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Thank you so much for reading all about
Buchanan's latest!

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LMC, Benton Harbor, MI – December 12, 2021
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Southshore Concert Band "We need a little Christmas,...

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Past Event – The Nicest Place in America Concert Review

The Nicest Place in America Concert at The Tin Shop
Theatre with Van Dyke Entertainment by Rebecka & Tom
Hoyt, Editor/Writer & Photographer We hope that you
had the chance...

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Upcoming Event – It's A Wonderful Life (Radio Play)

It's A Wonderful Life (Radio Play) at The Tin Shop Theatre Submitted by David Ferrell Event Details: Who/Where: The Tin Shop Theatre, Buchanan MI What: It's A Wonderful Life (Radio...

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Local Business – SL Consignment Gallery

Unique Gifts & Designs for Christmas and New Years at SL Consignment Gallery by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer Are you looking for a place to find a unique and...

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Past Event – Cans for Veterans

The Buchanan Chronicle Honors Our Local Veterans by Jen Garry, Publisher, with Photos by Donna & Garrick Stubblefield This fall The Buchanan Chronicle held a Cans for Veterans donations drive;...

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Community Press Release – HCU Donates for Giving Tuesday

Honor Credit Union Donates \$46,500 in Honor of Giving Tuesday Berrien Springs, MI – December 3, 2021
Submitted by Halee Niemi, HCU Public Relations Manager Just as the giving season...

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Past Event – Niles Apothica Teas Celebrates 2-year Anniversary and Ribbon Cutting

Apothica Teas in Niles MI Celebrating 2-year Anniversary and Recent Expansion with Ribbon Cutting Photos by Miranda Barger Our own writer, Miranda Barger, was on site at Apothica Teas in...

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The Clark Barker – Issue 17

The Seasons are a Changin', Part 2 Well folks, the colder weather has arrived and the snow has been coming. So, this little tidbit is almost like a repeat of...

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Community Press Release – DAR Wreaths Across America

Welcome to the Rebecca Dewey NSDAR Wreaths Across America Three Oaks, MI – November 17, 2021
REMEMBER the Fallen...HONOR those who Serve...
TEACH our children the value of freedom. On December...

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BCS School Spotlight – BMS December 2021

Buchanan Middle School Spotlight by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley Students and staff at Buchanan Middle School participated in United Way of Southwest Michigan's 2021 Rake-A-Difference on November 11, 2021. Mrs....

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Now That's Funny! – Issue 17

by Thomas Hoyt With winter nearly upon us and snow coming, I thought I'd better make sure I can start my snowblower. My first attempt failed, and my first thought...

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Health Huddle – Niles Location Ground-Breaking

Spectrum Health Lakeland Breaks Ground on New Medical Campus in Niles Niles, MI – November 22, 2021
Spectrum Health Lakeland began construction on a new integrated care campus, located at...

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Guest Writer – Poem

by Daniel Stormont, Lake Michigan College Student
In The Moment * I'm riding passenger, we go under the stop
light on Main past the gas station where my friend
Donny...

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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 17

by Jen Garry, Publisher A few quick notes here: NEXT
ISSUE we'll be including a "2021 Favorites" list of our
favorite articles we've published in 2021. All our writers
are...

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Mayor's Memo – Giving Thanks

Giving Thanks by Mayor Sean Denison It's hard to believe
that it's Thanksgiving already. I've often heard that once
you are "over the hill", you pick up speed. I'm starting...

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 17

Police Call Log : 11/9 – 11/30 Buchanan City Police
Department Description Total Calls of Type Sex Offenses
1 Parental Kidnapping 0 Larceny 3 Larceny – Theft from
Motor Vehicle...

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Community Press Release – DAR Shedd Cemetery Commemoration

The Rebecca Dewey Chapter NSDAR at the Shedd

Cemetery Three Oaks, MI – November 22, 2021
Submitted by Priscilla Lee Hellenga In the late afternoon
on November 11th at the...

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Remembering – Issue 17

Buchanan Losses • 11/20-12/1 Name Age Born Died Dixie
Devries 82 January 1, 1939 November 30, 2021 Debra
Card 69 May 16, 1952 November 28, 2021 William Louis
Hauch 63...

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Community Press Release – Berrien County Road Reopened

Madron Lake Road Now Open Berrien County, MI –
November 24, 2021 TOWNSHIP: Buchanan Township
LOCATION: Madron Lake Road, between Miller Road
and Wagner Road CLOSEST CITIES: Buchanan START
DATE:...

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Upcoming Event – BCS Superintendent/Buck Parent Conversations

Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent and Buck
Parent Conversations by Patricia Robinson Mrs.
Robinson wants to know what's on your mind, connect
with you, and exchange information. Join us! Meeting
dates...

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Community Press Release – HCU 12th Annual Teacher Awards

Honor Credit Union Announces Winners of 12th Annual Teacher Awards Berrien Springs, MI – November 23, 2021 Honor Credit Union is happy to announce the 12th Annual Teacher Award winners....

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Past Event – Small Town Big Christmas 2021



Buchanan's Christmas Parade 2021, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Small Town Big Christmas 2021

by Jen Garry, Publisher, with Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

On Saturday, November 27, 2021, the City of Buchanan, MI joined together for Small Town Big Christmas 2021. There were so many fun, festive, family activities to kick off the holiday season, indoors and outdoors.

Buchanan District Library had story time with Santa, ornament decorating, writing letters to Santa, and even had reindeer outside and in the parade. Buchanan Farmers' Market hosted many vendors who had holiday treats and gifts for purchase.

As citizens lined Front Street downtown, the parade floats gathered and lined up at McCoy Pond Duck Park. Led by Parade Grand Marshals Mr. & Mrs. Falkenstein (owners of Buchanan Floral Company), the parade headed west through downtown and then turned south on Oak Street to arrive at Buchanan Common for the official Lighting Ceremony. After the festivities and the lights were lit, the Tin Shop Theatre hosted Dave Van Dyke's "The Nicest Place in America Concert".

