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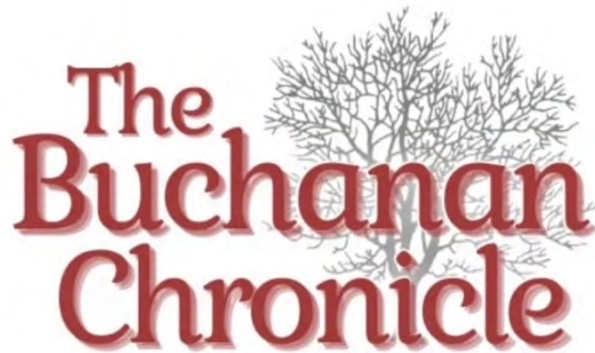
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## Upcoming Event – BASC Holiday Bazaar



**Buchanan Area Senior Center**  
**Saturday, December 3**  
**9:00 am—2:00 pm**  
**810 Rynearson St., Buchanan**

### Buchanan Area Senior Center Annual Holiday Bazaar

Grab your family/friends and come on by to shop for the holiday and make sure you get something special for you!

Buy your door prize tickets for a chance to win! There will be over 15 prizes!

BASC will be selling one of a kind ornaments that represent our building and Scarecrow Charities!

BASC will be selling yummy baked goods!

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Senior Center
- *What:* Annual Holiday Bazaar
- *When:* **Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 9am – 2pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Area Senior Center
  - 810 Rynearson St, Buchanan MI 49107



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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.  
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## Local Business – Evelyn Mae’s BBQ Opens Restaurant on Redbud Trail



### Evelyn Mae’s BBQ Opens Restaurant on Redbud Trail

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer and Jen Garry, Publisher

Word got around quickly this month that a new owner has taken over at the former Wheatberry Restaurant located at 15212 N Red Bud Trail, which looks over the beautiful St. Joseph River. Mid-December you’ll be able to revisit once its all refreshed and it will then be called “Evelyn Mae’s BBQ” with the bar “Fifteen-2-Twelve” inside.



Anton Lockett (with Patrick Swem) at the New Evelyn Mae's BBQ opening soon on Redbud in Buchanan, Photo by Anton Lockett

They plan to open up mid-December when their staff is fully trained and the building's cosmetic touch-ups are finished. Owner, Anton Lockett showed our Publisher and I around, and all the excitement he has for his new restaurant was very apparent!

One of our first questions was how did they come up with the name of their business? Unfortunately his wife had miscarried their baby during the middle of a healthy pregnancy and Evelyn Mae was to be her name. To sustain her memory as it will always be a part of them, they included it as the business name which became an LLC. This particular location kind of fell into their lap, as the building's contract from the previous owners fell through right around the time their offer on a different place also didn't pan out.

They are planning to have the BBQ, a couple of features for a time with some different dishes, and see how it

is all received and evolves. Anton stated they, “will establish a menu with apps, salads, BBQ, handhelds, entrees, and build the menu as we go.” He wants to do some tastings with the chef they hire, and also with their bartender/mixologist Jazmine, who he wants to take this bar and put her spin on it, along with the food, sports and good times. In their event space they will have a time for pairings of food and drinks where the chef can tell you about the food and the mixologist can explain how the drink pairs well with the meal.

Anton has a few past ties to the Buchanan area, as he grew up around nearby Benton Harbor, went to Berrien Springs High School, and is friends with quite a few Buchanan locals as well. They are planning to have a soft opening first to get started. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for the future, around the grand opening time, once they are fully prepared.

Hours will likely be Thursday – Sunday, four quality days of great food and drink. Thursdays from 4pm – 10pm, Friday – Sundays 11am – 10pm, and “when you come in I want you to see the same staff every visit, and I want to build a team that gets to have a full 40 hours a week, also I want to not have much turnover, but also I need time to continue running the food truck. And this way each visit you’ll have us at our 100%,” said Anton. They will be open for the holidays as well as Valentine’s Day. Prices will be in the \$\$ range, reasonable and the experience will definitely be worth it.

All the taps will be local craft beers as well as domestic bottles, and a full bar for crafted cocktails. The brisket is their most high-selling meat with their food truck. Also popular choices are their pulled pork and deluxe mac & cheese. Is your mouth watering yet? They also hope to implement a Loyalty Program, more information will come on that later.

Evelyn Mae’s BBQ Menu will also be kid-friendly as his daughter loves to be around her dad, Anton.

“You will be able to come for a date night, family night, after hours with coworkers and friends. Fun, family-style place where you want to hang out and have some good drinks and you get to know the staff.” Anton said with a smile.

He will be changing the light fixtures, painting walls, a couple of chairs to redo, Servpro has been in cleaning, inspections are happening within the next week, they will be getting their liquor license after the inspections have passed and are hoping to be opening this mid-December. The past owners of Wheatberry left the place in good condition for him so they don’t have too much work ahead.

Stay tuned as we will be keeping our Buchanan community in the know on when they will be open and ready to serve you, as well as some more photos as work progresses!



About Evelyn Mae's BBQ: Specialty Meats, Event Catering, and Homestyle BBQ. Coming very soon to Buchanan.

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NEW Buchanan Location:

15212 N Red Bud Trail

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## Local Business – 40 Under 40 Local Winners



### 40 Under 40 Award Winners from Buchanan and Niles

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Jordan Lynch, Cameron Ondresky, Charlie Van LuVanee, and Kenny Fraker (all with ties to the Buchanan & Niles, MI communities) each received the 2022 Pat Moody's Moody on the Market 40 Under 40 Award. This award goes towards young professionals who are under the age of 40 and are making a difference in their communities. I got the chance to meet with the guys and asked all the same questions. Read on to learn more about each of them.

**Jordan Lynch**



Jordan Lynch, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Jordan Lynch, age 29 who is the Owner of two Subway restaurants in Watervliet and Coloma, as well as the Assistant Band Director of Buchanan Middle and High School Bands. When Jordan found out he was in the Class of 2022 40 Under 40, he didn't like that he had to keep it a secret until it was made public. "I got 40 messages while teaching and then found out that the list was released," said Jordan. His mother was the one who nominated him. He was approached to buy the Watervliet and Coloma Subway locations during the pandemic. On his father's side of the family, business runs in it. How does he manage the two locations as well as being the assistant band director? It's pretty good, but when communication with corporate goes not as planned then it gets stressful. Being the director is a stress reliever for him. He originally went to school to do this with Deanna Russell (director of Buchanan Bands). What Jordan is most proud of at all three places: with both stores exceeding the sales compared

to before he owned them. And then all the first place and high rankings here with the band, "small but mighty," he added.

What drew Jordan to Buchanan? "I volunteered when Mrs. O'Brian was the band director in 2011/2012, and then Deanna got hired in. Then I applied for a position, didn't get it, applied the next year and now I am here," states Jordan. He majored in Music at SMC for two years, and then to KVCC ½ year for Graphic Design. I grew a love for music and with the help of Deanna playing at SMC in the ensemble and now has added Southshore Concert Band at LMC. I asked him, what advice would he give to a high school senior/grad; a college student when it gets tough and an entrepreneur. "For a high school senior/grad, don't feel forced to go to college, the availability to do trades and to work up in a business like I did. In college, maybe a change in your career, take a couple of classes that are fun or in a different major, and that can lead to a different major or even a change in school. Entrepreneur advice: Wing it! I have zero business training just only through Subway and what has happened, has happened. Just go," he stated with a smile. Jordan does not expect awards or to receive this award. In 2021, he received a business award from the Chamber of Commerce. There are others he knows that received the 40 Under 40: Mark Hartman for the Eau Claire Band and Sean Newmiller last year at LMC. Some fun questions: What is your favorite snack? He answered quickly with, "anything chocolate, nacho cheese Doritos & Mountain Dew." Would you think of opening a fast food place in Buchanan? "Honestly, no. As I get older, I would open a Ma & Pa place," stated Jordan. Final words: "Yeah, good for you (other band director who won) to represent districts and band directors!"

### **Cameron Ondresky**



Cameron Ondresky, Photo provided by Cameron Ondresky

In Buchanan, Cameron Ondresky, manager of the Starks Family Homes and Cremation Services is another recipient of the 40 Under 40 award. When he heard that he got it, "I was surprised, felt honored to receive the acknowledgement which takes time and then not as surprised to get it." Cameron is not sure who nominated him

for the award, but he thinks it was a coworker. I asked him what his influence was to pursue this career. He likes “being involved with the community. I majored in nursing to be a nurse anesthetologist as my family raised me caring for other people.” Cameron is most proud of the funeral home by “the way we take care of people. People are never 100 percent feeling good all the time.” His education was at LMC and Wayne State University. Cameron’s advice to a high school senior/grad is, “believe in yourself and surround yourself with those who believe in you.” For a college student when times are tough: “celebrate your successes to appreciate what you’ve done, and give yourself a pat on the back for that positivity.”

Did he know anyone in the Class of 40 Under 40? Just a couple of names stood out to him of Jordan Lynch and Lanie Schrubba. Gummies of any kind are his favorite snack. Cameron volunteers with the Lions Club but is limited when he can as he has two young daughters with his wife at home and likes to keep his family sane. Here are some fun facts about him and the funeral home: the love he has for his 8-month-old and 4-year-old daughters. “My job is rewarding where we give acknowledgement and compassion back – the healing of laughter, crying, and talking with families.”

