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Buchanan Area Senior Center Christmas Bazaar 2021
Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator
What: BASC Christmas Bazaar 2021 Where: Buchanan
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When:...

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Upcoming Event – BAMA Community Christmas Carol Sing 2021

Buchanan Area Ministerial Association Community
Christmas Carol Sing 2021 Buchanan, MI – November 12,
2021 What: 44th Annual BAMA Community Christmas
Carol Sing Who: Buchanan Area Ministerial Association
When: Sunday...

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Small Town Big Christmas Returns for 2021 The
Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and The City of
Buchanan are excited to bring our small town, Buchanan,
this event. For more...

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A Moment of McCoy Creek Video Bliss by Nik Sanchez Enjoy a moment of watching and listening to McCoy Creek rushing through Buchanan MI. Filmed near Fire House Park and...

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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor If you know me and where I write my articles, sometimes some of my writings come from my laptop while I am waiting in my car...

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Community Press Release – Song by Dr. Greta Pope

Buchanan Michigan's Own Dr. Greta Pope Announces New Christmas Song Dedicated to Her Hometown Buchanan, MI – November 17, 2021 Buchanan Michigan has a long legacy of town-wide events that...

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“Hidden History” Artwork & Essay Contest for Berrien County High School Students Berrien County, MI – November 16, 2021 Spectrum Health Lakeland is hosting a “Hidden History” contest to spark...

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Spectrum Health Lakeland – COVID-19 Response : Keeping You Informed Berrien County, MI – November 11, 2021 COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations continue to rise in Berrien County: For the fifth straight...

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BCS Superintendent’s Note – November 2021

An Email from BCS Superintendent to BCS Families by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent November 16, 2021 Dear Buchanan School Families, We have reviewed our 2021-2022 district calendar and...

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BCS School Spotlight – BHS November 2021

Buchanan High School Students at Work and Play by

BHS Principal Stacey DeMaio ARTIST SPOTLIGHT – SHANNON CENTER Shannon is working diligently on her art portfolio this year in hopes...

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Buchanan Community Schools – Band Spotlight

Marching Band Spotlight – Garrett Brackett by Thomas Hoyt This article is about Garrett Brackett who plays the trumpet with the Buchanan High School Band. I had the pleasure to...

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The following is a review The Buchanan Chronicle received on Facebook: “One of the greatest things about Buchanan is the little things that are done. When the band made it...

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The Seasons are a Changin’ We are all aware now that the fall leaves have been falling and soon the trees will be bare, except for those few oaks that...

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Puzzler Page – Issue 16

by Garrick Stubblefield Hi all, my name is Garrick Stubblefield and I live here in Buchanan. I joined the military right out of school. Recently, I was asked to join...

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 16

Police Call Log : 10/26 – 11/8 Buchanan City Police
Department Description Total Calls of Type Sex Offenses
0 Parental Kidnapping 0 Larceny 1 Larceny – Theft from
Motor Vehicle...

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National Fast Food Day – November 16

My Favorite National Fast Food Joint by Garrick
Stubblefield My goodness people there are so many good
places to call a good fast food joint. I will tease you with...

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Seasonal Sentiments – Being Thankful

What I Think We Should Be “Thankful” For by Garrick
Stubblefield Wow! I just don’t know where to start but it
truly will be from my sacred heart to yours....

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Remembering – Issue 16

Buchanan Losses • 11/6-11/19 Name Age Born Died Alan
Ross Dunstan 74 February 18, 1947 November 18, 2021
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2021 JoAnn Shepherd...

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 & a boxed sloppy joe lunch to go for \$5 at 11 am—1pm.
<https://www.thebasc.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/buchananareaseniorcenter>

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Upcoming Event – BASC Christmas Bazaar 2021



Saturday, December 4

9:00 am—2:00 pm

At the

**Buchanan Area Senior Center
810 Rynearson Rd., Buchanan, MI**

**Shop with friends, unique hand-crafted gifts, raffles
available, baked goods to take home, and a boxed
sloppy joe lunch to go for \$5 at 11 am—1 pm.**



BASC Christmas Bazaar 2021 flyer

Buchanan Area Senior Center Christmas Bazaar 2021

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

- *What:* **BASC Christmas Bazaar 2021**

- *Where:* Buchanan Area Senior Center
 - 810 Rynearson Rd, Buchanan MI
- *When:* **Saturday, December 4 ~ 9am-2pm**
- Shop with Friends
- Unique hand-crafted gifts
- Raffles available
- Baked goods to take home
- & a boxed sloppy joe lunch to-go for \$5 11am-1pm

More Information at [BASC Website HERE](#) and at [BASC Facebook HERE](#).
Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!



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[810 Rynearson Street](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
[USA](#)

Upcoming Event – BCS Superintendent/Buck Parent Conversations



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."

Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent and Buck Parent Conversations

by Patricia Robinson



SUPERINTENDENT & BUCK PARENT CONVERSATIONS



JOIN US!

Mrs. Robinson wants to know what's on your mind,
connect with you, and exchange information.

MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

Thursday, October 21 4:45-5:30pm, BHS Auditorium
Wednesday, December 8 4:45 - 5:30pm, BMS Media Center
Tuesday, February 15 4:45-5:30pm, Ottawa Gym
Wednesday, April 27 4:45-5:30pm, Moccasin Gym

BCS Superintendent / Parent Conversations 2021-2022 flyer

Mrs. Robinson wants to know what's on your mind, connect with you, and exchange information. Join us!

Meeting dates and locations:

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- **Wednesday, April 27** 4:45-5:30p, *Moccasin Gym*

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please feel free to contact our main office at

269-695-8400 or visit our website for more information.
As always, Go Bucks!

Educationally yours,



Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools



BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021,
Photo from BCS

Now That's Funny! – Issue 16



by Thomas Hoyt

Now this one just about made me fall out of my chair laughing! 🤣🤣🤣 This story is shared by one of our Buchanan Chronicle writers, Miranda Barger.