A very special Thanks to Stacey Martin for spearheading and organizing the entire day's events. Enjoy a gallery of photos of the day below, Happy Holidays!



McCoy Pond Duck Park parade line up area, Photo by Jen Garry



Downtown Buchanan as the town awaits the Christmas Parade 2021, Photo by Jen Garry

Parade excitement, Photos by Jen Garry







Buchanan Common Stage pre-lighting, Photo by Jen Garry



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



Small Town Big Christmas 2021 flyer



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



About Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce: The BACC provides leadership in promoting the spirit of community through increased communication and cooperation within businesses, organizations, and individuals, in order to enhance growth, prosperity and the quality of life in the Buchanan area.

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

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www.buchanan.mi.us

324 Dewey St, Suite 202

Buchanan, MI 49107

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Upcoming Event – BAMA Community Christmas Carol Sing 2021



Buchanan Area Ministerial Association Community Christmas Carol Sing 2021

Submitted by Carol McKean

- **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



"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

Buchanan Area Senior Center – December 2021



December Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Buchanan Area Senior Center

December 2021

Buchanan Area Senior Chronicle

"Happy, Active, Living"



NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Latest Update

We are sad to report that the COVID situation in Michigan is not good right now. Every single county in Michigan is in the "high" transmission category, as are most counties throughout the United States. As a result, we will not be planning any of our holiday parties, as large indoor gatherings are the ideal setting for COVID-19 transmission.

We applaud everyone who has received the vaccine, as this is our best means to protect people from COVID-19. We ask you all to follow the precautions recommended to prevent the spread of COVID-19: wear masks over your nose and mouth in public settings, get vaccinated, and practice social distancing. The definition of fully vaccinated is changing to include having received the booster shot plus the original vaccinations. If you need the booster, we have a booster clinic at the BASC on Dec. 2. As of the date of writing the newsletter, we still have openings for booster shots. If you don't want to wait until our clinic date, you can get boosters at any pharmacy or by contacting the Berrien County Health Department, 269-926-7121. Stay healthy and safe this holiday season!

We also want to thank our amazing volunteers for distributing 152 American flags to our local veterans. This is our second year doing this to honor our veterans while pandemic prevents us from having our veteran's banquet.

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BASC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

It is that time of the year! The BASC Annual Christmas Bazaar!

Tell your friends and stop by the BASC to shop for unique hand-crafted gifts, purchase your raffle tickets, support your community, and don't forget to buy some baked goods to take home.

BASC Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 4
9:00 am-2:00 pm
810 Rynearson Street, Buchanan, MI
Masks will be required.
Free masks will be available at the door.





Cure your hunger with a homemade sloppy joe boxed lunch to go for \$5.
11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Bakers needed for the BASC Bake Sale! Please bring your bake goods & breakfast

COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT



The Berrien County Health Department will be hosting a COVID-19 Booster Clinic at the BASC
Thursday, December 2, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Please call the BASC at 269-695-7119 to schedule your booster shot.

This clinic is focused for the Buchanan, Niles, Galien, and surrounding areas, and will provide the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson booster vaccines. Please bring your vaccination record card with you at your scheduled appointment.

BASC HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The BASC Staff
&
Board of Directors
wishes everyone a
wonderful holiday
full of comfort and joy.

We will be closed the
following days to enjoy time
with our family and friends.

Thursday, December 23
Friday, December 24
Friday, December 31

Be safe!
Happy Holidays!



Winter Closing Reminder:

If the Buchanan Schools are closed due to bad weather, the BASC is closed and there will be no meal delivery. Watch for closings on WNDU-16. If you are in doubt, please call us at 695-7119.

If you do NOT want to receive the BASC newsletter, please call 695-7119 to let us know.

BASC December 2021 Newsletter

Below are some programs at the BASC in December:

- Coffee Chat:
 - Tin Shop Theatre with Alice Kring and Kelly Carlin
 - Wednesday, **December 1**, at 9:00 am.

- Christmas Bazaar
 - Saturday, **December 4**, at 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- Grandpad Orientation & Training
 - Tuesday, **December 7**, at 11:00 am.
- Field Trip:
 - The Yoga Joint – River of Life Yoga
 - Thursday, **December 9**, at 10:00 am.
- Conversations with Friends
 - Featuring Doyle Vergon
- Pill Drop Off – Safely Deactivate Medication
 - Wednesday, **December 9**, at 1:30 – 2:30 pm.

Our program, People Inspiring People, is asking for people to crochet and help create mittens for the Buchanan Preschool called “Warm Hearts – Warm Hands”.



People Inspiring People, Warm Hearts – Warm Hands, Image provided by BASC

Warm Hearts – Warm Hands

This Holiday Season we are asking for a few hours of time from our friends who are able to crochet and to help create mittens for the preschool children attending Buchanan's Preschool program. So many times we see these little guys out for recess who have forgotten their mittens or don't have any and it is just heart breaking.

That is why, this year, we are going to provide every preschool student with a pair of mittens (that have a cord attached to run through the sleeves) that will not get lost!

An easy crochet pattern is available on the BASC website or you can get a copy of the pattern at the center. If you need yarn or a crochet hook, we have plenty available that we will gladly share.



People Inspiring People, Warm Hearts – Warm Hands, Mittens, Photo provided by BASC

If you have any questions, feel free to stop in at BASC on Fridays for Fiber Friends, between 1 and 3 pm. There will be several ladies available who will be happy to assist you.

We are hoping to gift these mittens to the children before Christmas break, please, let's make this happen! Thank you!

The Buchanan Chronicle Team, thank you for all you are doing in sharing what is happening in our beautiful town! Have a joyful and blessed holiday!