**Kenny Fraker and Charlie Can LuVanee**



Kenny Fraker and Charlie Van LuVane, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

Head over to Niles, MI and you will find Chef, Kenny Fraker and the Head-Distiller, Charlie Van LuVane of Iron Shoe Distillery who were each given the 40 Under 40 award. To have both of them receive this award, Kenny said that “it was pretty cool and a little confused as they were the younger guys,” and Charlie mentioned “it’s good to see the hard work we do gets noticed and for Kenny too.” Their boss was who nominated them. Kenny grew up with his grandpa and fell into cooking with him so that was his influence to be where he is now. For Charlie, he didn’t have many influencers, however he appreciates hard working people for that standard. Not only do these guys work at Iron Shoe Distillery, they have other jobs. Kenny moves furniture with Bud Kyle and Charlie is an Army Firefighter in the National Guard. I asked them what are you most proud of being at Iron Shoe Distiller. Kenny said “to make this place work since it opened in 2019,” and Charlie “likes it as being part of the community.” So, what

drew them to the distillery? Kenny said that he “used to work at Cheers, checked Iron Shoe out for a part-time position and now I’m full-time.” Charlie said “that he heard they were looking for an assistant distiller and then learned all things here.” Kenny attended Andrews University after high school.

I asked what kind of advice they would give to a high school senior/grad, a college student when things get tough and a to-be chef/distillery master. Kenny states for a high school senior/grad “you may not know what you’re going to do, but it falls into place, work hard and the same for college. For a chef, to try a lot of food/ethnicities and don’t be scared to fail.” Charlie says “for all of them you will either like it or you don’t like it. Get ready to fail, not everyone is going to like what you put out.” Charlie did not know of anyone else who won the award, however Kenny did and that was Wilson Chandler. Kennys’ favorite snack is quesadillas and chocolate milk and Charlies’ is donuts, and eggo waffle flavored Pop Tarts. Do they have a dream to open a restaurant and if so, what kind? Kenny would like to do an Italian restaurant as where he grew up in upper state New York there are a lot of italian eats there. He would also like to do Mexican. Charlie wants to open a whiskey and spirits tasting room near the water. Their final words to me, “We (Iron Shoe Distillery) has LIVE music on Wednesdays, and brunch on Saturdays and Sundays for about five weeks.”

The Buchanan Chronicle congratulates these men on receiving this award and thank you for taking the time to let us interview you.

The Buchanan Chronicle congratulates these great people for doing what they do and also to the rest of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2022 (full list [HERE](#)). If we did not have these amazing people, who knows what kind of experiences we would be having in our communities. We wish you well and good luck in your continued success.





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 **40under40**

The Moody on the Market 40

Under 40 –

**#SWM40under40**

Hi, this is Pat Moody! Join me and local business leaders as we once again identify forty dynamic young professionals making a difference in our community. It's time for the 2022 edition of the 40 Under 40, a prestigious recognition program reserved exclusively for professionals under the age of 40.

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## Upcoming Event – Bucktown Christmas 2022



## Bucktown Christmas 2022

Join us in downtown Buchanan on Saturday, November 26, 2022 to kick off the Christmas season with shopping, Santa, a parade, lights, a Holiday Market, and so much more!



Bucktown Christmas 2022 Info:



Photo and Info from Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce [Event on Facebook](#)

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

1-5pm

Downtown Shopping

Storefront Decorating Contest

Santa and Reindeer

Holiday Market

Events for Kids at the Library

Make-and-Take Crafts at the Art Center

3:30-5:30pm

First Annual Downtown Cookie Walk

5:30pm

Christmas Parade on Front Street

6pm

Holiday Lighting Ceremony at The Common and Pictures with Santa

For more info (updates added frequently), visit [buchananareachamber.com/events/bucktown-christmas](https://buchananareachamber.com/events/bucktown-christmas).

\*Opportunities for local businesses to sponsor

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

Holiday Market 2022 Info:



Photo and Info from Buchanan Farmers' Market [Event on Facebook](#)

- *Who:* Buchanan Farmer's Market
- *What:* 2nd Annual Holiday Market
- *When:* **Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 1-5pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Common

Second annual Holiday Market brought to you by Buchanan Farmers' Market. An added event to the traditional small business, shop local Saturday. It was a great event last year that provided a wonderful array of local made crafts in perfect time for the holidays. Make sure you check out all the local vendors that will be set up through the Common, from the blue permanent booths to Pears Mill to Redbud City Center. Come for the shopping, stay for the tree lighting. Check out the [event page](#) for more happening throughout town.

#### Library Holiday 2022 Info:



Photo and Info from Buchanan District Library [Event on Facebook](#)

- *Who:* Buchanan District Library

- *What:* Bucktown Christmas 2022
- *When:* **Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 1-5pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan District Library

Bucktown Christmas is annual downtown event in Buchanan to kick off the holiday season with shopping, Santa, a parade, and lights! Make sure to stop by the library for these fun events while you're enjoying all the festivities around town:

1:00–2:30pm: Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus

1:00–1:30pm: Storytime with Santa & Mrs. Claus

1:00-5:00pm: Write letters to Santa & make a craft

1:00-5:00pm: Drop-in craft for adults

4:00-5:00pm: Visit the LIVE REINDEER

PARADE STARTS DOWNTOWN AT 5:30, FOLLOWED BY THE HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE COMMON



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

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

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

[www.cityofbuchanan.com](http://www.cityofbuchanan.com)

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

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

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302 N Redbud Tr

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## Upcoming Event – Flowers by Anna Holiday Open House



## Annual Holiday Open House at Buchanan Flowers by Anna

- *Who:* Flowers by Anna – Buchanan
- *What:* Annual Holiday Open House
- *When:* **Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9am-3pm**
- *Where:* Flowers by Anna – Buchanan
  - 4796 Niles-Buchanan Rd, Buchanan MI 49107



Annual Holiday Open House at Buchanan Flowers by Anna graphic

It's that time to mark your calendar for our Annual Holiday Open House!! Join us to kick off the holiday season. We will have AMAZING sales and specials!! Lots of new Christmas decor and gifts will now be available and on display throughout the whole store.

This will be one day only!

Saturday, Nov 19th: 9am-3pm

This event will be at our Buchanan location:

4796 Niles Buchanan Rd.

Buchanan, MI 49107

Enjoy delicious refreshments (including mimosas!!!), appetizers, and desserts! We will have lots of our products available for you to sample as well.

Not to mention fun door prizes and giveaways all day long!!

Please join us to celebrate the holiday season, and come see what we have to offer!

Remember to SHOP LOCAL ❤️

Hope to see you there!!



About Flowers by Anna: More than a flower shop, Flowers by Anna is most certainly not just floral. We have a large assortment of unique gift items for all occasions, as well as home decor, sympathy keepsakes, plants, herbs, hanging baskets, candles, body products, jewelry, canned jams & more, birdhouses, balloons, handmade baked goods, and SO much more. We cannot express enough that we are more than just a flower shop! Come and see what we have in store for you!

[www.freshflowersbyanna.com](http://www.freshflowersbyanna.com)

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Buchanan: [269.409.6090](tel:269.409.6090)

Buchanan Location:

[4796 Niles-Buchanan Rd](#)

[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)

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Dowagiac Location:

[111 Commercial St](#)

[Dowagiac, MI 49047](#)

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## Upcoming Event – Cookies and Cocoa with Santa



## Cookies and Cocoa with Santa at Listing Leaders MI

Save the date for a chance to have Cookies and Cocoa with Santa – Thursday, December 1 from 4:30-7:30pm. There will be hot chocolate, cookies, you can sit with Santa, and write him a letter too!

# COOKIES & COCOA

*with Santa*

**HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIES, SIT WITH SANTA,  
AND WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA!**

*join us on*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
**4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM**

*at*

**LISTING LEADERS MI**  
**223 E FRONT ST.**  
**BUCHANAN, MI**



- *Who:* Listing Leaders MI
- *What:* Cookies & Cocoa with Santa
- *When:* **Thursday, December 1, 2022 from 4:30-7:30pm**
- *Where:* Listing Leaders MI
  - 223 E Front St, Buchanan MI 49107



About Listing Leaders MI: Listing Leaders Michigan is all about offering a different kind of real estate experience. We're ready to assist you every step of the way.

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Website: [www.listingleadersmi.com/](http://www.listingleadersmi.com/)

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## Upcoming Event – 60th Annual Santa on the River in Niles



## 60th Annual Santa on the River in Niles

In 1962, Roy Peters started something magical in our hometown. Something so magical, that 60 years later, it remains one of Niles' longest standing and most cherished and memorable Christmas traditions – Santa on the River.

A lighting ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 27th from 5 – 6 p.m. at Lakeland Hospital in the Riverside Parking Lot as we celebrate the 60th year of Santa's launch. There will be live music by the Michiana Chamber Orchestra, a chance to meet the volunteers who make this happen year after year and free hot chocolate and coffee.

We look forward to seeing you there and ringing in another magical season!



# SANTA ON THE RIVER

60th Anniversary

## *Lighting*

### Ceremony

Sunday, November, 27  
@ 5pm-6pm

★ Live Music By The  
Michiana Chamber  
Orchestra

★ Hot Cocoa  
& Coffee

Location: Lakeland  
Hospital Niles  
Riverside Parking Lot

For more information, find us on Facebook: Santa on the River

Niles' Santa on the River 2022 flyer

- *Who:* Santa on the River with City of Niles
- *What:* 60th Annual Lighting Ceremony
- *When:* **Sunday, November 27, 2022 from 5-6pm**
- *Where:* Lakeland Hospital Niles, Riverside Parking Lot
- *Details:*
  - Live Music by the Michiana Chamber Orchestra
  - Hot Cocoa & Coffee



About Santa On The River: City of Niles Annual Holiday Landmark of Santa Claus & Reindeer Display placed in the St. Joe River.

