NEW in town: Buchanan has formed its Board of Directors to join the Michigan Main Street (MMS) Program. As a joint venture between the City of Buchanan and the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, this board will serve the community, businesses, and residents. This program “assists communities interested in revitalizing and preserving their traditional commercial district.”

After their first initial meetings, the group of a dozen or so local individuals making up the board have also formed several subcommittees: Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion, Organization, and finally Diversity and Inclusion. These subcommittees meet on their own to focus on different aspects of the board’s scope. The board as a whole meets monthly and is still solidifying the starting details before they’ll be poised to dive into their first project(s).

Buchanan joins Niles, Three Rivers, and Coldwater in the Southwest Michigan region of MI Main Street. Through this Program, the board will be able to access resources and connections that will bring to our community expertise and a united focus on Buchanan character and historic aspects in any projects moving forward, guiding and directing local vision in the built realm.

If you would like to volunteer, serve on the board, or just want to know more, [please visit this link](#) to learn all about Michigan Main Street.



Community Press Release – Free to See at Buchanan Art Center

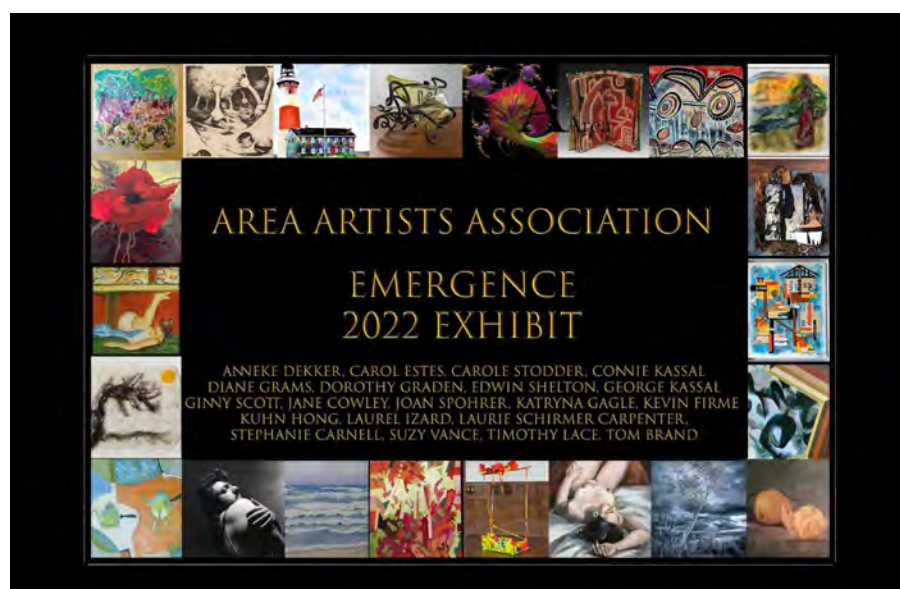


Free Upcoming Art Exhibitions, Receptions, and Performances at Buchanan Art Center

Submitted by Jan Wieszorek, BAC Marketing Volunteer

Emergence 2022 Exhibit

Spring brings a new season of the arts to southwestern Michigan's Buchanan Art Center. On Sun., May 15, BAC will host the Area Artists Association's Emergence 2022 Exhibit and Reception, with works by 20 artists in BAC's Roti Roti and Showplace galleries. The exhibition runs from May 11 to June 5, and the featured artworks are available for purchase.



Area Artists Association, Emergence 2022 Exhibit, Buchanan Art Center

The May 15 Emergence reception, from 2 to 4 p.m., is free to the public, and hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. The reception will enable gallery goers to meet the artists and discuss their work. The Area Artists Association is a nonprofit group of professional artists affiliated with The Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City, Ind. The association offers art exhibitions and artist development for the area's regional artists.

Stand With Ukraine: New Exhibition

Two Buchanan Art Center instructors—Vasilisa Kiselevich and Olga Orlovksa-Soaltys use art to protest the Russian invasion of Ukraine in a new exhibition titled *Stand With Ukraine*. The exhibition in BAC's Hess Gallery runs from May 11 through June 5, and a public reception will be held Sun., May 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Taking the importance of international news to the local level, Buchanan Art Center's upcoming *Stand With Ukraine* exhibition highlights both the protest and the pain of war.

The *Stand With Ukraine* exhibition features paintings and photographs by four artists: Vasilisa Kiselevich, Olga Orlovksa-Soaltys, Sandy Williams and Jeff Matejovsky.

Kiselevich and Orlovksa-Soaltys are two Buchanan Art Center instructors who use their art to protest the Russian invasion of Ukraine. They have participated in demonstrations in Chicago to help keep the war and the need for America's assistance to Ukraine top of mind.



"Dark Days" by Sandy Williams, Stand with Ukraine exhibit, Buchanan Art Center

These artists have amassed a collection of photographic and other images that shows the determination and passion of Ukrainians and sympathetic Americans who protest the Russian invasion. Also, the artists are assisting Ukrainians who wish to keep in touch with their American relatives.

Joining Kiselevich and Orlovksa-Soaltys are artists SandyWilliams and Jeff Matejovsky. In one painting titled Dark Days, Williams and Matejovsky use their own creativity to tell of the emotional impact of war on Ukraine's citizens. Matejovsky's background for the work sets a tone that suggests the horrors of war. Williams painted the war's refugees with hearts that nearly flicker in the colors of the Ukrainian flag.

Buchanan Art Center is located at 117 W. Front St., Buchanan, Mich. BAC features exhibitions, art classes for all ages, a gift shop and library. It boasts one of the largest pottery studios in southwestern Michigan. For more

information about membership, classes or purchasing artworks for sale, call BAC at 269-697-4005. Also, the public can easily register for classes at buchananartcenter.com.

BAC's Board of Directors encourages the public to support the art center by selecting "Support" at buchananartcenter.com.