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

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

Buchanan Area Senior Center - December 2021 Calendar				
Exercise / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 4 9:00 am-2:00 pm 	"It's A Wonderful Life," A Live Radio Play Sunday, December 12 1:30 pm 	9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 9:00 Coffee Chat 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	9:00 am-3:00 pm Berrien County Health Department COVID-19 Booster Shot	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 11:00 People Inspiring People 1:00 Fiber Friends
10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 11:00 GrandPad Orientation & Training 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:30 Pill Deactivation 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00 Field Trip: The Yoga Joint and Chair Exercise with Ulrike 11:00 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 1:30 Tai Chi for Balance 3:00 Board Meeting	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: How the Grinch Stole Christmas
10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 Hearing Aid Clinic	10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 10:30 Book Club 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Cribbage 1:30 Tai Chi for Balance	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 2:00 Conversations with Friends Ft. Doyle Vergon
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BASC December 2021 Calendar

Buchanan Area Senior Center
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Community Press Release – Southshore Concert Band



Southshore Concert Band at the Holidays, Photo submitted by Jan Street

Southshore Concert Band – Annual Holiday Concert

LMC, Benton Harbor, MI – December 12, 2021

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

“We need a little Christmas, right this very minute!” To brighten your holiday season, join conductor Dale L. Reuss and the Southshore Concert Band as they perform their annual holiday concert. “We Need a Little Christmas” will be presented on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. on the Mendel Center Mainstage at Lake Michigan College, 2755 E. Napier Avenue in Benton Harbor.

“For we need a little music, need a little laughter, need a little singing ringing through the rafter.” The concert promises all that and more as the band performs favorite holiday medleys and melodies featured in March of the Toys/Toyland arranged by Tom Wallace, Overture to Miracle on 34th Street arranged by Johnnie Vinson, A Christmas Festival by Leroy Anderson, Cowboy Christmas by Jeff Simmons and Christmas “Pop” Sing-A-Long led by band member Michael Vanden Tak.

Southshore Concert Band, performing for “the joy of music” during this thirtieth anniversary season, provides free concerts. This performance is sponsored in part by the Frederick S. Upton Foundation. For additional information email us at southshoreconcertband@gmail.com.

About The Southshore Concert Band

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

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

The band has traveled to Boston and Washington D.C. to participate in the National Festival of the States

concert series. It allowed the band to experience new performance venues and share a little bit of southwest Michigan with other parts of the country.

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

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

Southshore Concert Band
Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI
www.southshoreconcertband.com
Contact: Dale Reuss, Director
southshoreconcertband@gmail.com
P.O. Box 939, Bridgman, MI 49106
USA

Past Event – The Nicest Place in America Concert Review



Dave Van Dyke plays banjo at The Nicest Place in America Concert, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The Nicest Place in America Concert at The Tin Shop Theatre with Van Dyke Entertainment

by Rebecka & Tom Hoyt, Editor/Writer & Photographer

We hope that you had the chance to take in Dave Van Dyke's "Nicest Place in America" concert at the Tin Shop Theatre in Buchanan during the week of Thanksgiving on November 24, 26 – 27, 2021 at 7:00PM. If not, then you can read our review here. We attended this concert along with our 12 year-old daughter on the evening of the

holiday lighting ceremony, Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021. It was a good concert, but our daughter kept looking at my phone to see what time it was!



Jason Spiegel on accordion and Dave Van Dyke on guitar, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



John Van Dyke on piano, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Dave Van Dyke's band consisted of his Dad, John E. Van Dyke on piano, violin, and guitar; Jason Spiegel on the accordion and bass; and LaShawne Suggs on vocals and tambourine; and of course Dave with guitar, banjo, and bass guitar. With the accordion, you get a good idea on how heavy that thing is, it's quite large given how close we sat to the stage. It is placed upon a stand nearby Jason for easy access (which is a good thing)! LaShawne has a beautiful voice, smile and makes the tambourine come to life. John is very talented with the violin that he uses for a couple of songs and the sound is beautiful. Dave has a talent of playing his guitar while it is behind his head! He said that an electric guitar is easier to do that with.



Dave Van Dyke's band, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The stage was set up for the upcoming play of “It’s a Wonderful Life” (Radio Play). Decorations accompanied the concert well as they played Christmas songs written by Dave and other oldies. “Small Town Come on Home to me/Buchanan” started the concert which had a video depicting Buchanan, MI and other cities during the beginning times of COVID19/Black Lives Matter movement. Dave Van Dyke’s music has a bluesy and light-hearted feel with some good beats to it. You will hear some neat songs like “No Xmas Songs Before Halloween” and “Christmas on Credit.”



Screen projecting photos of Buchanan for "Small Town Come on Home to Me", Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

You can access and purchase "The Nicest Place in America" album [via his website](#) or scan the QR code below here. We would like to thank Dave for giving my wife and Editor, Rebecka Hoyt and The Buchanan Chronicle special thanks on the back of the concert program, "Thank You!" May his music brighten up your holidays!

- The shows at the Tin Shop Theater were:
 - Wednesday, November 24 7:00 p.m.
 - Friday, November 26 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday November 27 Following the tree-lighting ceremony.

- Contact information:
 - Contact Person: Dave Van Dyke
 - Company: Van Dyke Entertainment
 - Address: 346 Georgetown Colony, Buchanan, MI 49107
 - Phone: 574 220 8263 (VAND)
 - Email: vandykerevueband@yahoo.com
 - Tin Shop Theater: <http://www.tinshoptheatre.org/>

Dave Van Dyke & Friends ALBUM RELEASE CONCERT

"Small Town Come On Home To Me"

In the fall of 2020, Dave Van Dyke nominated Buchanan, MI to be Reader's Digest's Nicest Place in America. Dave spent the following winter writing and recording an album of original music about the town .