[www.facebook.com/SantaOnTheRiver](https://www.facebook.com/SantaOnTheRiver)

## Upcoming Event – Soul Shop at BCC



### Soul Shop™ for Communities

#### Details

##### Who Should Attend?

Community Members

##### Location:

Buchanan Christian Church  
112 W. 3rd St.  
Buchanan, MI 49107

##### Cost:

\$0

##### Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-shop-for-communities-tickets-388344618207>

##### Questions?

Nathan Babcock  
[nbabcock1977@gmail.com](mailto:nbabcock1977@gmail.com)  
269-695-6621

**January 23, 2023**

6:00pm – 7:30pm Eastern Time

The goal of Soul Shop for Communities is to begin working in the larger community beyond the church to create a network of support for those who are impacted by suicide. This community-oriented program is designed to increase awareness of the dangers of suicide and discuss the steps that can be taken to reduce risks. This could be offered to parents, police, nurses, teachers and any other concerned citizens who might want to learn how to ask the question of suicide, learn about the prevalence of suicide in the community and get more engaged with how to be a part of the solution.



### Soul Shop™ for Leaders

#### Details

##### Who Should Attend?

Faith Leaders

##### Location:

Buchanan Christian Church  
112 W. 3rd St.  
Buchanan, MI 49107

Cost: \$35 (Lunch and snacks provided)

##### Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-shop-for-leaders-tickets-388350903627>

##### Questions?

Nathan Babcock  
[nbabcock1977@gmail.com](mailto:nbabcock1977@gmail.com)  
269-695-6621

**January 24, 2023**

8:00am – 4:30pm Eastern Time

This is a one-day workshop designed to equip faith community leaders to minister to those impacted by suicide. This includes the creation of worship resources, training congregation members in suicide awareness and basic conversation skills, and how to extend the invitation to those who have been suicidal in the past to share their stories. This workshop engages the question of how to cultivate a soul-safe culture within your congregation.

## Soul Shop Suicide Prevention Trainings

Greetings Ministry and Community Colleagues,

I am writing to share with you once again about Soul Shop, which Buchanan Christian Church is privileged to bring to Buchanan in January 2023. Soul Shop is faith based suicide prevention. I have participated in several Soul Shop trainings over the last few years, and they have all been excellent.

Suicide is a grim reality which none of us want to think about, but it is also a reality we need to be equipped to respond to in our congregations and communities. I am passionate about training in this area because I lost my brother to suicide in December 2015.

According to statistics from the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention ([Suicide statistics | AFSP](#)), suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States. Significantly, it is the 3rd leading cause of death for people aged 10-19, the 2nd leading cause of death for people aged 20-34, and the 4th leading cause of death for people aged 35-44. Further, 10 % of American adults have thought about suicide, 1.2 million Americans attempted suicide in 2020, and 54% of Americans have been affected by suicide in some way. These statistics mean that you have people in your congregations and organizations who have been impacted by suicide in one way or another. This is why the training Soul Shop provides is so important.

Buchanan Christian Church will host:

- **Soul Shop for Communities** on Monday January 23 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. This event is free and is designed to “to begin working in the larger community beyond the church to create a network of support for those who are impacted by suicide.” You can register for Soul Shop for Communities by following this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-shop-for-communties-tickets-388344618207>.
- **Soul Shop for Leaders** on Tuesday January 24 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. This seminar is “designed to equip faith community leaders to minister to those impacted by suicide.” The cost is \$35.00, which covers lunch, refreshments, and materials. You can register for Soul Shop for Leaders by following this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-shop-for-leaders-tickets-388359803627>. Continuing Education Credits are available for attending Soul Shop for Leaders!

Thank you! – Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor

- *Who:* Buchanan Christian Church
- *What:* [Soul Shop Suicide Prevention Trainings](#)
- *When:*
  - Soul Shop for Communities – **Monday, January 23, 2023 from 6-7:30pm**
  - Soul Shop for Leaders – **Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 8am-4:30pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Christian Church
  - 112 W Third St, Buchanan MI 49107



**January 23, 2023**

**Details**

**Who Should Attend?**

Community Members

**Location:**

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112 W. 3rd St.  
Buchanan, MI 49107

**Cost:** \$0

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Pastor Nate Babcock

Services at 10:30am Sundays

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BuchananCC](https://www.facebook.com/BuchananCC)

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## Upcoming Event – BAMA Christmas Concert 2022



## Annual BAMA Community Christmas Concert 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Come Celebrate Christmas with Us at the Annual BAMA Community Christmas Concert! Sunday December 4th @ 6:30 pm at Buchanan Christian Church, 112 W. Third St. in Buchanan. We invite you to a musical Christmas program for the entire community, with a cookie & coffee fellowship afterwards.



- *Who:* Buchanan Area Ministerial Association
- *What:* Community Christmas Concert 2022
- *When:* **Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 6:30pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Christian Church
  - 112 W Third St, Buchanan MI 49107



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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BAMACHurches/](https://www.facebook.com/BAMACHurches/)

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## Community Press Release – BASC Tax-Aide Program



## BASC Tax-Aide Program Recruiting Volunteers

Submitted by Adam Burck, BASC Program Coordinator

We are looking for compassionate and friendly people to join our team of AARP Tax-Aid volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide is a free program that makes it easier for older taxpayers to file their tax returns. Neighbors like you help prepare tax returns or serve in other ways, like organizing client paperwork, managing computer equipment, acting as interpreters, or making sure everything runs smoothly. There's a role for everyone. Our volunteers come from a variety of industries and span from retirees to college students.

We'll provide the training and support to help you learn new skills, and you'll get a great feeling from helping those in need. Our elders love coming to the Buchanan Area Senior Center to socialize and to take part in the many programs and services, and they rely on the annual AARP Tax-Aide Program to help them file their taxes correctly and efficiently. The AARP Tax-Aide Preparation Training is January 9 – 13, 2023. Call the BASC today to sign-up at 269-695-7119 or email [info@thebasc.org](mailto:info@thebasc.org).

- Volunteers fill a variety of roles:
  - Counselors work with taxpayers directly by filling out tax returns. If you have no previous experience, you'll get the training you need and will also receive IR5 certification.
  - Client Facilitators welcome taxpayers, help organize their paperwork, and manage the overall flow of service.
  - Technology Coordinators manage computer equipment, ensure taxpayer data is secure, and provide technical assistance to volunteers.
  - Leadership and Administrative volunteers make sure program operations run smoothly, manage volunteers, and maintain quality control.
  - Communications Coordinators promote the program to prospective volunteers and taxpayers.
  - Speak a second language? We have a big demand for bilingual speakers in all roles, especially dedicated interpreters who can assist other volunteers.

The Buchanan Area Senior Center is also pleased to announce the launch of their new website and logo. Information on all of our programs and services is available at <http://www.thebasc.org>. We invite you to explore the website and learn more about all that we offer older persons 60 and over.



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.