Dark Days, by Sandy Williams, will be among the works featured in Buchanan Art Center's Stand With Ukraine exhibition that runs from May 11 to June 5. A public reception is set for May 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Free Summer Concert Series Dates: Classical Music in an Artistic Setting

When Founder and Artistic Director Geena Kam first visited Buchanan Art Center, she was amazed by the Prairie-style building's exquisite acoustics—so much so that she began in earnest to showcase music and the visual arts together as part of a Summer Concert Series at BAC in the Roti Roti Gallery.

The free 2022 Summer Concert Series begins Sun., June 26, with a second concert Sat. July 23 and a third on Sun., Aug. 21. All performances begin at 2 p.m. More details about musicians and concert programs are forthcoming.

Dr. Geena Kam is on the piano music faculty at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.



About Buchanan Art Center: The mission of the Buchanan Art Center is to provide a place in our community dedicated to nurturing the arts by providing a quality educational program for all ages, as well as

gallery exhibits, sales opportunities, and a gift shop that are supportive of class offerings and local artists, thereby enabling the Center to creatively enlist the power of the arts in promoting positive social change.

- Hours:
 - Wed-Sun ~ Noon-6
 - Mon-Tue ~ Closed (Classes Only)

www.buchananartcenter.com

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Past Event – Buchanan College Club Annual Honors Banquet



Buchanan College Club Honors Banquet 2022, Photo submitted by Jennie Brackett

Buchanan College Club Hosts Annual Honors Banquet

Write-Up and Photos submitted by Jennie Brackett

On April 24, 2022, the Buchanan College Club hosted its annual Honors Banquet for students who have

maintained at least a 3.35 cumulative grade point average. Entertainment was provided by John Dudley (John the Magician) and the Community Response was provided by Holly Lucas-Rodgers.

- Here is a listing of the students in the photo (from left to right):
 - Front row: Alexa Burns, Jenna French, Hannah Kirk, Alexis Ludwig, Claire Lietz
 - Second row: Hailey Jonatzke, Macy Orphanidis (scholarship winner), Mckenzie McMenamin, Paige Spitz, Christin Cooper
 - Third row: Jillian Craig, Joy Kaltenbach, Ruya Antidel, Autumn Place (provided student response), Sierra Cahill, Lauren Streffling, Garrett Brackett
 - Back row: Nora Fisher, Cameron Cole, Colby Borgman, Frederick Van Klaveren, Macoy West, Matthew Hoover
- Those honored but not in attendance were:
 - Alea Fisher, Drew Glavin, William Goodrich, Troy Holloway, Daniel Lane, Nicholas McKean, Lainie Miller, Mehkenna Olinghouse, Dwayne Ridgway, Naomi Tompkins, Kara York.



About Buchanan College Club: The mission of the Buchanan College Club is to bring scholarships and interest free loans to Buchanan graduates.

For More Info: Jennie Brackett, Club Contact – jennie.brackett@gmail.com.

Past Event – BCS Plow Day 2022



Plow Day 2022, Buchanan School Farm, Photos by Thomas Hoyt

25th Annual Plow Day at Buchanan School Farm Follow-Up

by Thomas Hoyt

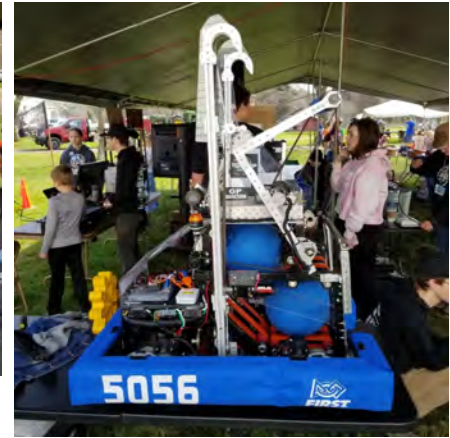
On Saturday, April 23, 2022, was the 25th annual Buchanan Community School Farm Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast. What made this year's Plow Day extra special was that it was the 50th anniversary of the Buchanan School Farm. There was much to do and enjoy at the 2022 Plow Day.

I spent most of my time with the Megahurtz Robotics Team 5056, as I am now a volunteer and mentor with the team. Megahurtz had demonstrations of their robots and a drone, giving us all an idea of what the future of farming may look like. Children were given the opportunity to drive the "Tank Bot" and have the experience of operating a robot. I can see robots like the Tank Bot used in farming for planting seed and even harvesting.



Plow Day 2022, Buchanan School Farm, Photos by Thomas Hoyt

In years past at the Plow Day, I could hear the whistle of a steam-powered tractor! This has always excited me and has motivated me to one day go to the Plow Day. Now that I finally have, this year unfortunately there was no steam-powered tractor to enjoy seeing. However, there were a small number of old gasoline-powered farm tractors used in history. There was a demonstration of plowing done by historical tractors and plows that many did enjoy viewing. The ground was rather wet and there were moments when I thought the tractor would get stuck! Fortunately the driver of the tractor knew exactly what he was doing and kept from getting stuck.



MegaHurtz at Plow Day 2022, Buchanan School Farm, Photos by Thomas Hoyt

One activity that drew my attention was the making of ice cream! What really excited me was that the engine used to power the ice cream maker was an old gasoline-powered single cylinder engine! This engine had a flywheel that would keep turning while the single cylinder would fire every few seconds to keep it turning. It's always nice to see (and hear and taste) a bit of history in action.

My hope is to attend the Plow Day again next year and enjoy a good pancake breakfast and more of the activities.