One day while I was getting some loose-leaf tea at Apothica Teas in Niles, my Suburban was stolen! You would think a big Chevy Suburban would not be an automobile that one would want to steal, but I guess this guy was desperate. I reported it stolen and to my surprise, it was found! Some kid had stolen it! They had apparently noticed the loose leaves in the center console and this kid decided to smoke it! Well, when this kid was found, he wasn't feeling very well. It turns out what he had smoked wasn't what he thought it was at all. What he had smoked was not cannabis, but simple green tea! That's right, this kid had smoked loose-leaf green tea! It seems none of his decisions that day went well for him! 🤣🤣🤣

Keep laughing folks! 😊

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

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

1. THANK
 2. SHANK
 3. HANKS
 4. THINKING
 5. VIKINGS
-

Past Event – Trek-or-Treat 2021**1,872 Trek-or-Treat Attendees on McCoy Creek Trail****by Rebecca Hoyt, Editor & Photographer**

Halloween weekend 2021 was in full-force in Buchanan, MI. This was probably one the biggest turnouts that the Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Committee had! On Saturday, October 30, a very long line of 1,020 kids and 852 adults all dressed up in costumes ranging from Minecraft, witches, Sesame Street, home-made costumes, a rainbow, a "deranged Easter Bunny," Star Wars, police officers, fire fighters, etc...

Local businesses/organizations handed out candy to the small and big trek-or-treaters from the east end of the trail down by Schirmer Parkway to the north end of the Clark Lab Testing building on Skyline Drive. At the end of the trail there was a caldron for donations for the Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Committee which received \$466 plus \$300 from Buchanan Scarecrow Charities.

If you participated in this event, you saw our Buchanan Chronicle Team in costume handing out candy, and now you may see some familiar costumes here in our photo gallery. We all had a great time and will probably see you next year on the trail! Enjoy the photos. Remember, you can print out this article!



Madelyn Kitchell & Nik Sanchez



Garrick Stubblefield & Tom Hoyt



Julie & Rebecka Hoyt

TBC Team Members at Trek-of-Treat 2021, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt



TBC Team Members at Trek-of-Treat 2021, Photo by Julie Hoyt





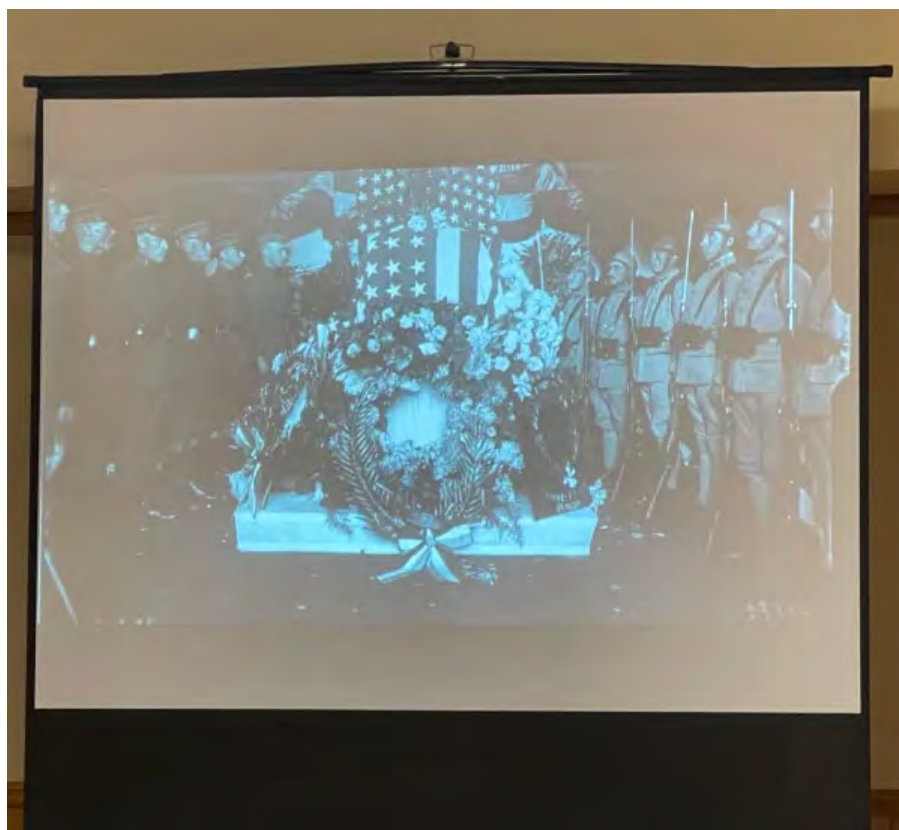
Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail sign, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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

[Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Facebook Here.](#)

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Past Event – Veterans Day 2021



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Presentation by Stuart Aspinall, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

100th year Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

This Veterans Day, November 11, 2021 marks the 100th year anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. At 5pm the Auxiliary American Legion-Buchanan Post 51 had a special speaker, Stuart Aspinall, who was a former old guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, that spoke about his time serving at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and some history on the tomb.