[diana@thebasc.org](mailto:diana@thebasc.org), Diana Smuda – Program Coordinator

[adam@thebasc.org](mailto:adam@thebasc.org), Adam Burck – Executive Director

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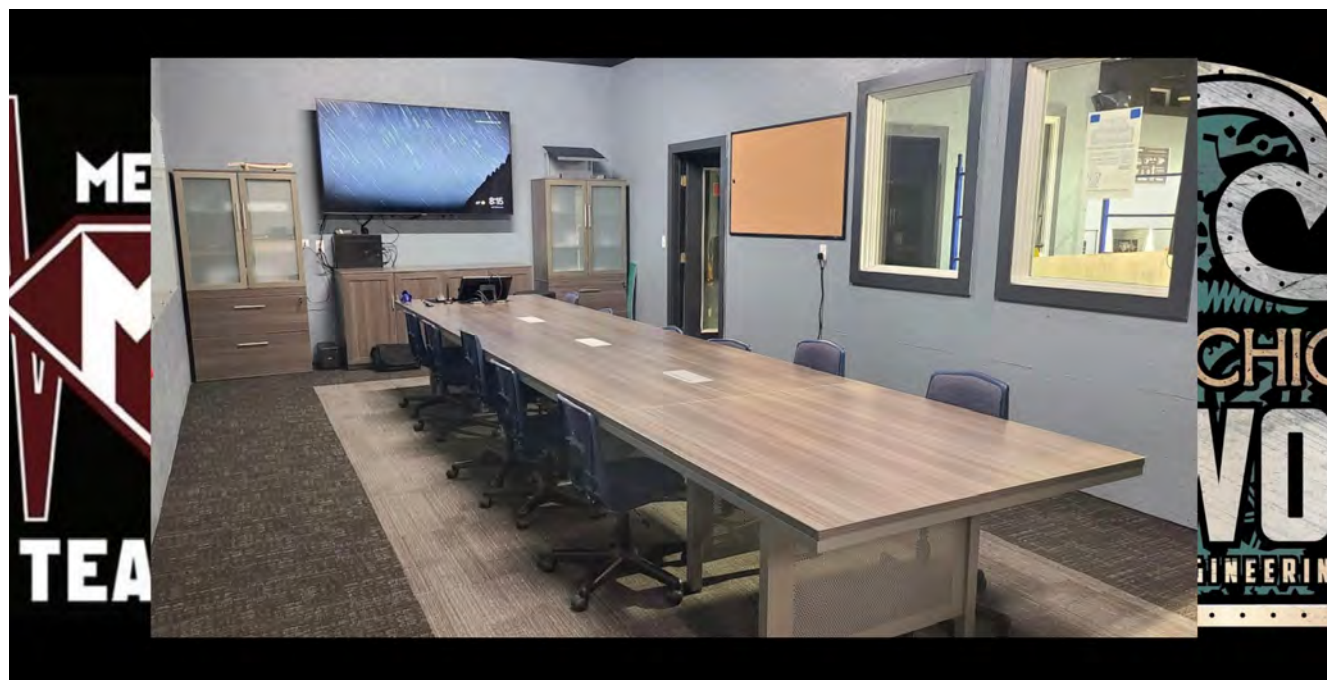
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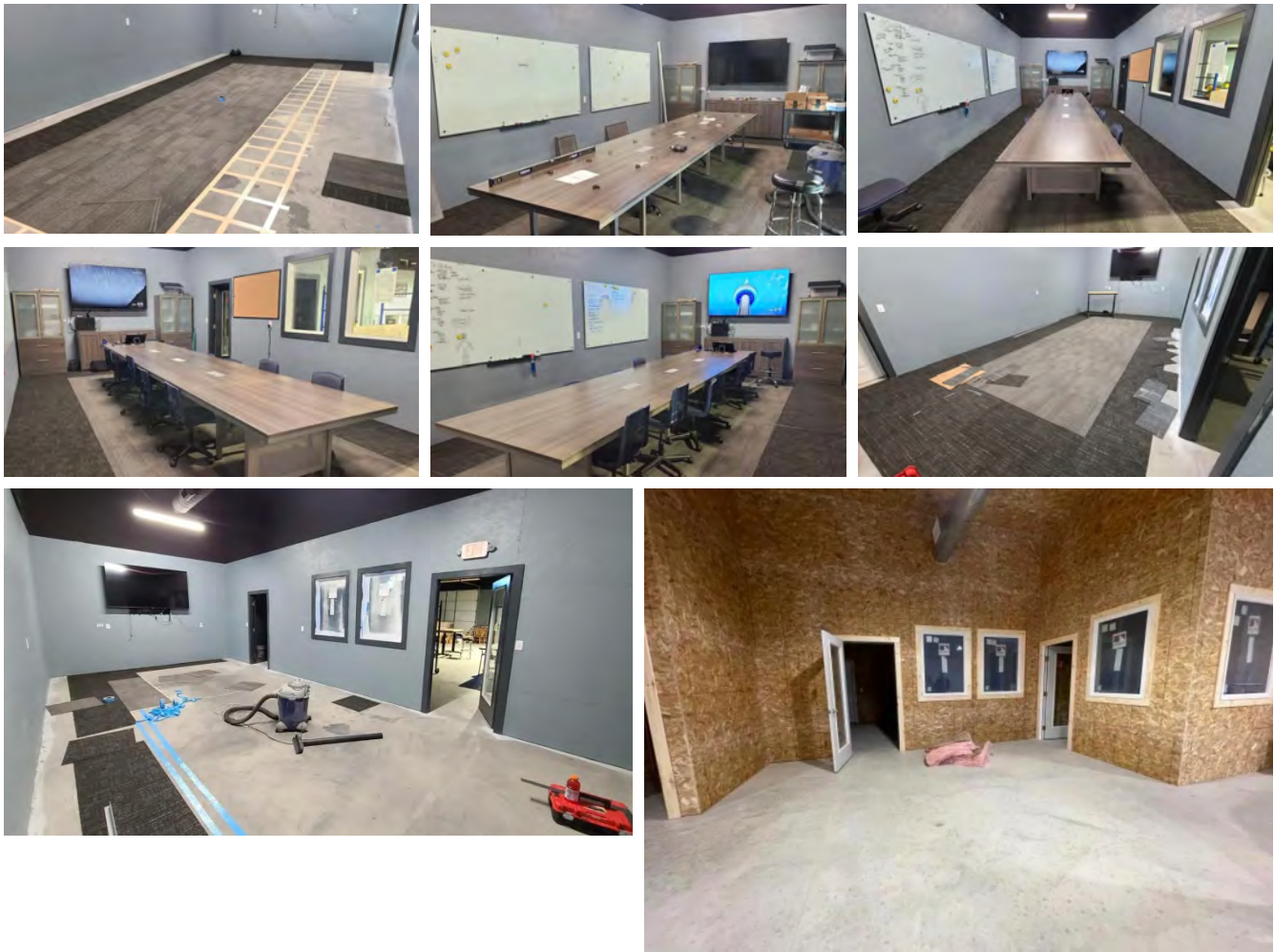
## Community Press Release – STEAMWORKS Receives Grant



## Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS Receives Grant to Complete STEAM Classroom

Submitted by Phillip Place and Thomas Hoyt, Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS

Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS, located at 606 Carrol Street in Buchanan, is very pleased to announce that we received a grant from the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation (<https://mgcf.org/>) in the amount of \$10,000.00 that was used to create a STEAM classroom space for the robotics teams and homeschool organizations. The classroom is an impressive 406 square feet, which will allow up to 20 students for STEAM learning. This environment includes an 18-foot conference table, cabinets for storage, a presentation podium and 82-inch display, and two 8-foot by 4-foot industrial grade whiteboards to provide ample writing surface for instruction, design, and brainstorming.



Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS and MegaHurtz Robotics new space, Photos by Tom Hoyt



About Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS: We are a Michigan non for profit 501(c)(3) charitable education

organization dedicated to engagement of students grades K-12 in STEAM or (S)cience, (T)echnology, (E)ngineering, (A)rts, and (M)athematics through robotics competitions. Our High School FIRST Robotics Team is #5056 MegaHurtz Robotics from Buchanan High School. You can visit us on the web at [www.LakeMichiganSteamworks.org](http://www.LakeMichiganSteamworks.org).



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

Team Lead: Philip Place, with Buchanan High School

[www.megahurtzrobotics.org](http://www.megahurtzrobotics.org)

NEW Location Coming Soon:

606 Carrol St, Suite B

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## BCS School Spotlight – Buchanan High School November 2022



## Buchanan High School November Spotlight

**Write-Up Submitted by BHS Principal Brian Pruett**

The fall of 2022 has brought a few staffing changes to BHS. There are some new faces and some old faces in new positions. Jacqueline Tidey joined the Special Education department, Blake Ryan and Kim Oleson joined the Student Services department, longtime Buck Reid McBeth is now the Athletic Director/BVA Director, Mark Frey has taken on the role of Assistant Principal to add to his CTE Director position, and Brian Pruett is now the Principal.

Overall the 2022 school year has gotten off to a great start. Our student numbers at BHS are up, a sign that people see the great things that are happening in our community. We have students involved in a variety of classes including Honors, AP, Core and Elective classes but also college classes at LMC and SMC, Math and Science Center classes and CTE courses both at Buchanan and other locations throughout the county.

Outside of the classroom we have also had many highlights:

- A successful Homecoming Week, that also involved a fundraiser for a student in need.
- The Football team were the Lakeland Conference Champs and made the playoffs.
- The Volleyball team were the Lakeland Conference Champs, District Champs and made it to the Regional Finals.
- The Girls Cross Country Team were the Lakeland Conference Champs and qualified for State.
- The Boys Cross Country were Regional Champs, first time in 22 years, and qualified for State.
- The Equestrian Team qualified for state and won several post season awards.
- Our swimmers who participate on the Bridgman Co-Op team have had a great year culminating in many wins and records.
- A BHS record number of students qualified for the Hail Scholarship for U of M.
- We have had a record high number of College Rep and Skilled Trade Visits to BHS so far this year.
- We are Fully Staffed in student services for the first time in several years.
- Our many time championship ESPORTS team is back in action with great numbers this fall.
- Board Game Club, Art Club, Spanish Club and Disc Golf Club have had great starts to the year, sometimes we have to finally tell these students we need to go home for dinner 😊
- The Band had a great fall marching season as they improved their performances and rankings each show culminating in a First Place Finish and Best in Marching at the Jenison Invitational.

We still have 6 weeks left in the semester and winter sports are just beginning. It seems like the year has just begun though. All of us at BHS appreciate all of the support and pride that our students and families have for our school system. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.



About Buchanan High School: Welcome to Buchanan High School where we prepare students for life-long success by developing responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society. At Buchanan High School we believe our graduates will be adaptable, lifelong learners, productive problem solvers, effective life managers, confident communicators, and responsible global citizens.

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## Local Faith – BAMA Meeting November 2022



## November BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap

**Submitted by Pastor Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church**

We had a very good meeting this past Tuesday morning (November 1) at Buchanan First Presbyterian Church. Thank you David Habicht for your hospitality, and for your wonderful devotion about listening to the Lord, especially as He speaks to us through others.

### Redbud Area Ministries

Pastor Bill Walters let us know that RAM has launched their 2nd annual "virtual ball" in which they are asking supporters to donate to RAM what they think it would cost them to go to a ball. RAM gave out 4900 pounds of food in October. RAM does NOT do Thanksgiving baskets, but they are now taking applications for Christmas assistance. The Christmas distribution will take place on December 17. Also, RAM will be closed from December 20 – January 3.

### The Salvation Army

Tim Douglass let us know that the Salvation Army is also now accepting applications for Christmas assistance. Their Christmas distribution will occur in the week before RAM's distribution. Right now the Army has had to cap their Feeding His Sheep program at 267 kids, because they do not currently have the funds to serve more. Please pray that God will provide the funds to meet the need that is present. There will be Army counter kettles in stores around Buchanan during the holidays, but no bell ringers in Buchanan (they will be plenty of other places in the Michiana area).

### Life Plan

Lyndon spoke about White Ribbon against Porn Week, and also about True Charity Network. True Charity Network provides materials, models, and teaching to help churches and other ministries activate the principles of the book *Helping Without Hurting*. Also, Life Plan will be hosting a Pastors' Summit luncheon at Smokin' Jim's Barbecue in Niles on Tuesday December 6th. Donna Harrison will be the guest speaker, and she will speak about the abortion battle and the church.

### Faith & Blue Weekend

Once again, the participating churches very much enjoyed having officers from the Buchanan Police Department at their worship services. The cookout and ice-cream social at St. Paul's also went well, though the attendance was not quite as good as last year. Officer Brie and Brandon Bishop – what was your perspective on how Faith & Blue went? How did the events at Life Action go? Please give us your feedback.