PAST EVENT:





**Come One, Come All, to the 25th Annual
Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast**
Buchanan School Farm
3588 Andrews Road, Buchanan, Michigan
Saturday, April 23, 2022

ANNUAL PLOW DAY ACTIVITIES:

- **Pancake Breakfast** - available from 8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. (In the Barn)
- **ANTIQUA TRACTORS and PLOWING** - Come see these amazing early tractors in action! (For plowing info contact Melissa Frost at 269-332-8724)
- **Plowing from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- **Lunch available from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (In the Sugar "Snack" Shack)
- **Tour Historic Gardner School & Stroll our Tree Plantation & Prairie**
- **Modern Farm Equipment Display** - provided by Masten Farms
- **Memorial Tree Planting** - Ray Weinberg
- **Dedication Ceremony** - Recognizing 50th Anniversary & Sugar Shack

AND MUCH MORE...

• Niles-Buchanan FFA • Buchanan Scarecrow Charities • Buchanan District Library • Antique Vehicle Display - with Bob Krusen • Ice Cream Making - with Scott Marsh • Michigan Beekeepers Association • Fishing Tackle - with AJ Whitaker	• Hooking Demonstration - with Fiber Friends • Children's Hands-on Wood Working - with Davidson Sawmill • Fort St. Joseph Archeology Group - with WNU Students • Fernwood Interactive Display - with Fernwood Staff • Hay Rides - with Andrew Ott • Wood Carving Demonstration - with Wendy's Sales • Robot/Drone Demonstration - with Megafuirtz Robotics - Team 5058 • Barrien County Conservation District - with Lisa Kuntz
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Plow Day 2022 Generously Supported by:
 Buchanan Community Schools, Buchanan School Farm Board, Plow Day Volunteers, Masten Farms, Friends of the School Farm, Davidson Sawmill, Pam's Signs, Honor Credit Union, State Food Service, Co-Alliance and Country Heritage Credit Union.

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FARM DEVELOPMENT.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM AND THE 25TH ANNUAL PLOW DAY!

For additional information, contact Melissa Frost at 269-332-8724 or Kelly Loesch at 269-876-7235

Buchanan School Farm Plow Day 2022 flyer

- **PAST EVENT INFO:**
- **(Read the Past Event Article from our 26th Issue by clicking [HERE](#))**
- Come One, Come All, to the 25th Annual Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast at Buchanan School Farm
 - **Who:** Buchanan Community Schools
 - **Where:** Buchanan School Farm, 3588 Andrews Rd
 - **What:** **25th Annual Old-Fashioned Plow Day 2022**
 - **When:** **Saturday, April 23, 2022 ~ 8am through the afternoon**
 - **Details:**
 - Buchanan School Farm celebrates 50th Year
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 - And Much More...
 - Niles-Buchanan FFA
 - Buchanan Scarecrow Charities
 - Buchanan District Library

- Antique Vehicle Display – with Bob Krauss
- Ice Cream Making – with Scott Marsh
- Michigan Beekeepers Association
- Fishing Tackle – with Al Whitfield
- Hooking Demonstration – with Fiber Friends
- Children's Hands-on Wood Working – with Davidson Sawmill
- Fort St. Joseph Archeology Group – with WMU Students
- Fernwood Interactive Display – with Fernwood Staff
- Hay Rides – with Andrew Ott
- Wood Carving Demonstration – with Weldy's Sales
- Robot/Drone Demonstration – with MegaHurtz Robotics – Team 5056
- Berrien County Conservation District – with Lisa Kuntz
- Plow Day 2022 Generously Supported by:
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- THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BUCHANAN SCHOOL FARM AND THE 25TH ANNUAL PLOW DAY!
- For additional information, contact Melissa Frost at 269-332-8724 or Kelly Laesch at 269-876-7235



Buchanan School Farm

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3588 Andrews Rd
Buchanan, MI 49107
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Past Event – Easter Egg Hunt 2022



Buchanan Egg Hunt 2022, Photos submitted by Jerry Flenar and Alice Kring

Buchanan Community Easter Egg Hunt Hosted by Buchanan-Galien Leo Club

Written by Brian Tumbleson, Photos submitted by Jerry Flenar and Alice Kring

The Buchanan-Galien Leo's planned, prepared for and hosted the Community Easter Egg hunt on Saturday April 16th. Over 9,000 eggs were stuffed with candy and prizes by the Leo's and other community helpers in preparation for the event.



Buchanan Egg Hunt 2022, Photos submitted by Jerry Flenar and Alice Kring

Most of the candy and prizes were donated by community sponsors and supporters. About 15 Leo's, Lions and helpers spent 2 ½ hours preparing the Common Area and placing the eggs in the four age specific areas.

When the Buchanan Fire Department sounded the horn to begin at 11:00 a.m. sharp- the eggs were collected in about three minutes.

Great job Leo's, Leo co-leaders Lions Alice Kring and Brian Fisher, Buchanan-Galien Lions and all others who helped and or supported the event.

You can follow the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and the Buchanan High School Leo Club on their [Facebook page](#) for more information.





Community Press Release – Napier Ave Bridge Closure



BCRD Graphic – Road Closure Information

Napier Avenue Bridge Closure

Berrien County, MI – April 24, 2022

- **TOWNSHIP:** St. Joseph Township
- **LOCATION:** Napier Avenue Bridge located between Langley Avenue and Miami Road
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** St Joseph, Benton Harbor
- **START DATE:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022
- **ESTIMATED END DATE:** TBD (until project is complete)
- **PROJECT:** A rehabilitation project to the Napier Avenue Bridge over the St. Joseph River began on March 28, 2022.
- **4/26/2022 PROJECT UPDATE:** Sandblasting crews cleaning the bridge exposed the bridge supports. During this process to rehabilitate the Napier Avenue Bridge, additional deterioration was discovered. Supports were then evaluated and the Road Department deemed, due to safety, to close the Napier Avenue Bridge. Napier Avenue Bridge will remain closed until this rehabilitation project has been completed.
- **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Bridge is totally closed to all traffic at this time.
- A temporary fix is in the works to provide access to EMS and police during remaining construction. The limited access will be subject to resource availability, weather and the contractor. Updates will be provided to those agencies when temporary fix is in place.
- The public should seek alternative routes until project is completed or utilize the official detour route.
- **DETOUR ROUTE:** M-139 North to BL I-94 to M-63.
- **CONTACT:** Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
 - aboone@bcroad.org – 269-925-1196 ext. 4410

[Full One Page PDF with Map HERE](#)



BERRIEN COUNTY
ROAD DEPARTMENT

About Berrien County Road Department: Our mission since 1882 is to maintain a county road system that is safe and convenient for public travel. This mission is carried out by a skilled, hard working staff.