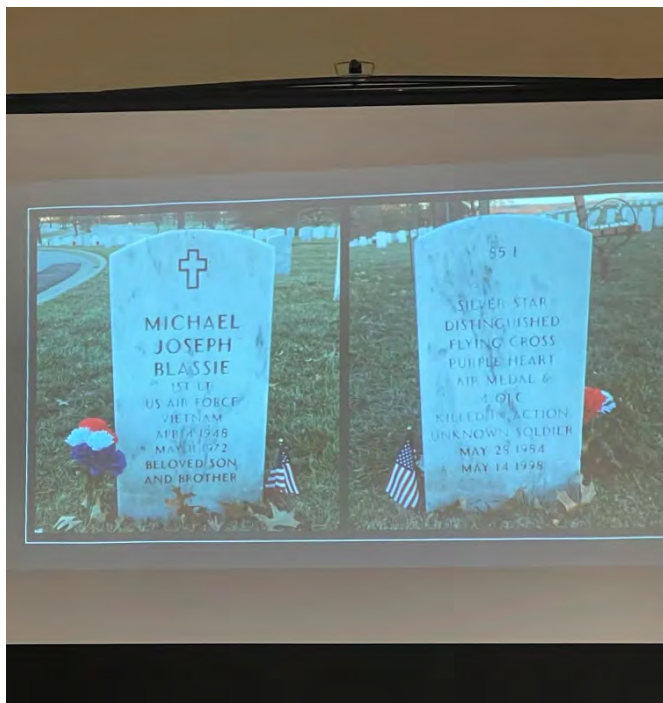
Stuart Aspinall from Grand Haven, MI of the Army as SGT (his highest rank) guarded the tomb from June 2018 – March 2020. Stuart's positions included: Assistant Relief Commander (1st relief), Assistant Sergeant of the Guard, and Sentinel. He started his presentation with history on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The first soldier is from WWI in 1920 when France and England interred their unknown soldiers. Then in 1921 the process started with the U.S. four unknown soldiers. An interesting fact: the unknown soldier's next of kin was the United States President. The U.S. President for the WWII next of kin was Eisenhower; and then for the Korean War: Nixon; Vietnam War was Reagan.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Presentation by Stuart Aspinall, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

If you have ever been to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, it's very humbling. I was able to experience it on a mission trip way back in the summer of 1998 with my youth group. So, I knew about the tomb, but then I gained some more knowledge this evening. Here are three flaws on the tomb that you may not know about:

1. There is a natural crack in the marble that is wrapped 1 & ½ times around the tomb.
2. In the word "HONORED," the letters "R" and "E" are touching each other.
3. On the north side of the tomb, there is a chipped leaf on a wreath that has 38 leaves. Stuart has not been able to find it.



Slides from Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Presentation by Stuart Aspinall, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Each guard has to take care of their uniform and shoes. They wear many layers in many kinds of weather. Shining their shoes takes three hours. They can not use any powered tools, all by hand. At the end of his presentation, there was some time for questions and there were many. I asked, "What was the coldest temperature he had been in while guarding the tomb?" Stuart responded with, "-5°F to -10°F below zero windchill!"

Stuart and his wife have an 18 month-old son that keeps him busy as a stay-at-home-Dad. American Legion Elected National Executive Committee Alternate Larry Money presented Stuart with a \$1,000 check from a "Big supporter, Southwestern Michigan College to support the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and Four Winds Casino wants your family to enjoy this \$100."



Community Kids with Stuart Aspinall, Photo provided by Jerry Flenar

Just before the presentation started, Honor Credit Union Buchanan Member Center Manager, Christy Lyman and Community Assistant Vice President, Karol Behrle presented the Auxiliary American Legion-Buchanan Post 51 with a \$550 check to purchase a new flag to replace the existing flag at the Veterans Memorial Park. This is right across from the Buchanan Honor Credit Union Member Center on N. Redbud Trail.



HCU's Karol Behrle, American Legion Post Treasurer Jerry Swartz,
American Legion Judge Advocate Larry Money, Stuart Aspinall,
HCU's Christy Lyman



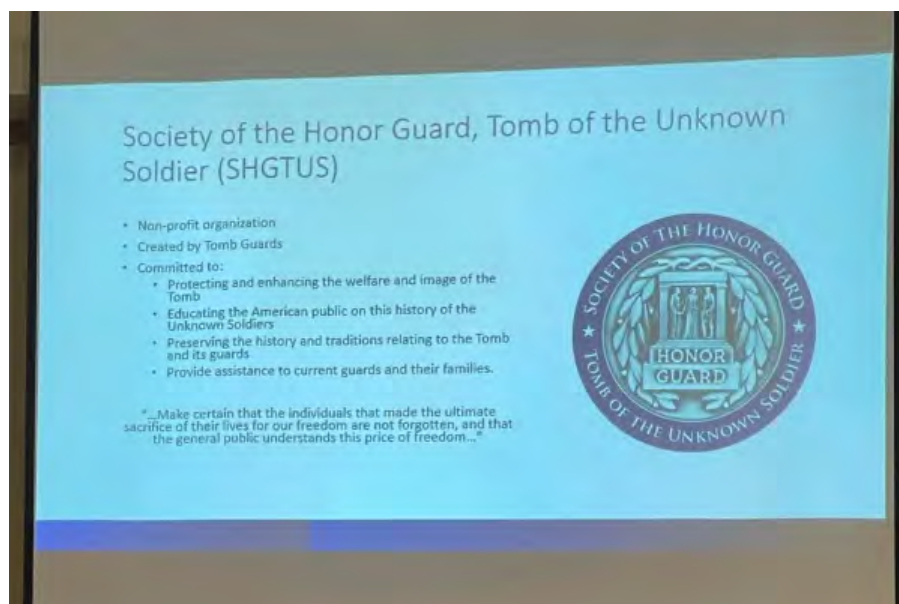
HCU Community Assistant VP Karol Behrle

Honor Credit Union Veterans Day 2021 Presentations, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Earlier in the day, up at the Bluff in St. Joseph, MI, Stuart participated in the DAR Annual Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony in tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier from 1921 – 2021.