### Community Christmas Concert

Sunday December 4th at 6:30 pm at Buchanan Christian Church. Please be promoting this event to your congregations and organizations. Dan Barz is organizing the Christmas Concert. Please let Dan know the musical number that a soloist or group from your church will be performing – by November 22nd. Also, we decided to have the cookie and coffee fellowship once again this year. Each church needs to provide 3 dozen cookies. Simply bring them to BCC on that Sunday the 4th. Finally, we agreed to pay to advertise the Christmas concert in the Buchanan Chronicle.

### Next Meeting

We agreed that we will use the Life Plan Pastors' Summit on Tuesday, December 6th as our December meeting.

Blessings to you all,  
Nate

\*If your church or club would like to highlight your meetings/events, please email us at:

[buchananchronicle@att.net](mailto:buchananchronicle@att.net)

## Community Press Release – DAR Visits Buchanan Preservation Society



## DAR Visits Buchanan Preservation Society Annual Meeting

Submitted by Kathy Alton, Regent Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR

On October 30, 2022, members from the Rebecca Dewey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution attended the annual meeting of the Buchanan Preservation Society.



Award Presentation to Donald F. Ryman by DAR, Photo provided by DAR

Previously, the Society had received a DAR Preservation Award for its historic preservation accomplishments in Buchanan. At this meeting, the chapter presented the "Excellence in Historic Preservation" award to one of the society's members, Donald F. Ryman. Mr. Ryman is well known in Berrien County, having served for many years as a county commissioner and on the board of the Berrien County Historical Association. Worried that Buchanan was losing its historic buildings, Mr. Ryman and his wife, Martha, organized the Buchanan Preservation Society. This led to the saving of the Pears Mill and the Mill Race from destruction. As a result, the public can take a step back in time and observe and 1800 working mill. Living in an historic house, the Ryman's became interested in other homes in Buchanan. Mr. Ryman wrote a series of articles for Buchanan's weekly newspaper about the history of Buchanan and its many historic homes. This led to several books, a walking tour guide, and finally the creation of Buchanan's two National Register Historic Districts. Mr. Ryman remains an active member of the Buchanan Preservation Society.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, an all women's lineage service organization continues its work since 1890 in historic preservation, encouraging recognition of significant volunteer efforts in historic preservation at the community, state, and national levels and catalogs historic sites and properties. Contact [Rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com) for more information about the NSDAR or visit [dar.org](http://dar.org).



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.

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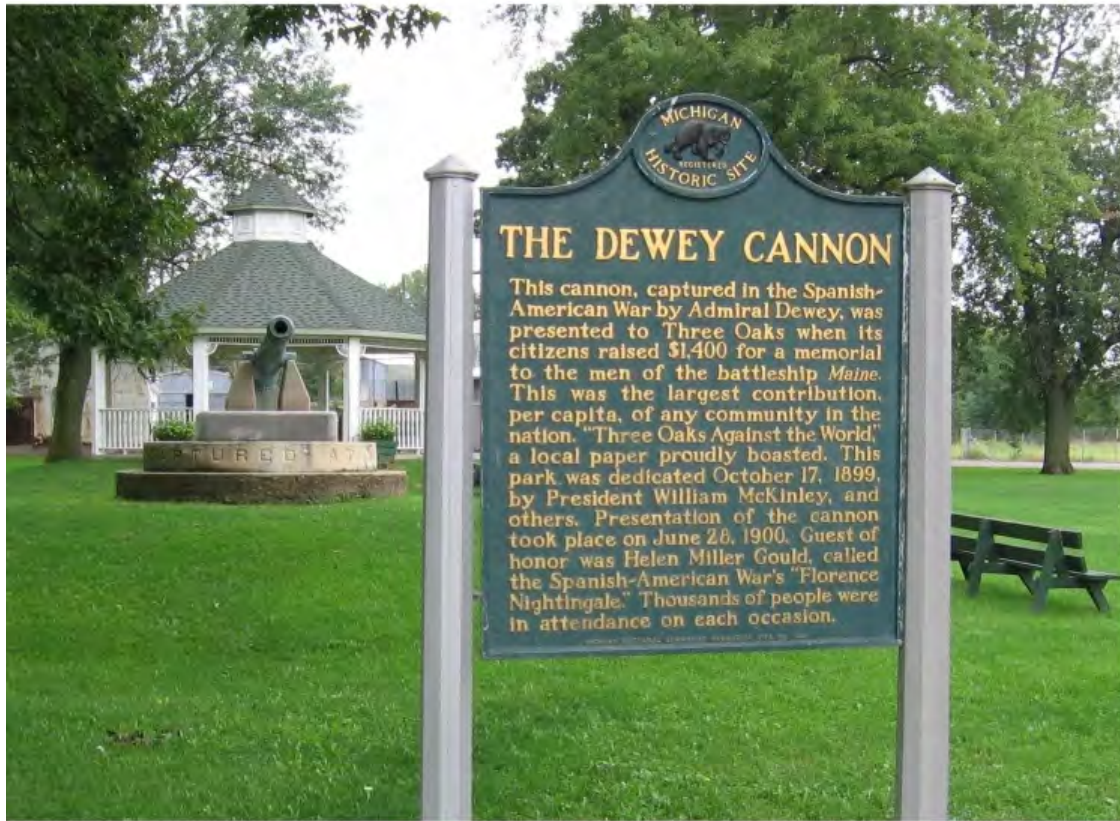
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About Buchanan Historic Preservation Society:

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## BCS Superintendent's Note – Election Outcome 2022



# Election Outcome for School Bond Proposal 2022

by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent



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."*

Good Afternoon Buck Families,

The results from the bond election have come in, and the bond did not pass. There were 2061 yes votes and 2326 no votes. Thank you to everyone who participated in yesterday's election. Those of you who voted yes showed the measures on the bond were adequate and those of you who voted no expressed to us a need to revise what we are asking in the bond.

Arriving at the decision to ask the community to help fund our facility improvements was not an easy decision. Thank you to the committee that consisted of individuals who were dedicated, committed, and shared our vision. We spent at least six months planning and getting the word out, we could not have gotten this far without you and we are so grateful for your support.

While our skilled operations staff will ensure the buildings are maintained, our aging buildings will need to be addressed. The Board of Education along with district staff will review the data, receive community feedback, hold public meetings, and work with the committee to place a revised bond in front of the community in 2023.

We look forward to partnering with you to create the best facilities to give our students a safe, secure environment that allows them the flexibility to grow and expand their learning.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat L. Robinson", written in a cursive style.

Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools



BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021,  
Photo from BCS

## Past Event – Warm Hearts Warm Hands

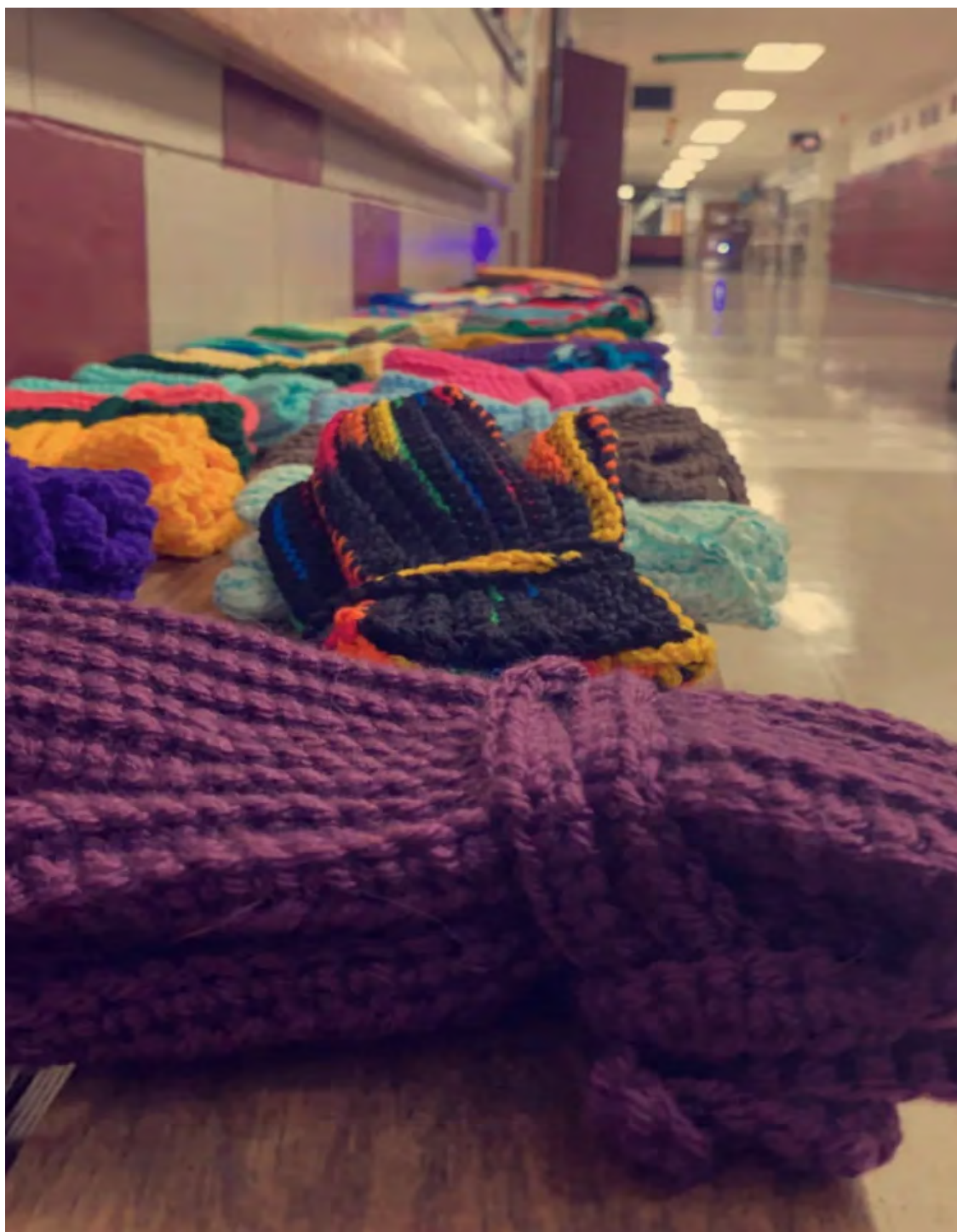


## Warm Hearts, Warm Hands at Ottawa 2022

Submitted by Wendie Stephenson of Warm Hearts, Warm Hands

In 2021 a group of women initiated a group called Warm Hearts, Warm Hands with a goal of providing a pair of warm, handmade mittens (that are connected with a cord to help prevent loss) to each child in the Buchanan community school's preschool program.