Berrien County Road Department

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[2860 E. Napier Ave.](#)

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Past Event – Arbor Day 2022 at Ottawa School



Arbor Day 2022 Tree Planting at Ottawa Elementary School, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Arbor Day 2022 Buchanan Tree Friends Planting at Ottawa Elementary School

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan Tree Friends started their Friday morning April 29, 2022 early at Ottawa Elementary School to plant 20 trees on Arbor Day. Distinguished speakers: Buchanan Tree Friends volunteers, Rich Martin and Beth Murphy; Buchanan City Mayor Sean Denison, and Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent Patricia

Robinson were invited to cheer on the students as they took on the responsibility of caring for the trees with their classroom.



Arbor Day 2022 Tree Planting at Ottawa Elementary School, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Kindergarteners and 1st graders listened very carefully with their Level 0 voices as Rich Martin told them about how trees help our community. Trees provide oxygen for us to breathe, take carbon dioxide out of the air, provide shade and make our community beautiful.

Mayor Sean Denison read a declaration from the Buchanan City Commission to make known that April 29, 2022 is Arbor Day in Buchanan, Michigan. Then the students were led in songs by teacher, Ms. Melissa Prestine that was about planting a seed and trees growing.



Arbor Day 2022 Tree Planting at Ottawa Elementary School, Photos by Ann Tuite and Rebecka Hoyt

Each classroom is designated a certain tree by the color of the ribbon that is placed on the tree and the same color of label on their class' watering can to care for that tree. Buchanan Tree Friends volunteer Beth Murphy handed out the cans to each teacher. Inside of the cans is a tag that each student will wear on their name tag saying how to do the 3 B's for the trees. Principal Stacey Denison reminded them to:

1. Be Respectful – they are the protectors of the trees.
2. Be Responsible – they are watering the trees.
3. Be Safe – their hands and feet are to themselves to keep the tree safe, and to stay away from the branches.



Arbor Day 2022 Tree Planting at Ottawa Elementary School, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

To properly plant the trees, members of the Buchanan Middle School Student Council along with advisor, Ryan Frontczak came out to help them as they had planted 30 trees at the middle school last fall. Other volunteers of the Buchanan Tree Friends: Beth Murphy, John Shaver, Richard Martin, Weston, Kinsley & Dayna (mom) MacClaren, Chuck Serene, Cole Martin, Elaine Rowland, Jerry Flenar Buchanan school board member Katie Berry, Redbud Roots employees, and Tony Houser of River St. Joe all helped out as well.

Thank you to Buchanan Tree Friends and the Ottawa Elementary School students and teachers for making our community even better!



About Buchanan Tree Friends: The Buchanan Tree Friends, working in concert with the city of Buchanan and its residents shall strive to improve the beauty of our city's streets by maintaining and planting trees which will provide shade, environmental and health benefits to all inhabitants of Buchanan.

Buchanan Tree Friends Facebook Page
treefriends@cityofbuchanan.com
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About Ottawa Elementary School: 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

Ottawa Elementary School

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Past Event – Buchanan College Club Centennial Gala



College Club Members: Jennie Brackett, Alice Kring, Mary Soales, Karin Falkenstein, JoAnn Pressey, Becky Kaltenback, Erin Ross, Shelley Lietz, Brandy Villwock, Sarah Pressey-Haines, Sarah Shreve, Patti Baltazar, Liz McGinnis; Photos submitted by Jennie Brackett

Buchanan College Club's 'Grand Centennial Gala'

Write-Up and Photos submitted by Jennie Brackett

The Buchanan College Club is celebrating 100 years in 2022. They asked the community to celebrate this milestone with them. An event was originally planned for February 2022, but with a COVID surge, was postponed until April 9, 2022. The event was held at Orchard Hills Country Club where a dinner of salmon and pork tenderloin was served.



College Club Banquet 2022, Photos submitted by Jennie Brackett

Approximately 70 people were in attendance for the dinner, dancing, and silent auction. The auction items included a variety of items from stained glass to farm-raised ground beef; from pizzas to rounds of golf. The College Club would like to sincerely thank all those that donated to the silent auction, and all those who bought from it.



College Club Banquet 2022, Photos submitted by Jennie Brackett

There were 27 unique buyers of 46 auction items and over \$4,000 earned! Mr. Phil Place provided DJ services and the money due for the services was donated directly to the MegaHurtz Robotics team. A true win-win for the community. This was truly a fun evening that many said should become an annual event!



College Club Banquet 2022, Photos submitted by Jennie Brackett

• **PAST EVENT DETAILS:**

- *Who:* Buchanan College Club
- *Where:* **Orchard Hills Country Club**, 2841 Niles Buchanan Rd
- *What:* Buchanan College Club Grand Centennial Gala
- *When:* **Saturday, April 09, 2022** 5pm – Cash Bar, 6pm – Dinner
- *Details:*
 - Celebrating 100 Years of Scholarships & Loans to Buchanan Graduates
 - Dinner Dance
 - Silent Auction
 - Cocktail Attire
 - 21+
 - \$50 per person



About Buchanan College Club: The mission of the Buchanan College Club is to bring scholarships and interest free loans to Buchanan graduates.

For More Info: Jennie Brackett, Club Contact – jennie.brackett@gmail.com.