*Album Release Party at The Tin Shop
Theater, 121 S. Oak, Buchanan, MI
Wednesday, November 24 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 26 7:00 p.m.
Saturday November 27 Following the
tree-lighting ceremony.*

TICKETS:

Online and in person at The Tin Shop
Theater, Buchanan, MI

<http://www.tinshoptheatre.org/>

Box Office:

(269) 695-6464



Upcoming Event – It's A Wonderful Life (Radio Play)



The Tin Shop Theatre presents "It's A Wonderful Life, A Live Radio Play" flyer

It's A Wonderful Life (Radio Play) at The Tin Shop Theatre

Submitted by David Ferrell

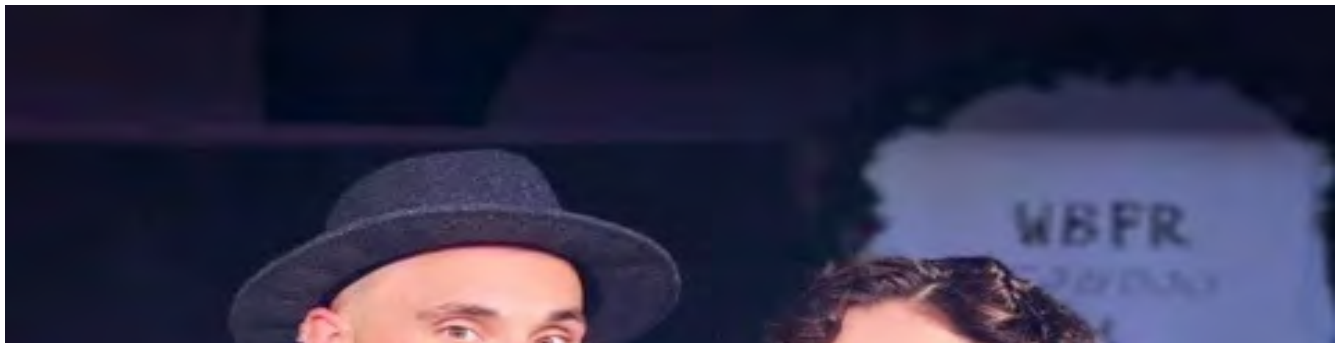
- Event Details:

- *Who/Where:* The Tin Shop Theatre, Buchanan MI
- *What:* ***It's A Wonderful Life (Radio Play)***
- *When:* **December 10-12 & 17-19**
- *How Much:* Tickets are \$5-\$12

The beloved American classic "It's A Wonderful Life" based on the story "The Greatest Gift" by Phillip Van Doren Stern comes to captivating life at the Tin Shop Theatre in Buchanan, MI this holiday season as the town transcends to fictional Bedford Falls, NY in a live 1940s style radio broadcast. This radio play features an ensemble cast bringing a few dozen loveable characters to the stage, as they tell the story of idealistic George Bailey as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

Performances of "It's A Wonderful Life: A Radio Play" are December 10th-12th and the 17th-19th and Produced by Special Arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. Adapted for the stage by Joe Landry with original music and musical arrangements by Kevin Connors.

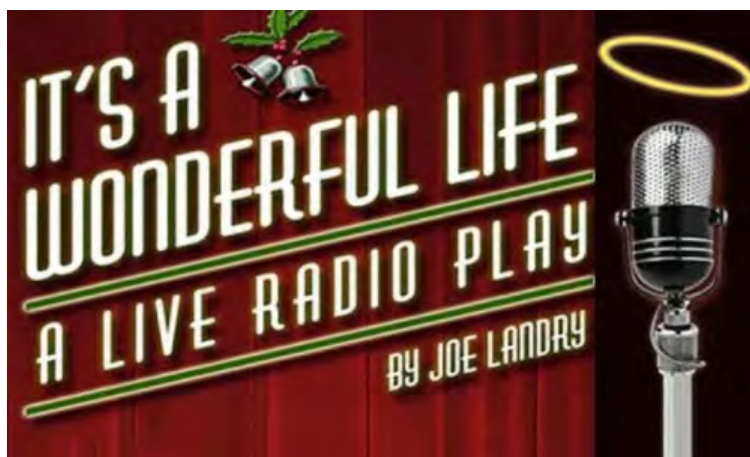
Tickets: \$5-\$12 and may be purchased by visiting tinshoptheatre.org or by calling the Tin Shop Theatre Box Office: 269-695-6464



• *Cast:*

- Matthew Bizoe (Bridgman)
- Janell Bennett (Berrien Center)
- Jeff Starkey (South Bend)
- Debi Robertson (Berrien Springs)
- Alex Giorgio (South Bend)
- Jarad Medukas (Buchanan)
- Matthew Vargo (St. Joseph)
- Kelly Carlin (Buchanan)

- *Director:* David Ferrell (Niles)
- *Assistant Director:* Alex Giorgio
- *Dramaturg:* Alex Giorgio
- *Music Director:* Debi Robertson
- *Accompanist:* Debi Robertson
- *Costume Design:* David Ferrell
- *Set Design:* Laura Gilligan
- *Set Construction:* Jack Ferrell, Vicki Ferrell
- *Lighting Design:* Trevor Hough, DJ Groshans, Kelly Carlin
- *Marketing:* Matthew Bizeo
- *Photography:* Alicia Savage, of "Snappy Sessions"
- *Show Sponsors:* Dr. Patricia Moore, DPM; Buchanan-Galien Lions Club; The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians



The Tin Shop Theatre presents "It's A Wonderful Life, A Live Radio Play"

Local Business – SL Consignment Gallery



A Rainbow of Glass awaits you inside SL Consignment Gallery, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Unique Gifts & Designs for Christmas and New Years at SL Consignment Gallery

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Are you looking for a place to find a unique and fancy Christmas gift? Or perhaps to upgrade your barware for New Years Eve? Do I have the place for you! At SL Consignment Gallery on 211 E. Front Street you will find these kinds of items in art, vintage antiques and oddities.