Again, this year we crafted mittens and provided them free of charge to each child.



Warm Hearts Warm Hands mittens at Ottawa Elementary School, Photo by Miranda Barger

Warm Hearts—Warm Hands was thinking about the giving season when making mittens for the Buchanan's Preschool program. So many times we see these little ones out for recess who have forgotten their mittens or don't have any and it is just heart breaking.

The 2nd annual Warm Hearts—Warm Hands program provided every preschool student with a pair of mittens (that have a cord attached to run through the sleeves) that will not get lost!

Buchanan Area Senior Center is the proud sponsor of Warm Hearts, Warm Hands and is grateful to the many seniors in our community who volunteered their time, talents, and materials in making this worthwhile cause a success again this year!



Warm Hearts Warm Hands mittens at Ottawa Elementary School, Photo by Miranda Barger

For next year we will be asking for a few hours of time from our friends who are able to crochet and to help create about 100 mittens to be given away. We will provide worsted weight yarn and a needle if needed, and the pattern is available at the BASC. Due to the number of mittens to be made each year, we hope that each person makes at least six pairs to be given away. Please drop mittens off at the BASC. We would also like to acknowledge your time and ask that you let Diana know how many hours you volunteered in helping us out.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to crochet some mittens for the preschoolers contact the Buchanan Area Senior Center for a pattern @ 269-695-7119.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

– The ladies of Warm Hearts, Warm Hands.



Warm Hearts Warm Hands mittens at Ottawa Elementary School, Photo by Miranda Barger



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

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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.

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## Past Event – BASC Coffee Chat with Redbud Hardware



## Buchanan Area Senior Center November Coffee Chat with Redbud Hardware New Owners

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

On the first Wednesday of each month, the Buchanan Area Senior Center (BASC), holds a coffee chat with area businesses, city leaders, and people of interest for the community to attend. This 2nd morning of November 2022 was Joe Krueger, the new owner of Do It Best Redbud Hardware store.

July 1, 2022 Joe and Jen Krueger, husband and wife became the new owners of Do It Best Redbud Hardware store on the southwest corner of Redbud Trail and W. Front Streets in downtown Buchanan. They took over after the Dippos retired from having it for 20 years and are looking forward to traveling. Joe and Jen are actually the same age as Dave and Tracy Dippo at 47 & 42 when they took over the hardware store too! The Kruegers are planning to keep the store for another 20 years as well and not give up in the next few years. Read on to hear the back story on how the Kruegers made this decision.



Gambles before it became Redbud Hardware. Photo provided by Joe Krueger

Joe and Jen met in 2011, who live and are active in their church's worship team all in Buchanan with four kids – two girls and two boys. Joe is from Chicago as his dad worked with the police department there and his mom was the owner of a pub/bar. They moved to Dowagiac, MI when he was six. "It was a culture shock, but it was needed," Joe stated. He graduated from Dowagiac High School in 1993 and went to SMC for a vocal major and then was a performer on a cruise ship at the age of 21. He then went to a Chicago medical business; then back to Dowagiac where he bought the Murphy's Flower Shop in 2001. When 2008 hit, he closed the shop. After Aunt Millie's opened in Niles, he became Supervisor and Vice President for the last 13 years. Just before and during Covid-19, Joe and Jen opened up their in-home candy business with a certified kitchen. Joe had the idea to buy the hardware store. So, Joe works 80 hours and Jen works in the office.



Redbud Hardware a few years back. Photo provided by Joe Krueger

Jen was born and raised in Galien, MI and graduated from Galien High School. She received a teaching degree from GVSU and taught in Galien, Berrien Springs and Buchanan. The kids Julie and Adam came and then she stayed home with them. They sent an email to Tracy Dipppo in July 2021 about the hardware store and on July 1, 2022 they had "The hub in downtown Buchanan business where everyone comes to get their supplies. And Jen is throwing her touches of homey things in there as well," stated Joe. Her candy will stay at home but is taking a break from it as they are quite busy now.

They get their stuff through the co-op of Do It Best in Fort Wayne, IN. It took them a while to figure out the funding, customer service, inventory and keep what everybody needs. They worked for Dave and Tracy for three months to see how things worked. "It's in our blood – contractors, DIY'ers. Our customers love the store and don't like Lowe's, Menards or Home Depot. It's a great back and forth conversation with the customers. I thought I knew everyone in town, turns out I don't!" laughed Joe.



Joe Krueger, Redbud Hardware Owner. Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

Redbud Hardware still has the FREE popcorn, and the dog Rosie, who Mr. Canfield brings into the store when he's there. They had Pete, but he's more of an outside dog. "The city and people have been so welcoming to us and the employees are great," Joe said graciously. There have been requests of having puzzles in the store, so those are in. Also, he is not bringing guns in the store. He does not know guns well enough and wouldn't do them justice, he has respect for those that do have them, and he doesn't know hunting well enough. He has heard stories of people who got their first gun there when it was Gamble's and the Sullivan Brothers. They are "going to start a small hand tools rental business in the future and also try fishing. Extremes in the hardware business is good for business: when it snows – snow removal items are sold more, when it's hot – sprinklers are sold."



The steps that go into the basement of the store under the Front Street entrance. Photo provided by Joe Krueger

There are 52,000 SKUS that rotate through the store and 70,000 SKUS available from Do It Best. He jokes that his 8 year old daughter will have the store in 12 years.

They get  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a semi order every week and he is amazed on how much he has to replenish each week when he does an order, that they are at a 75% fill rate and there are still production/supply issues on things like mothballs! Joe is very thankful for their customers he states, "The people are so appreciative and I wasn't expecting that, but they can't thank us enough when we help them find things compared to when they go somewhere else."

Final words from Joe: "You can order from our website, call or ask us to order something, meet you at the back door, or even deliver it or whatever we can do to make it easier for you to get what you need."



About Redbud Hardware: In July 2022, the Krueger family (Joe, Jen & 4 kids) purchased Redbud Hardware (a Do it Best store). Not only is it a family-owned store, but it is also family-operated. You'll most often find Joe in the store doing whatever needs to be done (assisting customers, screen repair, mixing paint, finding the perfect bolt, checking out customers-the list goes on and on). Jen takes care of all things office-related, including finding new items to carry in the store (like seasonal decor and small gift items). And the kids...well, they are usually playing with the store dog, Rosie, or helping however we see best. Our inventory consists of a wide range of products in Lawn & Garden, Plumbing & Electric, Paint, Fasteners, Outdoor Living, and Tools. But we also stock old-fashioned glass bottled pops, wooden toys, specialty knives, Michigan-made items, books by local authors and a large selection of Melissa & Doug activities and toys for children.

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• Typical Hours:

- Monday – Friday: 7am-7pm
- Saturday: 8am-5pm
- Sunday: 10am-2pm



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## City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • October 24 2022



## City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • October 24 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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

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

- *Requests to be added to the agenda as a "Scheduled Matter from the Floor" should be submitted in writing to the City Clerk at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled meeting during which the speaker wishes to appear, and the approval of such requests remain within the discretion of the Mayor. If denied, the speaker may nonetheless speak during the "non-agenda items only" public comments section of the agenda.*
- *Those who are unable to appear during a meeting but who still wish to share public comment may submit such comments in written form to the City Clerk at least 4 hours in advance of the meeting.*
- *Individuals with disabilities may request necessary reasonable accommodations by submitting requests to the City Clerk, preferably at least 24 hours in advance.*
- *Written requests and comments may be submitted to the City Clerk either in person or via mail to Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107, or via email to [clerk@cityofbuchanan.com](mailto:clerk@cityofbuchanan.com)*

The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, October 24th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, October 24, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Denison.

II. Recognition

- None

III. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Denison led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

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

- City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; DPW Lead, Klay Weaver; Director of Public Safety, Tim Ganus; Chief of Police Harvey Burnett; Administrative Assistant, Emma Lysy

V. Approve Agenda

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Money to approve the amended agenda, as presented.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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

- None

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

VII.A. Minutes

- Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2022.

VII.B. Expenditures

- Consider Expenditures for October 24th, 2022 in the amount of \$152,331.47

VII.C. 2023 Notice of Meetings & Holiday Schedule

- Consider approving the 2023 Notice of Meetings for the City of Buchanan & the 2023 Holiday Schedule.
- Motion made by Money, supported by Weedon to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

VIII.A. New DPW Bldg Construction 'Project Update'

- Representatives from AVB and the Barton Group will provide updated budget estimates related to the New DPW Building Construction Project. This is just an update – no action is requested at this time.
- Daniel Burns Project Manager from AVB gave the commission an update of where they are now in the DPW building construction. Three weeks ago, they received updated drawings from Bergman Group. This is a progress update on the numbers for the building. Burns went over the estimate summary. (See Attachment A)
- The next step is Bergman working on getting to the construction document phase. Early November there should be a sit down with the city, Bergman, and AVB so that everything that has been talked about in the meetings makes it to the drawings.