Past Event – National Day of Prayer 2022



National Day of Prayer was Thursday, May 05, 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer

At the 12:00 hour at the Redbud City Center flag pole is where the National Day of Prayer was held in Buchanan. The weather was cloudy and there was a chance of rain, luckily the rain held off. In case of rain, the group would have crossed the road to First United Methodist Church.



National Day of Prayer 2022, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Pastor Ellen Bierlein of First United Methodist Church in Buchanan hosted the event along with a prayer guide. Buchanan Pastors, Buchanan City Police Chief Tim Ganus, and others from Buchanan were part of the group of 11 people who attended and prayed for the nation, state government, Berrien County / Buchanan and the war in Ukraine. The prayer warriors even laid hands on Police Chief Ganus as they prayed for him and the rest of the police officers in Buchanan. In each category, a Bible verse corresponded with it. If you would like to pray what was prayed for on this day, use this list that was provided by Pastor Ellen Bierlein:

- Federal Government (verse: 2 Chronicles 7:14 NRSV)
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Cabinet Members
 - Congressional Leaders
 - Supreme Court Justices
- State Government (verse: 1 Timothy 2:1-4 NIV)

- Governor
- Executive Leaders
- Legislative Leaders
- Judicial Leaders
- Berrien County / Buchanan (verse: Philippians 2:3-4)
 - Mayor
 - Police Chief / Officers
 - Fire Chief / Fire Fighters
 - Judges
 - County Officials
 - Pastors / Churches
 - Leaders of Education
 - RAM Ministry
 - Schools / Education
 - Our Youth
- The War in Ukraine (verse: Matthew 6:9-10)
 - Safety for Civilians / Military
 - For President and Leaders
 - Wisdom, Strength, Courage for leaders, military and every decision maker.
 - Displaced families and those seeking shelter
 - Ukrainians to seek and find the peace and hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ during this time.
 - Churches and missionaries serving God and the people of Ukraine.

If you do not have a home church, think about attending one of our great churches here in Buchanan. May God lead you in the days, weeks, months and years to come. National Day of Prayer is held annually on the first Thursday of May.

Local Faith – LifePlan Response to Recent Events



LifePlan Response to Recent Events

Submitted by Cheri Gamble, LifePlan Outreach Director

On Monday night, May 2, 2022 a document was leaked showing that the Supreme Court is planning on overturning the decisions that legalized abortion 50 years ago. This has resulted in strong feelings and renewed debate from both sides of the political aisle. As a pro-life pregnancy resource center, we have been asked what our strategy will be if the Supreme Court follows through with this decision and makes abortion illegal. Our response? Our strategy will remain the same as it has always been.

We exist to spread the Gospel by helping people choose life and live a Hope-filled life.

This means that we will continue loving those in our community who find themselves in unexpected pregnancies. We will continue to support women, men, and families before, during, and after pregnancy. We will continue to help women understand their options and we will continue to provide nonjudgmental support, regardless of the decision the woman makes. We will continue to provide help and healing for those who have been damaged by abortion and we will continue to grow our preventative programs such as our ReMade conference, school outreach, and STI clinic – helping the younger generations make choices that will hopefully keep them from needing to seek abortion in the first place. And, through it all, we will continue to point people to Jesus – the true source of hope and life.

If the decisions are overturned, the issue will most likely revert to the states, resulting in an unprecedented battle for life. When this happens, we would like to encourage you to connect with our friends at Right to Life of Michigan who have been preparing for this scenario for years. They will be able to answer your questions and let you know how you can become involved on a grassroots level in your community.

Below you will find a video updating you on our ministry and future vision. When we recorded this video, we had no idea the news story that would break the very week we were planning to release it! As always, God's timing is perfect. We would like to encourage you to show this video to your congregation sometime in the next few weeks so they can be encouraged with how God has already been working in our communities — and so they can see how they can be part of making a difference for life!

Also, (more evidence of God's perfect timing) we have a Baby Bottle Blitz scheduled for May-June. If your church is not already participating, this is the PERFECT time to get them involved as it is another practical way they can make a difference on this issue! Let us know if you want to participate and we will get you the bottles.

Here's the video:

LifePlan update video on YouTube



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.

LifePlan

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Community Press Release – Buchanan Bands Spring Collage Concert



Buchanan BANDS

Spring Collage Concert

📅 Friday, May 13, 2022 at 7pm
📍 Buchanan High School Competition Gym
401 W. Chicago St. Buchanan Michigan

GUEST STARS

- Beginning Band
- 7th Grade Band
- 8th Grade and High School Band
- High School Choir

FEATURING THEMES FROM

Movies, TV Shows, Video Games, & MORE!

TICKETS ARE \$5 AT THE DOOR, OR CAN BE PRE-ORDERED FROM ANY BAND STUDENT

Contact Mrs. Russell with any questions!
dcrussell@buchananschools.com

Buchanan Bands Spring Collage Concert

- *Who:* Buchanan Bands
- *What:* **Spring Collage Concert**
- *Where:* Buchanan High School Competition Gym
 - 401 W Chicago St
- *When:* **Friday, May 13, 2022 at 7pm**
- *How Much:* Tickets are \$5 at the door, or pre-order from any band student
- *Details:*

- Featuring Themes from Movies, TV Shows, Video Games, & MORE!
- Guest Stars:
 - Beginning Band
 - 7th Grade Band
 - 8th Grade and High School Band
 - High School Choir



Band Contact: Mrs. Deanna Russell

Buchanan Bands Facebook Page [HERE](#)

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BCS School Spotlight – BMS May 2022



BMS Bucks for a Buck

Submitted by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley

Kindness is not in short supply at Buchanan Middle School. The daily motto on the student-led live newscast is, "Be bold, be your best, be a Buck, and most importantly be kind!" When it came time for the BMS Student Council to decide on their philanthropy project for the year, the group, consisting of student leaders from the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades, had a plethora of ideas. However, one particular idea hit close to home.