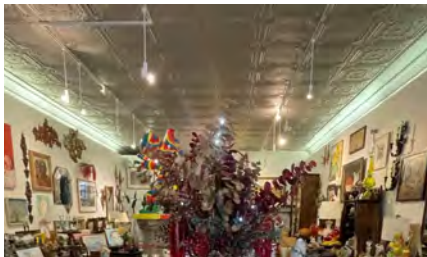
Steve Raglin, owner of SL Consignment Gallery carries mid-century barware from different time periods and antiques. His store is filled with an enormous amount of glass art. This glass art includes: bowls, vases, barware of all different colors, styles and sizes. This is not a store to bring little kids in and be careful how you move around.

Through the middle of the store is a rainbow-filled countertop with all types of glass art. If you need a pick-me-up on a gloomy day, stop in and this will uplift your spirits. Steve also has wall art of paintings, photographs and other art as well.

"I have gone to auctions my whole life, representing local artists, home vintage decors and bringing beautiful things to Buchanan," states Steve.

Steve's customers come from many cities not too far from Buchanan like Indianapolis, Chicago, and also others who have visited the dispensaries. One of his customers is known for having the "Rehab Addict" show on HGTV for her interior designing needs. Many of his customers are interior designers

SL Consignment Gallery is open from 12pm – 5pm Tuesday through Sunday. He will be open on Christmas Eve and a little while on New Years Eve. You can visit his [SL Consignment Gallery on Facebook here.](#)



Typical business hours are: Tuesday – Sunday : Noon-5p
312-310-1148
211 E. Front St.
Buchanan, MI 49107
USA

Past Event – Cans for Veterans

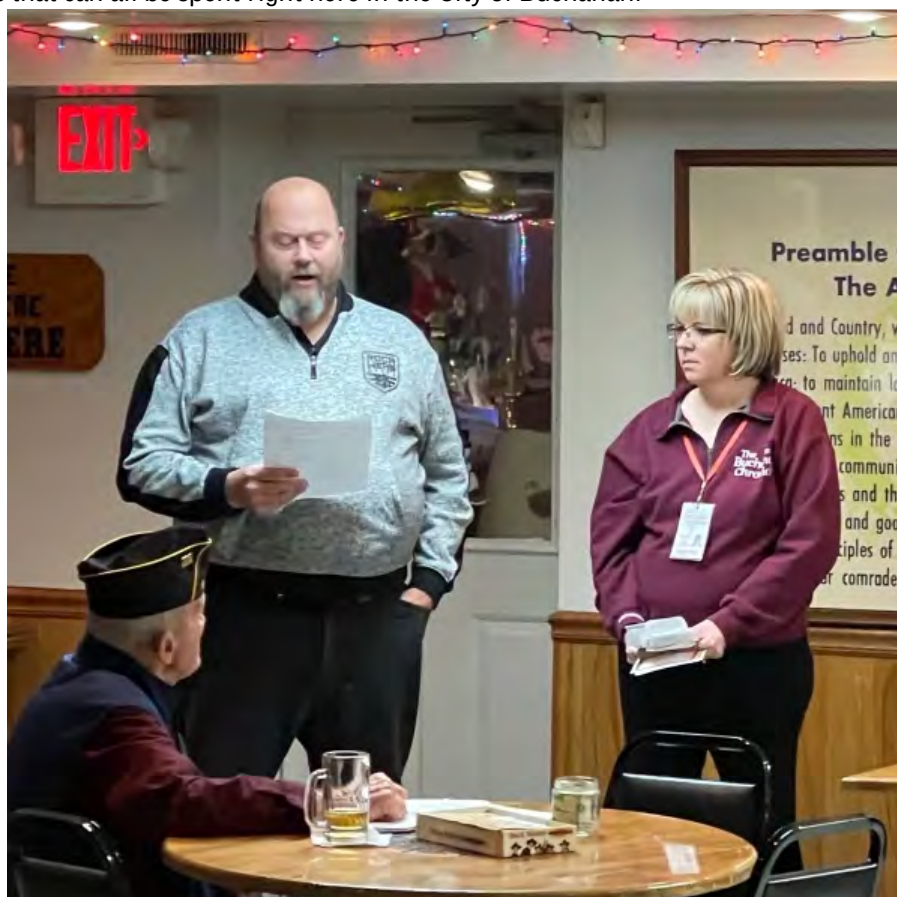


Boxes for collecting Cans for Veterans, Photo by Garrick Stubblefield

The Buchanan Chronicle Honors Our Local Veterans

by Jen Garry, Publisher, with Photos by Donna & Garrick Stubblefield

This fall The Buchanan Chronicle held a Cans for Veterans donations drive; you may have seen some boxes around town asking for can and bottle donations. We were blown away by the community support when we totaled the donations and it came to a whopping \$750 in just a few short months! That money all went into many gift cards to local businesses that can all be spent right here in the City of Buchanan.



Garrick Stubblefield and Rebecka Hoyt spoke at Auxiliary American Legion Buchanan Post 51, Photo by Donna Stubblefield

Thursday, December 2, 2021, our team was invited to Buchanan's Auxiliary American Legion Post 51 to distribute the donation gift cards directly to our local veterans to honor and thank them for their service. Garrick Stubblefield, our puzzle maker and sports writer, is a veteran himself, and full credit goes to him for the idea, and for collecting and returning all the cans. He spoke briefly of his and our appreciation for our veterans and their service before handing out gift cards at random. Our Buchanan Veterans can use their gift cards all around Buchanan for everything from groceries at Harding's to gas at stations in town to sandwiches at Gary Z's and much more.



Veteran Recipients at Auxiliary American Legion Buchanan Post 51, Photos by Donna Stubblefield

With such donation success in the fall, we'll resume our Cans for Veterans drive again in the new year. Keep an eye out for those boxes so we can continue to give back to our veterans. Small tokens though they may be, we will forever be grateful for our freedoms and those who ensure and protect them.

Thank You Veterans, we are ever grateful!