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

IX.A. Community Development Report – Director Rich Murphy

IX.A.1. 2022 MML Annual Convention

- Director Murphy will present takeaways from the recent MML Annual Convention attended by Murphy and Manager Grace.
- Murphy recapped the MML Annual Convention that Grace and he attended. It spans places across Michigan cities, small towns, and townships. There are also a plethora of consultants and lobbyists present. This organization has been around since before the automobile, so it really is writing a lot of Michigan's economic trajectory. Murphy believes it's a great resource and really a laboratory for best practices for the city. Placemaking was heavily emphasized as an economic policy, one not up for debate; and the reason is because people are changing. They are moving to a place they like, not just for a job.
- This was an opportunity for city manager Grace and Murphy to sharpen the axe and to be inspired and network. Throughout the two half days, our strategy was really to divide and conquer. Grace attended a breakout session on infrastructure federal funding. Murphy attended a session on legislative updates and housing opportunities. In the evenings there was more networking opportunities where they met people with their hands on the pulse of where

the funding is and how to get it on the federal and state level. The first entire day of the conference focused on the importance of having a vision. If you don't have a vision, get one and if you do have a vision, get people behind it, and start implementing it now. We reaffirmed that with the vision project the city is on the right track. Younger generations are making decisions on where they live by the quality of life of and by the natural resources, being nearby arts and culture, and the family experiences they can have.

– Grace gave her update on the convention. She first congratulated our partner in the region, the Village of Cassopolis, who won the Community Excellence Award this year for their vision of Cassopolis that they have implemented. It really was spectacular, and very similar to what we did for the vision for Buchanan. They're a very small village so for them to have made such a transformation was quite admirable and we were very proud to see someone from our region make such a big splash at the convention. Congrats to Cassopolis.

– Also, there was a lot of emphasis on infrastructure. Grace has mentioned at previous meetings that she is currently involved in the Michigan Infrastructure Council. Tuesday and Thursday Grace will be in Lansing as one of 50 representatives across the state of Michigan out of the 1700 municipalities to give comment on Michigan's 30 year infrastructure planning both for the water and transportation groups. This means Buchanan is going to have a chance to get our imprint on policy that may impact the residents of Michigan for the next 30 years. She is encouraging anyone who has comments related either to transportation or water to please e-mail those to her as soon as possible. Grace really wants to encourage folks who have points related to that to reach out to her so she can carry forth those comments from citizens. These 30-year infrastructure planning meetings are attended by some very important officials throughout the state.

– Grace also attended a breakaway session on civility in government and having good meetings between public officials and members of the public, which will be especially useful in today's climate. An Advocacy Group is offering consultation services geared towards bringing back civility towards the public comment section of meetings, as well as making sure that staff and leaders are working together in a collaborative way and that the voice of the public is getting heard.

#### X. Unfinished Business

– None

#### XI. New Business

##### XI.A. Closed Session

– Closed Session to discuss matters subject to attorney-client privilege, discuss the potential sale or lease of real property, and to conduct the annual performance review of City Manager Grace.

– Motion made by Swem, supported by Weedon to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.2768 section 8 (1)(h) & (a) at 7:31 p.m.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

##### XI.B. Re-Enter Open Session

– Consider voting to re-enter open session.

– Motion made by Weedon, supported by Swem to re-enter open session at 8:39 p.m.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

##### XI.C. Closed Session Action

– Consider action regarding matters discussed in Closed Session.

– Motion made by Money, supported by Swem to submit to the public the results of the annual performance review of City Manager Heather Grace, which find that Grace has satisfactory performed her duties, as per her employment agreement.

– Roll call carries unanimously.

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

– None

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

– Don Ryman was glad to see that the city manager Grace and director Murphy had attended the Michigan municipal league annual conference and brought things back to us.

– Jeff Griffin gave thanks to Denison, Weedon, and Downey for their service on the Commission.

– Norma Ferris was concerned about the agreement with Dial-A-Ride.

#### XIV. Executive Comments

##### XIV.A. City Manager Comments

– Grace directed her comments to the Commission. She acknowledged that some of them may not be in their seats

the next time they convene, and for any who are not, thank you for your service to the citizens. And for those who do return, she is extremely excited for what they can accomplish together, and thanks all for continuing this journey. Thank you also to the members of the public. We have some stalwarts who can always be counted on to stick around even when there's a closed session. That shows extreme dedication and commitment to wanting the best interest of your community and I applaud you all for your dedication so thank you for that. MML conference was very enjoyable, very rewarding and inspiring. Attending brought her some renewed vigor for ideas that she wants to implement and is really excited for what can be done.

#### XIV.B. Commissioner Comments

- Money : Offered congratulations to Grace for a job well done. His two years on the commission has been a learning and growing experience for me. He's always throwing the accolades out there to everybody that serves on this Commission, and he'd like to say in particular thank you to Mark, Sean and Cameron for all the work that they've done. As was stated this may not be the same Commission here in the couple weeks but working with you has been a privilege.
- Swem : Not saying goodbye to Weedon and Denison because he's counting on them to win. Thanked Cameron on his soon to be retirement from the Commission. Really appreciates the time they have spent and conversations. You cared a ton about the city, and I know you worked your tail off to try to do what was best in the end truly appreciate the time together here. Look forward to working with you in other capacities.
- Downey : Thanked the City of Buchanan for making him a commissioner for 4 years. He's going to enjoy his retirement.
- Weedon : Thank you to Cameron and Sean. A lot has changed in the four years he's been on the commission and he's pleased with those changes. Thanked Cameron for everything. He's a dang good researcher and does not forget very much at all, so I thank you for the time and for making him a better commissioner. Thanked Sean for your two years as mayor. Money and Swem, who are remaining on the board, have been exceptional and given them a different we didn't have in the first two years. Thank you everybody for all your hard work.

#### XVI.C. Mayor Comments

- Expressed his sincere appreciation and admiration for the community and the commission. Being mayor has been an honor of a lifetime. He didn't come from much and has built his way to this position and is grateful for it. Thanked his family and community for trusting him as Mayor. Wanted to thank Heather, Rich, Kalla, Deb, Ashley, Courtney, Britni, Jill and Emma for choosing Buchanan as a place to work for bringing their talents and passion to the City Hall every day. The city is better because you're here. He also thanked the DPW, Police Department, volunteers, and citizens of Buchanan.

#### XVII. Adjourn

- Motion made by Money, supported by Weedon to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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

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## **Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • October 17 2022**



## **Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • October 17 2022**

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



Please note that the Board of Education Meeting Agenda is posted below. At the end of the agenda, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of the meeting. Also, the meeting minutes will not be published in

each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they are available.

- **Regular Meeting**
- **10/17/2022 6:00 PM**
- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
- **401 W. Chicago Street**
- **Buchanan, MI 49107**

Begin Agenda:  
Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

- Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- **PRESENT:** C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- **ABSENT:** None
- **OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Mark Kurland, Craig Kizer, Kelsey Hall, Stacey Denison, Michelle Munyon

Adoption of Agenda

- **MOTION** by C. Lee, **SECONDED** BY Member R. Writer the agenda for the board meeting of October 17, 2022 be adopted as written.
- **ROLL CALL VOTE:** C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- **NAYS:** None
- **MOTION ADOPTED**

Recognition of Visitors

- Dr. Burnett welcomed all.
- J. Flenar, D. Ryman, M. Macigerski, T. Macigerski

Points of Pride

- **Buck Staff Recognition** October Winner: Kelsey Hall, Ottawa Paraprofessional. Mrs. Laesch recognized Mrs. Hall as this month's winner
- **Nominees included:**
  - Anna Smith, BHS Administrative Assistant
  - Brandon Flowers, BHS Guidance Counselor
  - Britney Thomas, MS Paraprofessional
  - Carrie Brunsting, BCS Business Office Specialist
  - Christine well, Moccasin Special Education Teacher
  - Cindy Hess, BHS Language Arts Teacher
  - Gene Warner, BHS Substitute Teacher

- Jennifer Shumaker, BHS Paraprofessional
- Jessica Leenhouts, BCS Elementary Physical Education Teacher & KidKare Director
- Jessica Monsma, GSRP Teacher
- Jody Tittle, BMS Interventionist
- Katy Kaltenbach, Ottawa Paraprofessional
- Melissa Seddon, Kindergarten Teacher
- Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal
- Stacey Lee, BMS Special Education Teacher

#### Superintendent / Department Reports

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

#### Presentations

- Learning Loss Plan – Superintendent Robinson presented to the board.