BMS Student Council member Cora W. places a piece of duct tape on Ryan Frontczak during the final push of the Bucks for a Buck campaign, Photos submitted by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley

Ryan Frontczak, the club supervisor, commented, "The students had a lot of great ideas, but we kept coming back to the idea of wanting to ensure the cause we chose would benefit some of our own Bucks." This is when "Bucks for a Buck" was born. The student council decided to sponsor a short, week-long campaign to raise money for the DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. Multiple students at BMS frequent this hospital for special

appointments or have been there for various visits throughout this year and previous years.

The kindness was definitely timely. Around the same time as they were ready to kick off the campaign, one BMS student became suddenly ill and had to have an extended stay at DeVos. The mission became relevant and personal. Donations were collected each morning throughout the week. To add a bit of fun to the cause, advisory classes held a competition to see which class could raise the most money in exchange for donuts. There also was the promise of turning building principal, Shelby Beasley, and dean of students, Ryan Frontczak, into two human ice cream sundaes if a certain amount was raised. To cap off the event, on Friday students bought pieces of duct tape for \$1 for the chance to duct tape Mr. Frontczak to the wall. Students, and a few giggling staff members, raised \$444 that morning alone and went through over 20 rolls of duct tape. One student made a \$60 donation and was handed his own entire roll of tape.



BMS Bucks for a Buck, Photos submitted by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley

Overall, in one week's time, the students of Buchanan Middle School raised \$1,038.67 for the DeVos Children's Hospital. When Ryan Frontczak called to set up the donation, the hospital representative mentioned the money would go directly towards their patient bingo program. Throughout the long days that patients stay at the hospital, bingo serves as a welcome activity and distraction. Mr. Frontczak said, "Knowing our Bucks for a Buck campaign will directly impact patients and bring smiles to their faces is what this is all about." Needless to say, the Buchanan Middle School community was incredibly proud of the students' efforts to generously give to a worthy cause, yet most importantly their continued mission to be kind.

The generous hearts of Buchanan Middle School raised \$1,038.67 in one week for the DeVos Children's Hospital. One student even donated his jar of change he collected for many years to the cause.



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Now That's Funny! – Issue 27



by Thomas Hoyt

In a previous issue, I had written about how men and women are so different. I wrote about how we communicate differently. When a man hears a woman give an observation, that's code for a request to do something.

For Easter weekend, my daughter, wife, and I traveled up to the greater Muskegon, MI area to spend time with her family. This is where there is another major difference between men and women: all in what we pack for a weekend. 🌀 For a man, again, we are basic. I packed the necessary change of clothes, toiletries, and needed medication. My side of the suitcase had room to spare! She, on the other hand, had to put some of her stuff on my side! 🌀

Apparently, women are not nearly as basic as men. Women pack more than men. In addition to necessary change of clothes, she likes to have more choices of what to wear. Then there are all of the, shall I say, tools for beautification which include, but are not limited to, a hair dryer, a hair straightener, all manner of brushes and/or combs, shampoo and conditioner, all kinds of cosmetics, etc. When all is said and done, I have to grunt when I pick up the suitcase! 🌀 My father-in-law usually comments when we arrive, "Did you pack for week?" 🌀🌀🌀

Keep laughing folks! 😊

A Note from the Publisher – Issue 27



by Jen Garry, Publisher

Mother's Day is tomorrow, Sunday, May 8, 2022! Now that we've been Buchanan's local online news for more than a year, our team is able to look back at our publications from a year ago. We're reminiscing on our Mother's Day 2021 article (read it [HERE](#)) from our [5th Issue](#), May 15, 2021. From our team to your family, whether you are a mom or have a mom or at the very least maybe came from one, we hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day!

Also, great news: The Buchanan Chronicle will be at the Buchanan Farmers' Market this summer! Look for our booth at Buchanan Common the following Saturdays: May 14, July 23, and September 10. Our team will be there to meet and greet, spread awareness of our website as Buchanan's local online news source, and there may even be another opportunity to win some free swag. We can't wait to see you there!

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

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

The Buchanan Chronicle



Remembering – Issue 27


Remembering

Buchanan Losses • 04/11-05/02

Name	Age	Born	Died
Virginia Ann Henderson	78	August 12, 1943	May 2, 2022
John Lee Heller Sr.	86	January 19, 1936	May 1, 2022
Robert F. Webber	77	September 24, 1944	April 30, 2022
Agnes J. Leazenby	98	April 2, 1924	April 29, 2022
Elizabeth Jean “Liza” Moon	66	October 1, 1955	April 29, 2022
Maryellen Robards	81	December 16, 1940	April 28, 2022
Mary Ann Godsey	92	January 4, 1930	April 26, 2022
Sandra “Sandy” Leigh Carter	75	November 15, 1946	April 25, 2022
Nancy Jane Hodgkinson	80	September 26, 1941	April 25, 2022
Xander Babcock	18	July 27, 2003	April 24, 2022
D’Eldra Rae Ehlert	86	August 30, 1935	April 24, 2022
Robert Dean Surch	93	February 4, 1929	April 24, 2022
Lee R. Lyon	81	July 23, 1940	April 20, 2022
Marlene Joy Sebasty	84	October 5, 1937	April 19, 2022
Linda K. Fuller	72	August 4, 1949	April 16, 2022
Chester L. Jones	98	January 5, 1924	April 13, 2022
Debra Lynne Fulton	66	August 26, 1955	April 13, 2022
William Franklin Anderson	79	August 27, 1942	April 11, 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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www.hovenfunerals.com
info@hovenfunerals.com
269-695-2363
414 E Front St
Buchanan, MI 49107
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Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel
269-695-6881
301 W Front St
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Police Points – Call Log Issue 27



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 4/20 – 5/01

Buchanan City Police Department

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

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	4
Suspicious Situations	18
Lost/Found Property	2
Natural Death	0
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	17
General Assist	35
Ordinance Violations	6
Missing Person	2
VCSA	0
Vagrancy	1

Total Calls 4/20 – 5/01 : 117



Police Points

Community Press Release – Office of State Senator Kim LaSata



Photos provided by Office of State Senator Kim LaSata, State of Michigan

State Senator Kim LaSata's District Update

State of Michigan – April 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to read my weekly e-newsletter. Below you will find a brief legislative update and news from the 21st District.