Guest Writer – Poem



Guest Writer

by Daniel Stormont, Lake Michigan College Student

In The Moment

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I'm riding passenger, we go under the stop light on Main
past the gas station where my friend Donny worked as a kid
when Jenny asks me if I'm okay, I grit my teeth at the Dollar General
thinking this lot used to be my Uncle Mary's farmhouse
Am I okay seems like a funny question in the moment Rite Aid
has one of those Santa guys with a bell out front Am I okay? Is Santa
okay? He looks cold

*

My Jenny is a good wife, she worries about me
the kids the stress of her job, she stops at the light I smell McDonald's
she looks at me while Lou Reed sings Perfect Day she asks if everything is
going to be okay
should she worry? Today is Tuesday. She wipes the windshield
on the inside I tell her everything will be fine, Main Street
behind us she's driving too slow, Christmas is
only a week away while outside Walmart there's a man with no shirt
who catches my eye with nowhere to go

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I crack the window to smell the December air, feel cold
drops of winter rain cool my face until the Jeep starts to fog up
the inside windows, my Jenny is bothered but doesn't complain

*

Windows up we step into the driveway snow where
my Converse grow cold my toes hate me for wearing them, there's Mike to greet
us at the door, his Misfits T-shirt no sleeves kind eyes
some things never change his house smells like incense
and dogs, he's watching Jeopardy for the millionth time, his wife Mel offers hugs for
our coats, sitting on the floor while Sinead O'connor sings
Irish heartache

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Mike speaks of old days, we laugh at memories and smile
with fondness over early versions of ourselves, I twist the cap off my Coke
smell the fizz hissing alive from inside- DuPont won and young people will
never know the way Coke was meant to taste!- I gripe like an old man
like those last two books by Vonnegut

*

I-Phone 7 vibrates against
the floor, my Grandpa said you can't carry the weight of
the world on your shoulders, but he's dead and Jenny is asking if I'll
answer my phone, I know what it's going to say, Doctor Badnews
only calls to make you cry when you're not ready

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there's no way of stopping Cancer, I put the phone to my head,
I want to be sixteen watching Quantum Leap on
TV, I put the phone to my ear, I want an Orange Crush in
the summer sun. The man speaks everyone is looking
at me Jenny cries at my expression which I cannot fake, across the room I see Alex Trebek
in his last days of Jeopardy and I think it is going to be okay
no matter what

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

Past Event – Niles Apothica Teas Celebrates 2-year Anniversary and Ribbon Cutting



Ribbon Cutting at Apothica Teas in Niles MI, Photo by Miranda Barger

Apothica Teas in Niles MI Celebrating 2-year Anniversary and Recent Expansion with Ribbon Cutting

Photos by Miranda Barger

Our own writer, Miranda Barger, was on site at Apothica Teas in Niles MI on Wednesday, November 17 2021, for their 2-Year Anniversary / Expansion Ribbon Cutting event, and she captured some photos of the celebration. Also included below is the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce press release announcing the event.



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

The Greater Niles Chamber and owners of Apothica Teas would like to invite the community to join in celebrating the 2nd anniversary and a recent expansion of their storefront in downtown Niles.

Apothica Teas is a Victorian Steampunk-inspired tea room that specializes in custom tea blends and a lovely variety of light refreshments. Located on Main Street in downtown Niles, Apothica is a place to practice deliberate stillness and civilized mindfulness in a busy world. Offering products and works from local artisans and artists, Apothica Teas takes pride in serving the community we call home.

In a move that came sooner than expected, the owners acquired the space next door and are using it as an

expansion of dining space. It can also be rented out for special events such as birthday parties, wedding or baby showers, holiday parties and more. The two rooms, named “the apothecary” and “the conservatory,” each have their own unique décor and vibe.

“I wasn’t planning on expanding so soon after a global pandemic, but the opportunity came and I didn’t want to let it pass up,” said the owner Laura Hollister.

The restaurant opened mere months before COVID shutdowns hit hard. Now, they serve as a beacon of resilience and are celebrating a successful two years of connecting the Niles community. To Hollister, the tea shop is a means of helping those in our community grow stronger together.

There will be light refreshments (including tea and snacks) provided. The official ribbon will be cut around 4:30 p.m.

- Event Details: Apothica Teas Ribbon Cutting Celebration
 - Apothica Teas
 - 222 E. Main St., Niles, MI 49120
 - Wednesday, November 17th, 2021
 - 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST

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Apothica Teas in Niles MI (Visit their Facebook page [HERE](#))

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.

Community Press Release – HCU Donates for Giving Tuesday



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Honor Credit Union Donates \$46,500 in Honor of Giving Tuesday

Berrien Springs, MI – December 3, 2021

Submitted by Halee Niemi, HCU Public Relations Manager

Just as the giving season begins, Honor has stepped up to give back and make a difference in our communities. In honor of Giving Tuesday on November 30th, Honor Credit Union provided \$18,500 to its team members through a \$50 bonus to pay it forward and presented 28 organizations throughout Michigan with a \$1,000 donation.



HCU on Giving Tuesday 2021, Photo provided by HCU

Giving Tuesday is a global initiative that encourages people and organizations to donate their time and money to charitable causes on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. The 28 organizations hand-chosen by Honor team members all share a common theme; they are charitable organizations committed to paying it forward in their community.



Buchanan's Karol Behrle distributes donations to local recipients (many more also received donations throughout southwest Michigan), Photos provided by HCU

"We have an internal commitment at Honor to find ways to cultivate peace and love within our organization and in our communities. To us, this commitment means that we continuously fill needs we see and help spread kindness," stated Melissa Pratt, Honor's VP of Culture. "Credit unions were built on the philosophy of People Helping People, and we strive to fulfill that on a daily basis. Giving Tuesday provided us a great opportunity to showcase how Honor lives this philosophy by giving back to these incredible organizations who are helping our communities each and every day."