Stuart Aspinall and Jane Cunningham at DAR Wreath Laying at the Bluff in St. Joseph MI, Photo provided by Jerry Flenar



SHGTUS Information in Presentation by Stuart Aspinall, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



**Algonquin Chapter
St. Joe/Benton Harbor**

Presents:

Veterans Day 2021

11:00 a.m. November 11
On the Bluff, St. Joe
*DAR Annual Veterans Day wreath
laying ceremony in tribute to the
100th Anniversary of the
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.*



One Hundred Years of Sacrifice
1921 - 2021



Stuart Aspinall, a Tomb Guard
from 2018 - 2020, will be present
at all of these functions. You will
hear about his assignment and
duties as well as the history of
**The Tomb of the
Unknown Soldier.**





58900 Cherry Grove Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047
**Presentation at Lyons
Auditorium: 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021**



Buchanan American Legion
403 E Front St. Buchanan, MI 49107
**5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 11, 2021**



**Student Presentation
1:45 p.m.
Friday, November 12**
Students Only



Mendel Center: 2:00 p.m.
Free Veteran Photos 1-1:45
Lake Michigan College
2555 E. Napier Ave.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Sunday, November 14



Southshore Concert Band
Director, Dale Reuss
Veterans Day Program

**An afternoon of
Patriotic Music
and the story of
The Tomb
of the
Unknown
Soldier**
**LMC Mendel Center
Sunday - Nov 14
2:00 p.m.**

**5 Separate Activities
Donations Appreciated**

**All Events are FREE and
Open to the Public** (except High School)

**For Information:
269-429-2098**

Veterans Day 2021 flyer



About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter: The Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR, Three Oaks, Michigan, was organized July 9, 1909, with a membership of seventeen. It was chartered December 21, 1909, with fourteen members. Since Three Oaks had secured the

Dewey Cannon at the close of the Spanish-American War, it was decided to name the Chapter after Admiral Dewey's great grandmother. Rebecca Dewey Chapter NSDAR currently has 30 Members.

<http://www.dar.org>

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter

Contact: Kathleen Avery Alton, Chapter Regent

<http://www.dewey.michdar.net>

rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com

Three Oaks, MI 49128

Health Huddle – Alpha-1 Spotlight



November is Alpha-1 Awareness Month, Alpha-1 Foundation social media

November is Alpha-1 Awareness Month

by Rebecka & Julie Hoyt, Editor & Photographer



Julie Hoyt in her Alpha-1 Awareness shirt, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

It was 12 years ago during the fall time that our daughter, Julie was diagnosed at 3 weeks of age with Alpha-1 Anti Trypsin Deficiency. You might say, "Say what is that again?" Well, Alpha-1 Anti Trypsin (A1AT), is a protein that's produced in the liver to be transported out of the liver to protect the lungs from illness/disease. However, this protein is the wrong shape to be let out of the liver. There are consequences due to an over-abundance of this protein in the liver that can possibly lead to liver disease/Cirrhosis and/or lung diseases. It has required some people (Alpha's) to have liver and/or lung transplants.

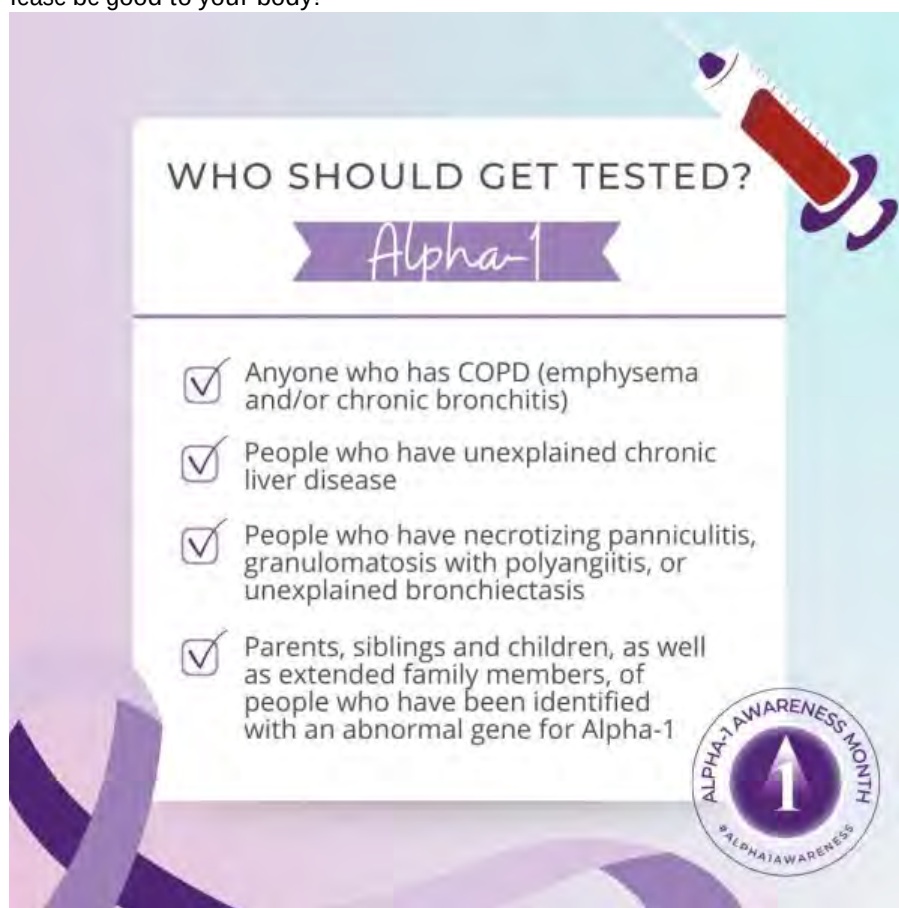
So, how did we find out about this disease? We knew before Julie was born that my husband, Tom's uncle, had Cirrhosis and needed a liver transplant. During her stay in a couple of hospitals after she was born, she had elevated liver enzymes and with tons of questions about our family history and Tom's uncle, we then learned that he had A1AT as well. To be told that your first-born baby has this disease and that there is no cure for it, well, it's very hard to take in.

Julie was referred to a pediatric gastroenterologist in Kalamazoo, MI. This doctor was a very well-educated physician in this field, and he set the bar high. However, after the first couple of years of Julie's life, he moved away.

After going through with a couple of other doctors, Julie is now with a third gastroenterologist group at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. The doctors here have been great and very knowledgeable.