As always, if you have any questions or need to get in contact with me, feel free to call my office at 517-373-6960 or email me at SenKLaSata@senate.michigan.gov.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kim LaSata
State Senator
21st District

LaSata amendment paves way for tax relief negotiations

During discussions on the upcoming fiscal year budget, I introduced an amendment that would set aside funds in anticipation of further negotiations on tax relief for families and seniors.

My amendment, which was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, would set aside \$2 billion in the state's fiscal year 2022-23 budget as a potential avenue to revisit efforts to provide tax relief.

As we work to meet the critical needs of our state, the needs of Michigan families should rank just as high and deserve the same consideration. The state is sitting on a surplus of funds that I believe could really make a meaningful difference as people continue to struggle with the rising cost of everyday expenses.

This amendment opens the door for discussions as we look at ways to ease the tax burden on Michigan families and get these tax dollars back to their rightful owners.

Michigan to receive nearly \$800 million in opioid settlement

The opioid epidemic has put a physical and emotional strain on communities across our nation and affected families from every corner of Michigan.

Michigan is scheduled to receive nearly \$800 million of a \$26 billion settlement with three major pharmaceutical distributors and a manufacturer. The national agreement comes from years of negotiations to resolve more than 4,000 claims of alleged misuse and abuse of opioid products.

Last week, the Senate unanimously approved legislation to receive and distribute Michigan's share of the nationwide opioid settlement.

The legislation would establish a fund to receive dollars from this and potential future settlements and outlines how the money is to be spent. Money in this fund would only be able to be used for efforts to address the impact opioid abuse has had in our state — including support for those who are struggling with opioid addiction, mental health support for those who have been affected, along with preventative and educational measures that will help curb the onset of addiction in younger adults.

The package would also create a process for the annual review of local, state, and federal initiatives to ensure current efforts are being directed to where they can be most helpful, and to determine where improvement is needed.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 104,000 people nationwide died from drug overdoses between September 2020 and September 2021 — a 15.9% increase from the previous 12-month period. In Michigan, 2,933 people died during the same 12-month period — a 7% increase.

This legislation seeks to put resources where they can best be used to battle back against these numbers and help support opioid-related education, prevention and treatment throughout our state.

Promoting job training for in-demand jobs

Legislation state Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, and I introduced to strengthen the Michigan New Jobs Training Program was recently approved by the Senate Committee on Economic and Small Business Development.

The Michigan New Jobs Training Program focuses on training Michiganders for in-demand jobs, and our legislation would help attract and retain diverse talent and strengthen our local, regional and state economies.

Michigan's labor market continues to be constrained due to a number of ongoing issues, including an exodus of residents and a lack of qualified workers. The program would allow community colleges to provide free training for employers that are creating new jobs or expanding their operations in Michigan.

Colleges work directly with employers and local economic development agencies to support job creation and training opportunities, and this proposal would allow more employers, especially those in rural areas, to participate in the program.

LaSata congratulates Cassopolis on new economic development project

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation on Tuesday announced a new development in Cassopolis that will provide an economic boost to the area and is projected to bring a number of job openings for area families.

The Michigan Strategic Fund board approved an initiative to support an expansion project with Hydro Aluminum Metals USA, LLC in the village of Cassopolis. The company's primary focus is recycling aluminum into a finished product that has a variety of uses.

The project will include the construction of a new production facility and is expected to include resources for a proprietary aluminum casting process that uses more than 75% recycled content. The company plans to use the new facility to debut a new product line to support the electric vehicle market and is set to create up to 67 new jobs.

The facility would be the first manufacturing operation located at the Southwest Michigan Advanced Research and Technology (SMART) Park in Cassopolis. Part of the project will include a new rail spur that will also allow other businesses in the SMART Park to ship and receive their own materials.

We have shown the world that Michigan means business, and I am happy to see more companies look to expand their operations here in our great state. This is great news for the local economy and for Southwest Michigan workers.

I want to applaud area leaders for their hard work in attracting this opportunity and sealing the deal.



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Dark Sky Week!

Dark Sky Week is a great time to get out and take in the vast night sky!

Michigan has a long history of supporting dark sky preserves to ensure ample opportunity for stargazing and astro-tourism.

Dark Sky Week provides fun and educational opportunities for all ages. Michigan is currently home to eight dark sky preserves and two internationally designated dark sky parks. Dark sky preserves and parks are designated areas that allow visitors to observe the true beauty of the night sky free of artificial light pollution and the wonder of meteorological events, such as the Northern Lights and meteor showers.

Cass County's Dr. T.K. Lawless Park, located between Vandalia and Jones, is now a state-recognized dark sky preserve. Check out Dr. T.K. Lawless Park this week or throughout the year to witness spectacular views of the night sky.

More information can be found [here](#).



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District Spotlight: A look inside Bolt Laserworks

I recently visited Bolt Laserworks in Cassopolis for a behind-the-scenes tour and look inside the family-owned business!

They specialize in customizations like etching, decorating products, making signs and many other things.

Thank you to Jeff and Cathy Nelson for allowing me to visit your store and showing me all of the wonderful services you provide for folks in the community!



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Harbor Country Chamber Mixer

I stopped in to visit with folks at the Harbor Country Chamber Mixer event on April 21.