Honor's Community Assistant Vice Presidents made their rounds on Tuesday to personally present each of the following organizations with their \$1,000 check:

- Alex Mandarino Foundation (St. Joseph)
- Action Ministries (Dowagiac)
- American Legion Post #44 (Marquette)
- Area Agency on Aging (St. Joseph)
- The Avenue Family Network (Benton Harbor)
- Berrien County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Christian Neighbors (Plainwell)
- D.A. Blodgett (Wyoming, MI)
- Decatur Police Department / Child Safety of America
- Eleanor's Pantry (Paw Paw)
- Harbor Country Mission (Bridgman)
- Hidden Acres Safe Haven (Dowagiac)

- Humane Society of SW Michigan
- Kiwanis Clubs of Niles/SW Michigan
- **Life Action Ministries (Buchanan)**
- Moosewood Nature Center (Marquette)
- Mosaic CCDA (Benton Harbor)
- Open Doors Kalamazoo
- **Operation Christmas Care (Berrien Springs)**
- **Red Bud Area Ministries (Buchanan)**
- SAFE Place (Battle Creek)
- Shelter House (Coldwater)
- Southwest Michigan Community Action
- Agency (Benton Harbor)
- Summit Financial Wellness (Berrien County)
- Toys for Tots (Marquette)
- Twelve Baskets (Portage)
- Veterans Helping Veterans (Springfield)
- We Care (South Haven)

About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is proud to serve more than 91,000 members across the state of Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities it serves remains the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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

The Clark Barker – Issue 17



The Seasons are a Changin', Part 2

Well folks, the colder weather has arrived and the snow has been coming. So, this little tidbit is almost like a repeat of the last one. However, it deals with snow removal on the sidewalks.

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 snow, my paws can only handle it so much that my owners have to put on these doggie

snow boots on my feet. They're okay, but I really wish that I didn't have to wear them, but with the colder temperatures, my paws don't tolerate it well.

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 shovel or snow blow your neighbor's sidewalk while you do yours. You won't believe how this is a huge relief to those who can't always get out there to do it.

Woof-Woof!

Local Art – LMC Pottery Complete



LMC Pottery – Coil Pots

by Madelyn Kitchell



Finished Coil Pot art at LMC, Pottery and Photo by Madelyn Kitchell

If you guys have read previous articles you may have seen that I was working on an 18 inch coil pot. After more than a month-long process we are finally done with the coil pots! Many changes happened in this whole process.

After the actual building part that I explained in the last article, we had to bisque fire the pot in the kiln. Bisque firing means that the wet, soluble clay is fired in the kiln for the first time and turned into a ceramic material.

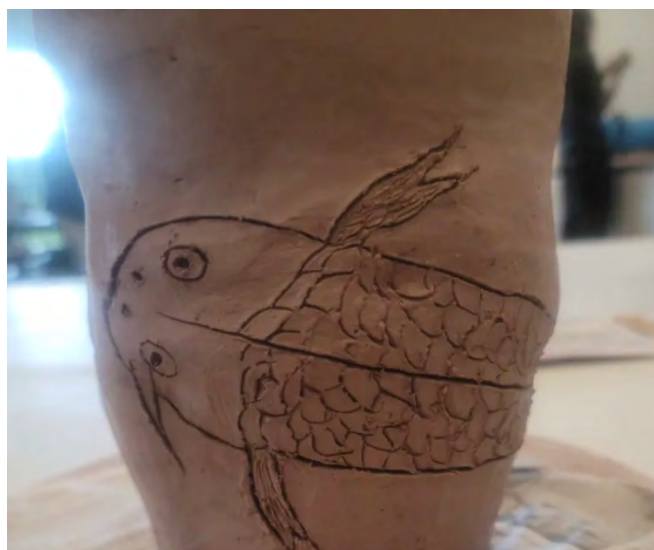
After this process I added underglazes. Underglazes are meant to be used purely under the glaze. All of the color on the pot was painted on in underglazes. The hardest part was painting on the ridged fish scales.

Next, after that dries, you get to glazing! I did a very simple glaze that was just clear. No mixing of glazes or

major hassle. Glazing seems to be one of the most stressful and tiring processes in my opinion. You have to make sure the glazes are well mixed or else they'll come out looking funny. I held the pot over a bucket on some painting stir sticks while the teacher helped pour the glaze on and inside my pot.

One of the toughest things about glaze is that you'll never know what you're getting into until you fire it for the last time. This is because the glaze is simply powdery chemical solution on the side of the pot until fired then it produces the color.

After I glazed I sat it back in to get fired in the kiln. After being fired I was shocked how smooth and shiny the final piece was. The glare of the glaze made many of my pictures blurry. I didn't expect my piece to turn out the way it did but I love how unique it is.



Community Press Release – DAR Wreaths Across America



Welcome to the Rebecca Dewey NSDAR Wreaths Across America

Three Oaks, MI – November 17, 2021

REMEMBER the Fallen...HONOR those who Serve...TEACH our children the value of freedom.

On December 18th, 2021, at 12:00 pm, Rebecca Dewey NSDAR will be helping Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan, to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Thank you so much for supporting the Rebecca Dewey NSDAR and Wreaths Across America?Link:
www.wreathsassamerica.org/M10171P

About Wreaths Across America: Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at more than 2,500 veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and overseas. Volunteer Location Contact: Sandy Wilhoit, 269/462-3982 sswilhoit@aol.com

About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter:

Chapter History – 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.

Dewey Cannon – This cannon, captured in the Spanish-American War by Admiral Dewey, was presented to Three Oaks when its citizens raised \$1,400 for a memorial to the men of the battleship Maine. This was the largest contribution, per capita, of any community in the nation. "Three Oaks Against the World," a local paper proudly boasted. This park was dedicated October 17, 1899, by President William McKinley, and others. Presentation of the cannon took place on June 28, 1900. Guest of honor was Helen Miller Gould, called the Spanish-American War's "Florence Nightingale." Thousands of people were in attendance on each occasion.