In order for Julie to stay healthy with A1AT, she has to avoid smoking/second-hand smoke and alcohol for the rest of her life. Her first doctor said it this way, "It's like people who are allergic to the sun, she has to act like she's allergic to smoke and alcohol. A person who has A1AT is more likely to have more health issues if she takes in these substances." We realize how lucky and grateful we are to know about this now until later in her life and starts having liver/lung issues. To keep track of the A1AT, she gets blood work done every 6 months and a liver ultrasound once a year. Her liver enzymes have stayed consistent the past couple of years, except that her liver is little enlarged for her age, but isn't a huge worry. When she turns 13 she'll have to start seeing a pulmonologist to measure her lung function. Being that she has known about this her whole life, it is easy for her to accept these certain things to avoid in life.

Julie carries on in her life enjoying 7th grade band, kids choir at church, youth group, AHG, Girl's Golf, Floor Hockey, Buchanan Jr. Equestrian Team, BMS Student Council, is a part of the BMS Jr. Herd Student Credit Union, playing with her cat and dog at home, and can read a 200-ish page book in an hour or so. November is Alpha-1 Awareness Month with the purple awareness ribbon, so that is the reason for this article, to make others aware of this rare disease. Please be good to your body!



"Who Should Get Tested for Alpha-1?" list, Alpha-1 Foundation

You may find more information on Alpha-1 Anti Trypsin Deficiency at: www.alpha1.org.
#Alpha1Awareness

For more information, contact: Rebecca & Tom Hoyt/becka210@att.net/269-697-9874

Nature Moment – Issue 16

A Moment of McCoy Creek Video Bliss

by Nik Sanchez

Enjoy a moment of watching and listening to McCoy Creek rushing through Buchanan MI. Filmed near Fire House Park and The Pit Stop, located at Chicago St and Oak St. Video by Nik Sanchez taken November 3, 2021.

McCoy Creek rushing through Buchanan, near :Fire House Park and The Pit Stop at Chicago St and Oak St, Video by Nik Sanchez

Upcoming Event – BAMA Community Christmas Carol Sing 2021



Buchanan Area Ministerial Association Community Christmas Carol Sing 2021

Buchanan, MI – November 12, 2021

- *What:* **44th Annual BAMA Community Christmas Carol Sing**
- *Who:* Buchanan Area Ministerial Association
- *When:* **Sunday evening, December 5th at 6:30 PM**
- *Where:* Faith United Methodist Church
 - 728 N. Detroit St, Buchanan, MI

As you look on the residential streets and downtown in Buchanan you are beginning to see signs of Christmas. Lights encircle doorways and porches, merry lighted trees sparkle in windows, and Christmas music is beginning to fill the brisk air. There is one more special happening taking place on Sunday evening, December 5th at 6:30 PM as well . . . the 2021 BAMA (Buchanan Area Ministerial Association) Community Christmas Carol Sing at Faith United Methodist Church, 728 N. Detroit St, Buchanan, MI. This is the 44th year for this event. Churches throughout the surrounding area come together to share the message "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and goodwill to all", as the herald angels told of the birth of Jesus to the shepherds near Bethlehem so many years ago. Representatives from thirteen local churches will be participating in this annual event to spread the "Good News"! Please join BAMA, and the area Buchanan churches to kick off the holiday season at your home!

In order for Buchanan to help control the spread of COVID-19, the wearing of masks is strongly encouraged. If you have chosen not to be vaccinated you are urged to remain masked throughout the event to keep yourself and others safe. There is no admission fee to the Buchanan Area Ministerial Association Community Christmas Carol Sing 2021, however a free will offering will be accepted at the door upon entry or departure. Come and support the churches and their parishioners. Come and sing your favorite Christmas carols!

Come and Celebrate!

Buchanan Area Ministerial Association
presents the
Buchanan Community
Christmas Carol Sing 2021



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"Shepherds, Angels, and a Manger"

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

728 N. Detroit St.

Buchanan, MI 49107



Sunday, December 5th
at 6:30 PM

**Come usher in the Christmas season with this
annual non-denominational service.**

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

BAMA Buchanan Community Christmas Carol Sing 2021 flyer

Upcoming Event – Small Town Big Christmas 2021



Small Town Big Christmas Returns for 2021



Small Town Big Christmas 2021 flyer

The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and The City of Buchanan are excited to bring our small town, Buchanan, this event. For more details on where each event is held, click on this link: [Small Town Big Christmas information](http://www.thefolksbackhome.com/stbc).

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and The City of Buchanan
- *Where:* Downtown Buchanan
- *What:* **Small Town Big Christmas**
- *When:* Saturday, November 27, 2021



EVENT LINEUP

Come for the shopping...stay for Santa!

1-5pm

Shop Special Deals at Downtown Stores
Holiday Vendors at Farmer's Market
Fernwood Wreath Building
Artist Market & Activities at the Art Center
Cookies, Crafts, Santa & Mrs. Claus at The Library
Live Reindeer
Storefront Decoration Contest

5pm - Kids Costume Contest at Duck Pond

5:30pm - Parade on Front Street

6pm - Lighting Ceremony at Common

6:30pm - Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus

***ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS MUST LINE UP AT DUCK
POND PARKING LOT AT 5PM**



Small Town Big Christmas 2021 Events flyer

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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