It was a great setting to discuss state and local issues with other chamber members and enjoy an evening of fun!



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Helpful State Government Resources:

Michigan Senate website: www.senate.michigan.gov

Michigan House of Representatives website: www.house.michigan.gov

Michigan Legislature website: www.legislature.mi.gov

Michigan Citizen's Guide: [Citizen's Guide to State Government, 101st Legislature](#)

Staying up-to-date

My [website](#) and my [Facebook](#) are the best ways to stay current on what is happening in both our Senate district and the state's capital.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You may [sign up](#) to receive this newsletter also at my [website](#).

Michigan's 21st Senate District

Michigan's 21st Senate District includes all of Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph counties.

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The Clark Barker – Issue 27



Calling Volunteers

I've described a few volunteer opportunities below that my keen ears have heard about recently, see what YOU can do to help here in Buchanan!

MegaHurtz Robotics:

The Buchanan High School MegaHurtz Robotics Team needs help in a few ways:

1. They do need more volunteers/mentors, and for more than just building a robot. I heard that if you can do business type stuff then that can help the team.
2. Their new space is still being finished and they need more hands to help with some of the final steps; be looking for upcoming opportunities to jump in and help them complete their new place.
3. Finally, with the expenses of the new space, donations will be the most helpful thing you can do for our local robotics team.

See my Editor, Rebecka Hoyt's article in the last issue about Megahurtz [HERE](#) for all their contact information!

The Buchanan Chronicle:

Sports Reporters and Event Reporters are a couple volunteer positions that I keep hearing from my team

would really help out The Buchanan Chronicle team!

1. If you like baseballs being thrown in the air, watching home runs, kids running, kicking soccer balls, or hitting golf balls, then a *Sports Reporter* volunteer position is for you!
2. How about attending local ribbon-cutting ceremonies, concerts at the Common, the Buchanan Farmers' Market, and parades? Then an *Event Reporter* volunteer position is for you!

Send your resume and any questions to: buchananchronicle@att.net

By the way, this team likes to have fun!

Woof-Woof!

Local Clubs – Miss Blossomtime Pageant 2022





Lillian Waggoner is Miss Blossomtime 2022, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Miss Buchanan becomes Miss Blossomtime 2022

by Tracie Chenshaw

April 25th 2022 shone as an exceptional day for Lillian Waggoner, Miss Buchanan, crowned Miss Blossomtime in an exciting and stunning pageant. There were 21 contestants lined up on Main Stage at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center on the Monday evening, each eager to claim the 2022 throne. Judgement for the title includes communication, interviewing skills, poise, personality, stage presence, and community service.

The last time a Miss Buchanan secured the title was 2014 (Roxie Elliot), and before that, 1981 (Cara Ann Hankila).



The five other finalists for Miss Blossomtime – Isabella Greenman (Miss Coloma), Carsyn Franz (Miss Niles), Alyssa Wilson (Miss South Haven), Kirsten Krause (Miss Spirit), and Madisen Kozminski (Miss Stevensville) – beamed from the stage as they were asked a final question: “How has the Covid pandemic affected you in a positive way?”

Waggoner’s response prompted nods from the audience. “The Covid pandemic has affected me in a positive way because I become a more confident and valuable person of myself and I really appreciate my family in that moment because they really helped me with my confidence as well. Thank you.”

Waggoner attends Berrien Springs High School and is the daughter of Crystal and Brandon Waggoner in

Buchanan. She has two siblings, Emily, 20, and Grant, 15. Her future plans include transferring to a four-year university to focus on Special Education.



Miss Blossomtime 2022, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Two of the judges, Kelli Pfefferman Brady and Brandy Godush Cox, were former Blossomtime queens. The remaining judge, Bret McAtee, a retired Indianapolis Police Officer, has been involved with Blossomtime for 34 consecutive years.

Waggoner was crowned by Miss Blossomtime 2020 Faith Kittleson, as the Covid-19 pandemic prevented a 2021 pageant.



Miss Blossomtime 2022, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

First runner up was Madisen Kozminski from Stevensville, second runner up was Kirsten Krause from Berrien Springs, Miss Congeniality was Beanna Truelove from Lawrence, and People's Choice was Stephanie DeMeulenaere from Bridgman. Nathan Hawks, from Stevensville, was crowned Mr. Blossomtime. First runner up was Jacob Trimmer from South Haven, second runner up was Wesley Seabury from Coloma, and Mr. Nice Guy was Gabe Campoli from Edwardsburg.



Miss Blossomtime 2022, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

The biggest and oldest multi-community festival in Michigan, Blossomtime envelops the region's sense of community and celebrates Southwest Michigan's orchards and fruit belts. Held in spring, Blossomtime Festival unites districts. The jubilee is more than pageants and parades, though. In 2001, the Board of Directors created the Blossomtime Scholarship Fund, which plans to award over \$20,000 in scholarships this year.

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



About Miss Blossomtime: The Blossomtime Festival, established in 1906, is Michigan's oldest and largest multi-community Festival. We hope you get to join with us in celebrating our beautiful Southwestern Michigan. The Blossomtime Festival is a non-profit organization dedicated to the educational development of young people and the dissemination of information for the purpose of educating the general public as to the value and contribution of agriculture to Southwest Michigan.

For more information, their website is www.blossomtimefestival.org.

About Miss Buchanan, Inc.: Miss Buchanan Inc. was started in 1978. Every December, Miss Buchanan Inc. holds a pageant where young ladies compete for the title of Miss Buchanan and her Court of Honor. Through her year of service as Miss Buchanan, she gets opportunities to attend local community events, receives scholarship money, and represents her community in the Miss Blossomtime pageant. Miss Buchanan Inc.'s mission is to always support and encourage the young women chosen as Miss Buchanan and her Court of Honor. For more information, their website is www.buchanan.mi.us/item/miss-buchanan-inc.html.