#### Information/Reports & New Business

- Human Resources Committee, October 5th Meeting – Mrs. Berry updated the board of their meeting topics including 9 hires, 2 resignations, open positions, discipline issues, count day and a letter of agreement regarding schedule C.
- Board Policy Committee, October 5th Meeting – Mrs. Writer informed the board their recent meeting was around the standard policy update provided by NEOLA

#### Public Comment

- Don Ryman
- Jerry Flenar

#### Adoption of Consent Agenda

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of October 17th, 2022 be adopted as written:

##### 1. Minutes:

- 9-19-2022 Regular Meeting
- 10-3-2022 Special Meeting

##### 2. Warrants:

- Treasury & Expenditure Reports – September 2022

##### 3. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:

- Ottawa Elementary Principal, Mrs. Stacey Denison
- Moccasin Elementary Principal, Mr. Michael Babcock
- Buchanan Middle School Principal, Mrs. Shelby Beasley

| Recommended Employee | Title                                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Randy Brooks         | BMS Interventionist (contract attached) |
| Amy Cowart           | Ottawa Paraprofessional                 |
| Kay Tularak          | Moccasin Special Education Teacher      |

#### 4. Employment Departures:

| Name            | Position                 | Date upon which wages will terminate |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Megan Clark     | Ottawa Paraprofessional  | October 7, 2022                      |
| Reginald Curtis | CTE Instructor – CISCO   | October 5, 2022                      |
| Heather Wilson  | Bus Driver               | September 28, 2022                   |
| Robert Kleca    | Operations Utility Staff | October 11, 2022                     |

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

#### Schools of Choice Resolution

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Community Schools' Board of Education, exercising the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will accept applications of nonresident students who reside within Berrien RESA boundaries for the available grade level openings as listed below for enrollment into Buchanan Community Schools for the 2022-23 school year and will operate a Schools of Choice program in our district in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105. The window for applications for these openings will be November 7, 2022 to November 25, 2022. Available openings for each grade level:

| OTTAWA<br>ELEMENTARY | MOCCASIN<br>ELEMENTARY | BUCHANAN<br>MIDDLE SCHOOL | BUCHANAN<br>HIGH SCHOOL |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kindergarten: 0      | 2nd Grade: 2           | 5th Grade: 2              | 8th Grade: 2            |
| 1st Grade: 3         | 3rd Grade: 2           | 6th Grade: 1              | 9th Grade: 1            |
|                      | 4th Grade: 1           | 7th Grade: 1              | 10th Grade: 4           |
|                      |                        |                           | 11th Grade: 2           |
|                      |                        |                           | 12th Grade: 0           |

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

## NEOLA Board Policies – First Reading

- MOTION by K. Berry, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the first reading of the following NEOLA new and revised policies:

| POLICY  | Description                                                                                    |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0144.1  | Compensation                                                                                   |
| 6108    | Authorization to Use Electronic Fund Transfers and Automated Clearing House Arrangements (new) |
| 6460    | Vendor Relations                                                                               |
| 6700    | Fair Labor Standards Act                                                                       |
| 7440.03 | Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems                                                                |
| 9150    | School Visitors                                                                                |

- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

## Learning Loss Plan

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools Learning Loss Plan and its use of 98C funds to address student needs.

- Buchanan Community Schools  
Learning Loss Plan  
October 2022

1. Identified Learning Loss / Loss of Instructional Time: When COVID-19 first became a concern in March of 2020, the long term effects were not yet realized and still are not fully understood. However, as society is getting further out of the pandemic shutdown, there is evidence of effects which are now an opportunity to address.
  - Academic Needs – as evidenced by 2021 and 2022 fall interim assessment, students continue to have various academic needs in all content areas, especially math and reading. Data revealed a need to focus on essential skills such as math computation, reading fluency, comprehension and grammar.
  - Behavioral Needs – in addition to the student academic needs, discipline concerns and referrals have increased. While these incidents occur in multiple locations (school bus, extra curricular activities, classroom, lunchroom, hallway) data suggests that an essential focus for Buchanan Community Schools (BCS) is to provide students with basic social skills and strategies to act in accordance with expected student behaviors.
2. Solutions Implemented: BCS continues to provide multiple solutions for the identified needs. Multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) are implemented to address the needs of students both academically and behaviorally, whether minor concerns or significant ones. Interventions, summer learning, credit recovery, and mental health initiatives have proven to improve areas of concern.
3. Additional Support: One of the greatest concerns identified is with the youngest students who are transitioning into an academically structured environment for the first time. These underserved

Kindergarten students are struggling with implementing school expectations and navigating social interactions. In order to continue to meet the learning loss needs of students, BCS will add paraprofessionals to provide targeted assistance and accelerated learning to Kindergarten students for both academic (essential skills) and social-emotional needs. If funds allow, interventionists will be funded to support needs at other schools within the District.

4. **Metrics:** BCS will utilize the interim assessment results and discipline referral data to measure the effectiveness of the program implementation.

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

#### Questions & Comments from Board Members

- Mrs. Writer appreciates the department updates and reports.
- Mrs. Laesch thanked the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities for their generous donations.
- Mrs. Berry thanked all the teachers involved in the traveling pep rally.
- Dr. Burnett thanked Jerry Flenar for all his hard work and reminded everyone to vote.

#### Next Board Meeting

- Monday, November 21st at 6pm

#### Adjournment

- 6:24 pm

You may view this meeting's completed Board of Education Meeting Minutes on [the Buchanan Community Schools website here](#).



#### Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!"

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

- Dr. Harvey Burnett, President – [hburnett@buchananschools.com](mailto:hburnett@buchananschools.com)
- Ruth Writer, Vice-President – [rwriter@buchananschools.com](mailto:rwriter@buchananschools.com)
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Upon request to Michelle Munyon, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meeting.

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## The Clark Barker – Issue 40



## Season's Kindness

Here are a few actions you can take yourself to help spread kindness around our community this season:  
First is especially important – Be kind to each other!

Out and about you'll encounter many individuals in our community. Each person is going through so much you could never know. Restaurant staff want to feed you and your tip feeds them and their families, retail staff want to help you find the perfect gift and your patience and understanding will help them remain positive through their next customers who may not be so kind. Everyone is under extra pressure and working extra hard, keep that in mind.

Be the nice surprise of kindness wherever you go, and while a smile is an easy feat, you will positively impact our world so much more than you realize! 'Tis the season for kindness!

Second is about safety – Snow and Ice Clearing

My owner tells me that you can receive a citation if your sidewalk isn't clear of snow and ice in the city limits of Buchanan. While I do like the snow, my paws can only handle it so much before it's too cold. The city ordinance says that 24 hours after a snow event comes through, that sidewalks must be clear of snow/ice. It sure is nice for my human to walk on a clear sidewalk (even though I like to smell everyone's foot/paw prints), as well as the kids and parents going to and from school, the mail/delivery people who bring us our mail and precious packages.

So spread some extra kindness this season and make sure you shovel or snow blow your sidewalks, and maybe also your neighbor's sidewalk while you do yours. You won't believe how this can be such a huge relief to those who can't always get out there to do it.

Woof-Woof!



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**Remembering – Issue 40**



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### Buchanan Losses • 11/03-11/12

| Name                     | Age | Born               | Died              |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------|-------------------|
| Richard Harry Roscoe     | 78  | April 13, 1944     | November 12, 2022 |
| Michael Edward Martin    | 67  | March 31, 1955     | November 11, 2022 |
| Jerald “Jerry” A. Corwin | 61  | September 27, 1961 | November 9, 2022  |
| Roy William Marsh        | 87  | February 3, 1935   | November 5, 2022  |
| Judith “Judy” Ann Kelley | 81  | July 19, 1941      | November 4, 2022  |
| George R. King           | 91  | May 13, 1931       | November 3, 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](http://www.hovenfunerals.com)  
[info@hovenfunerals.com](mailto:info@hovenfunerals.com)  
269-695-2363  
414 E Front St  
Buchanan, MI 49107  
USA

Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem

[www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel](http://www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel)

269-695-6881

301 W Front St

Buchanan, MI 49107

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## A Note from the Editor – Issue 40





**by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor**

Welcome to reading the 40th issue of The Buchanan Chronicle! Yes, I said 40, 4-0, the BIG 4-0! It is hard to believe we are at this number already and in a few months it will be our second anniversary of becoming a business. Just wow!

I would like to thank everyone here in town and from other distances that have given us many compliments on our publication. It touches our hearts as our entire team consists of volunteers doing this on our own time. I am writing this note to you just hours before it gets published on a very cold night of 23°F with a cup of decaf coffee so it doesn't take forever to get to sleep tonight. This is probably the latest I have written my note since being on this journey. And what a journey it's been. However, the excitement when we hear of an idea for a story or we learn of a story to be told is just over the top. A couple of articles I have written for this issue are quite exciting, and believe me it was hard to keep them quiet. I hope you will enjoy them as much as I heard the stories to be told. Please remember to share the articles you enjoyed on your Facebook page or if you subscribe to our issue notification email, forward it onto a friend!

We have added a new tab to our website click on: "[Merch Shop!](#)" Yes, you can purchase The Buchanan Chronicle merch from hoodies to scarves to tote bags and coffee mugs, etc... as a way to support us to have some printed issues in the future. Within the next week or two, you may see a survey from us about printed issues. So, stay tuned and take it when you see it. We will have a limited time for the survey to be open.

There are a couple of exciting things happening in our community for you to attend and to start the holiday season after Thanksgiving. Next Saturday, Nov. 26 is St. Anthony's Holiday Bazaar and Food Drive from 9am – 2pm. Then during the same day: Bucktown Christmas with a cookie walk, holiday market, reindeer, the Christmas light parade, and the holiday lighting ceremony at the Common. Checkout the details in this issue and look for The Buchanan Chronicle being in the parade! Head to the Buchanan Area Senior Center for their Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 3. Then on Sunday, December 4 attend and enjoy the Annual BAMA Community Christmas Concert at Buchanan Christian Church at 6:30pm, you won't want to miss it. Thank you to Buchanan Area Senior Center (BASC) and the Buchanan Area Ministerial Association (BAMA) for advertising in this issue! ❤️

So, I believe that is it for now as I need to go over a few articles before they get published tonight. Let us know your thoughts on the articles or if you have an opinion piece to share! Continue to drive safe on these snowy roads, be nice all the time as the holidays are coming and have a Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful for our team, our

readers, our advertisers, and my family and friends who have supported us. THANK YOU!

Happy Reading,  
Rebecka Hoyt