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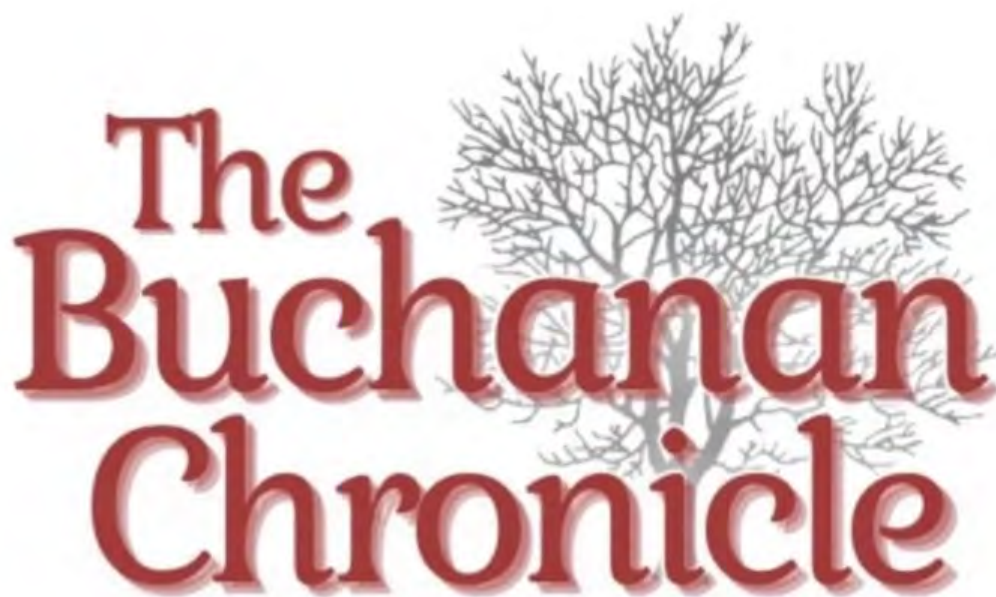
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BCS School Spotlight – BHS November 2021



Buchanan High School

Buchanan High School Students at Work and Play

by BHS Principal Stacey DeMaio

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT – SHANNON CENTER

Shannon is working diligently on her art portfolio this year in hopes of earning an art scholarship. Shannon attended National Portfolio Day at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago where she met with admissions advisors and was able to speak to representatives about several art school possibilities. Shannon is primarily a digital artist, but is also fluent in other media. Currently, she finished a beautiful pen and ink drawing that will be going in the art showcase soon and is showcased here. Keep up the good work, Shannon! We are excited to see where your art takes you.



Pen and ink drawing by Shannon Center, Image provided by BHS Principal DeMaio

HIGH SCHOOL MYTHOLOGY

Mrs. Holok's Fantasy class wrapped up their Harry Potter unit with a mythological pumpkin decorating and writing contest. Students then rolled the pumpkins down Buck Hill in a Hogwarts House point competition. Early in the year students are broken into Harry Potter houses and complete various tasks for points. Team Gryffindor was victorious in the pumpkin roll, but Team Hufflepuff won the ultimate year one House Cup Trophy.



Mrs. Holok's Fantasy Class, Photo provided by BHS Principal DeMaio



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Mrs. Holok's Fantasy Class Rolling Pumpkins, Photo provided by BHS Principal DeMaio

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Community Press Release – Song by Dr. Greta Pope



Buchanan Michigan's Own Dr. Greta Pope Announces New Christmas Song Dedicated to Her Hometown

Buchanan, MI – November 17, 2021

Buchanan Michigan has a long legacy of town-wide events that garner record amounts of participation from its citizens. The holidays in Buchanan are one example of such an event. As more locals became involved, their annual Christmas celebration grew to include Small Business Saturday, a parade down main street, a tree lighting ceremony, and more! The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce aptly chose to name their celebration, "Small

Town, Big Christmas!"



From the YouTube video [HERE](#)

Dr. Greta Pope is an internationally recognized, award-winning vocalist and a Buchanan native. She has received acclaim for her multi talented activities including writing, bandleading and television and radio hosting. When Dr. Pope announced that she not only wrote a song for Buchanan but also planned on donating both her musical and marketing talents to the city, she astounded and delighted the whole town. Says Pope, "It is with great pleasure and excitement that I present the Christmas in Buchanan song to the City of Buchanan. I have written the custom lyrics and produced a full version of the song, along with shorter versions for use in various applications."



From the YouTube video [HERE](#)

While the citizens of Buchanan proudly claim Dr. Greta Pope, Pope also proudly claims Buchanan. Says Pope,

"I am thrilled for this opportunity to contribute to the beautiful town of Buchanan. My husband Edward L. Wimp and I have been seasonal residents of Buchanan for 40 years. Our son Edward W. Wimp, Esq. took his very first steps in our Lake Home. We spent many wonderful afternoons at Kathryn Park. Edward learned how to ride a bike, skateboard and drive a car in a church parking lot in downtown Buchanan. In other words, Buchanan is home for our family. We love the town and its people. We're very proud to be part of this community.

We remember the end of the Clark Equipment era and the decline of downtown Buchanan. It is such an inspiration and joy to see the area revitalized by the wonderful merchants, city government, area businesses, community organizations, families and individuals who are pioneering a new era for Buchanan.

It is my pleasure to donate the production of this song to the City of Buchanan and its residents. I hope that it will become synonymous with Christmas in Buchanan for many Holiday Seasons to come in this magical place."

"Christmas in Buchanan" will be debuting this month across radio stations, in local schools, and is available to stream now. The song will also be proudly sung at a sing-a-long during the tree lighting ceremony in The Common, the dramatic culmination of the Small Town Big Christmas celebration on November 27, 2021.

To listen to the song now visit the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or stream through their YouTube channel ([VIDEO LINK HERE](#)).

Any questions regarding the release may be directed to BACC Executive Director, Ashley Regal, at

bacc@buchanan.mi.us.

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Health Huddle – Spectrum Health Student Artwork/Essay Contest



Spectrum Health

“Hidden History” Artwork & Essay Contest for Berrien County High School Students

Berrien County, MI – November 16, 2021



Spectrum Health Lakeland Hidden History Contest 2021

Spectrum Health Lakeland is hosting a “Hidden History” contest to spark youth engagement in U.S. history, bring awareness to events that have led to structural racism, and help students identify causes of health inequities.

We're specifically interested in showcasing the talent of Berrien County students through an essay and artwork contest. This contest is open to all students who are at least 13 years old and reside in Berrien County, Michigan at the time of entry.

- *Contest Details:*
 - The contest takes place from November 1-30, 2021.
 - All entries must be received on or before Nov. 30, 2021, to be considered for the essay and art contest.
 - Submissions will be judged based on creativity, originality, relevance to theme, and for meeting all criteria.
- *Award Amounts:*
 - 1st place: \$500
 - 2nd place: \$300
 - 3rd place: \$200
 - In addition to a financial award, winning entries will be displayed on digital screens at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, and the Center for Better Health in Benton Harbor for 30 days (Dec. 27, 2021-Jan. 31, 2022).
- *Submission Deadline:*
 - **November 30, 2021**

For more information including how to enter, go to www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/population-health.

Be well,
Population Health
Spectrum Health Lakeland
populationhealth@spectrumhealth.org

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

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

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Past Event – Niles Evolve Boutique Grand Re-opening and Ribbon Cutting



Evolve signage, Niles MI, Photo by Miranda Barger

Niles Evolve Boutique & Healing Arts Center Hosted Grand Re-opening and Ribbon Cutting

Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce Press Release – November 11, 2021

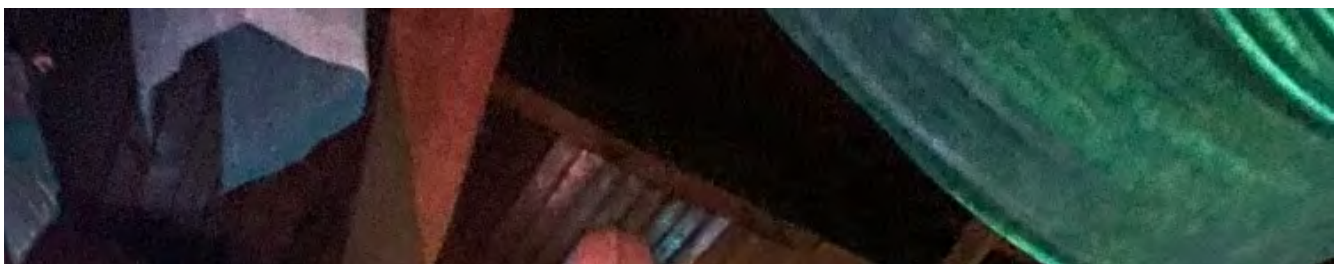
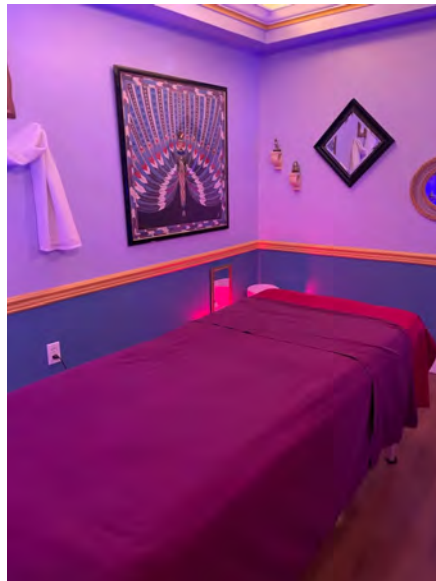
Evolve Boutique & Healing Arts Center is inviting community members and the media to a grand re-opening and re-dedication to celebrate new ownership, expanded facilities, and an expanded selection of services as they are able to be offered in-person more frequently. The event is organized as a collaboration between the owner of Evolve

and the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce.

Evolve, formerly known as Inner Journey, originally opened in 2011 at their current location in downtown Niles. Known for their wide variety of healing arts – massage, acupuncture, Reiki and more. Many visitors come for Himalayan salt cave, the first of its kind built the state of Michigan. The holiday season is the perfect time to buy a gift or visit and relax, leaving refreshed as winter sets in.

Evolve Boutique is a local gem that includes the creative works of several local artisans, as well as an eclectic variety of clothing, jewelry, crystals & stones, home décor, and so much more. It's the perfect opportunity to shop local for the holiday season and support these artists who haven't been able to get the same exposure during the pandemic. While supply chain issues have been plaguing stores and leaving shelves empty nationwide, the shop at Evolve has shelves full of potential gifts.

Many artisans that contribute to Evolve will have additional displays of their wares at the open house. Evolve's practitioners will be giving short talks about their services and what they offer. Each room in the spa has its own unique personality, and tours will be given following the ceremony.



Local entrepreneur and sole proprietor of Evolve, Cindy Hawk, has been in business in Niles since 1989. She and the experienced staff of Evolve continue to assist those seeking healing and provide tools for their spiritual journey. Providing quality products and services has been and continues to be priority for their local community.

• *For more information, contact:*

- Selina Guevara, 925-202-4152 // sguevara@greaternileschamber.com
- Cindy Hawk, 269-687-8865 // evolveinniles@yahoo.com

PAST Event Details:

- *What:* Grand Re-Opening & Ribbon Cutting Celebration
- *Where:* **Evolve Boutique & Healing Arts Center**
 - 109 N. 3rd St., Niles, MI 49120
- *When:* **Friday, November 12, 2021**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM EST



EVOLVE
HEALING ARTS
CENTER

About the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce: The Greater Niles Chamber is a nonprofit organization serving the Niles area since 1919. The chamber works to foster a diverse and thriving business community through business education, business advocacy, economic development, and through a general focus on the success and growth of industry, trade, civic activities, publicity, and public relations for the greater Niles area.

The Clark Barker – Issue 16



The Seasons are a Changin'



Leaves in Buchanan, Photo by The Clark Barker

We are all aware now that the fall leaves have been falling and soon the trees will be bare, except for those few oaks that like to hold onto some of their leaves. All in preparation for that white stuff that I like to run and hop in. However, I have noticed on the bottoms of my paws as my human takes me for a walk on the sidewalk, that there are lots of leaves on the sidewalks. And some of the leaves make it feel a little slippery and cover up the uneven places in the sidewalk.

From one canine to another canine's owner, can you try to keep your sidewalk clear (of leaves and branches now, snow and ice later, etc), for all of us, please? One other thing that I have noticed on the sidewalks is the grass that grows in between those seams and it can hide unevenness and make others trip if they're not careful. If this is trimmed, it can make our sidewalks nicer and more walk-friendly. Yes, the cold and rain is not the ideal time to do

yard work. But when you get a day without rain and it might be chilly just remember that a little work here and there helps improve our sidewalks and yards.

Oh and don't forget that brush pickup is no longer available and only leaves can be on the side of the road now for leaf pickup. If you leave brush out, you could get a citation from the city, and I don't think that anyone wants one!

Woof-Woof!

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

- 6 Letter –
 - TOASTS
 - TOAST
 - OATS
 - OAT
 - AT
 - A

 - 5 Letter –
 - LANES
 - LANE
 - LAN
 - AN
 - A

 - 4 Letter –
 - TRIM
 - RIM
 - IM
 - I

 - 3 Letter –
 - MAP
 - AM
 - A
-

Puzzler Page – Issue 16

by Garrick Stubblefield

PUZZLER



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

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER

- Puzzle Instructions:
 - You'll be given a 3, 4, 5, or 6 letter word.
 - The object of the puzzle is to remove one letter each step, making a new word each time.
 - After a letter is removed you cannot reuse it.
 - Abbreviations do count. As in the English dictionary, there are 2 letter words that count, such as PI, AR, KA, KI, ER; however acronyms do not count.
 - You may rearrange the letters each step to create your new word.
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As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at garrickstubblefield@gmail.com. He will check and respond as quickly as he can.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

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

- STATES:
 1. LIST: Which State names both begin and end with vowels?
 2. These TWO States were _____ before getting married and _____ after.
- CAPITALS:
 - This capital is never on the bottom on the _____ of every box.
 - This capital may have a hanger bay for this type of plane.

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

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

THANKSGIVING DAY

1. You give THIS after receiving something from someone.

2. A golfer could do THIS to his ball.
3. A well known actor Tom ____.
4. What you do every time you do my puzzles.
5. There is a pro football mascot in here.

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

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

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1. CHANGE THE FIRST DIGIT TO 4;
2. ADD THE LAST 2 DIGITS TOGETHER AND MAKE THAT THE MIDDLE DIGIT;
3. IF 4 IS BIGGER THAN 6, PUT A 2 IN THE MIDDLE;
4. MAKE THE MIDDLE DIGIT A 3;
5. WHAT IS THE FINAL 3 DIGIT NUMBER?

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

Police Points – Call Log Issue 16



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 10/26 – 11/8

Buchanan City Police Department

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

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	5
Suspicious Situations	11
Lost/Found Property	1
Natural Death	0
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	11
General Assist	34
Ordinance Violations	3
Missing Person	0
VCSA	0

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Police Points

National Fast Food Day – November 16

My Favorite National Fast Food Joint

by Garrick Stubblefield

My goodness people there are so many good places to call a good fast food joint. I will tease you with one that I really liked back as a kid and had to sadly find another one and another. I tell you sadly to say it just got my true attention as it did when I was younger plus I was always from one side of the states to the other side of states meaning coast to coast. The one that really interested me the most was a hamburger place that grew up here in Benton Harbor. This fast food joint was doing so well at the time it was going to go nationwide as far as the states are concerned. This place had a better reputation then our very own McDonalds. The sad thing is about this fast food place only 2 were built and the brothers never thought it would work. Those 2 fast food places are still serving and will be mine for a good deal of my life, this fast food place is "HENRY'S HAMBURGERS". So if you think I'm pulling your leg ask if it's true they were going to be better than McDonalds.

Answer to Puzzle 4 from this Issue's [Puzzler Page](#):

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

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Seasonal Sentiments – Being Thankful



What I Think We Should Be “Thankful” For

by Garrick Stubblefield

Wow! I just don't know where to start but it truly will be from my sacred heart to yours. I'm so blessed to be given a chance to be one of God's creatures here on earth, and just surpassed 52 years of it with him, whether he is in whatever direction he is with you till the end. God is like a big shield around me and protects from the good and evil. This is just the beginning of being thankful. I want to say to my parents thank you for bearing with me in the times I was at home or doing something to make you proud. I wouldn't be here today writing if it wasn't all my teachers, mentors and every person between that gap I want to shout out and say “THANK YOU”...for all the police, firefighters, paramedics and most importantly the men and women in uniform keeping us safe each and every day. You all deserve the thanks from me and I stand behind what I say ~ THANK YOU.

Answer to Puzzle 2 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:**PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS**

• STATES:

1. LIST:

1. Alabama
2. Alaska
3. Arizona
4. Idaho
5. Indiana
6. Iowa
7. Ohio
8. Oklahoma

2. Missouri, Mississippi

• CAPITALS:

1. Topeka
2. Concord

Remembering – Issue 16**Buchanan Losses • 11/6-11/19**

Name	Age	Born	Died
Alan Ross Dunstan	74	February 18, 1947	November 18, 2021
Gloria Jean Hanson	62	September 19, 1959	November 17, 2021
JoAnn Shepherd	77	July 10, 1944	November 17, 2021
George W. Nespital	102	August 17, 1919	November 13, 2021
Bessie Ward	95	October 7, 1926	November 12, 2021
Howard Roland Doughten	94	November 14, 1926	November 3, 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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Special Word of Thanks – Issue 16



Thankful, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The following is a review The Buchanan Chronicle received on Facebook:

“One of the greatest things about Buchanan is the little things that are done. When the band made it to the state finals to Ford Field, the escort out of town was done to recognize these students. This year, I was unable to be there, but I watched it live with Rebecka on Facebook. It was great to see Derek’s senior band banner as it was shown close up before the buses came through. Thank you Rebecka and The Buchanan Chronicle for being there while I was working! ❤️” ~ Erica Downey Worke

It warms our hearts to know we’re making a positive impact in our community, it’s why we exist as The Buchanan Chronicle. Thank you to all our readers!