<http://www.dar.org>

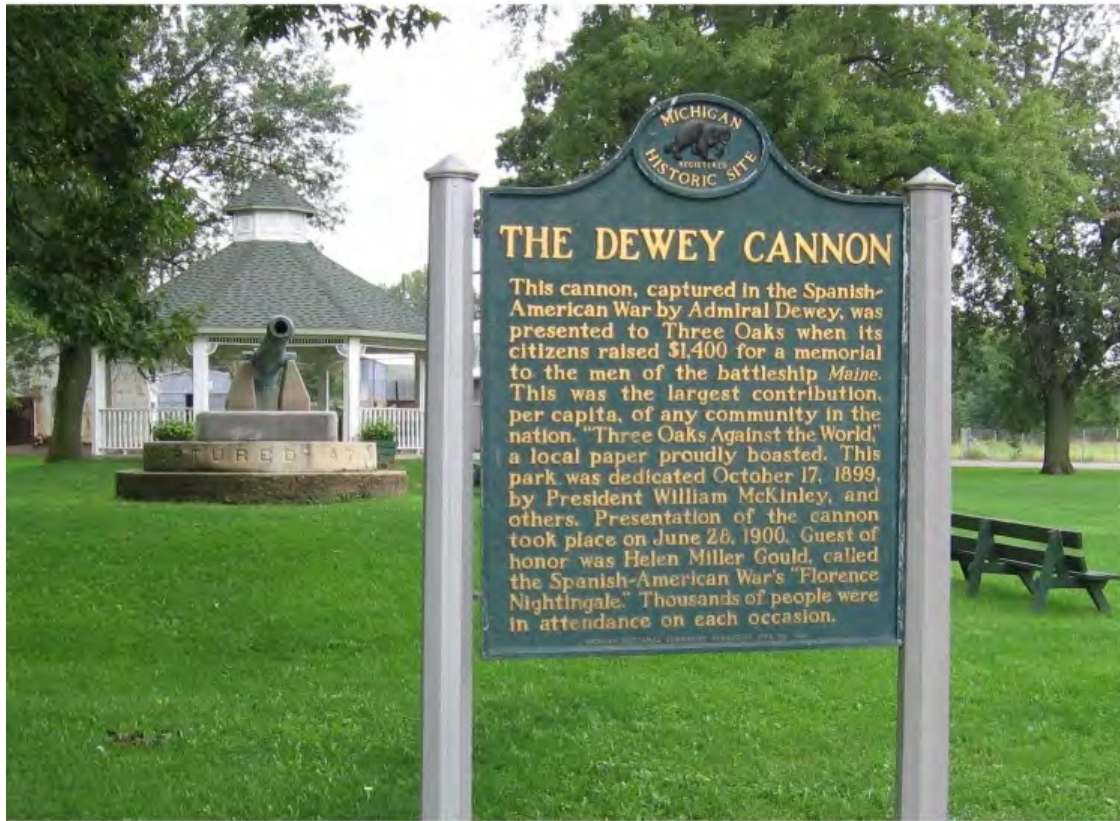
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter

Contact: Kathleen Avery Alton, Chapter Regent

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Three Oaks, MI 49128



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

BCS School Spotlight – BMS December 2021



Buchanan Middle School Spotlight

by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley



BMS Students at Rake-A-Difference 2021, Photo submitted by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley

Students and staff at Buchanan Middle School participated in United Way of Southwest Michigan's 2021 Rake-A-Difference on November 11, 2021. Mrs. Hughes, a fifth-grade teacher, organized the event that sent 21 volunteers to a few homes of senior citizens in Buchanan to rake leaves and clean out gutters. The service project allowed students and staff to give back while having a little fall fun of their own. Buchanan Middle School looks forward to continuing this tradition for many years to come.



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Now That's Funny! – Issue 17



by Thomas Hoyt

With winter nearly upon us and snow coming, I thought I'd better make sure I can start my snowblower. My first attempt failed, and my first thought was, "get a new spark plug." So, I got a new spark plug and installed it. Attempt number two also failed. Now I'm getting a little flustered. I search on YouTube and discover that my problem may very well be the carburetor.

Well, I know very little about small engines, so I was fortunate to have a friend come over and help me with this. He knew exactly what he was doing, and we discovered that, sure enough, the problem was indeed within the carburetor. After cleaning out the carburetor with carburetor cleaner and putting it all back together the snowblower engine started right up!

It sure is funny how the tiniest of interventions can have such a viral impact. The tiniest particles found within the carburetor kept the fuel from flowing and kept the engine from starting up. Indeed, small interventions can have a viral impact.

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Health Huddle – Niles Location Ground-Breaking



Spectrum Health

Spectrum Health Lakeland Breaks Ground on New Medical Campus in Niles

Niles, MI – November 22, 2021

Spectrum Health Lakeland began construction on a new integrated care campus, located at 2002 South 11th Street in Niles. The 22,000-square-foot facility will house counseling, pediatric, family medicine, and walk-in-clinic services through Southwestern Medical Clinic, as well as otolaryngology services through Spectrum Health Lakeland Ear, Nose, and Throat. When complete, both Southwestern Medical Clinic, Niles and Spectrum Health Lakeland Ear, Nose, and Throat providers will relocate from their current locations to the new space. The \$7.8 million project is expected to be complete in late 2022.



Spectrum Health Lakeland Breaks Ground on New Medical Campus in Niles MI, Photo from Spectrum Website

“We are committed to continually invest in the best facilities, talented teams, and advanced services throughout our entire service area,” said Kendall Troyer, vice president medical group and quality, Spectrum Health Lakeland. “This new facility will house a range of coordinated health services from diagnostics to primary and specialty care, all in one place, allowing us to deliver care to a patient’s whole family, right in their community.”

“The current Southwestern Medical Clinic facility in Niles is nearing the end of its operational life and to continue to provide patients with the most up to date care and technology, and to expand access for new patients, we needed to invest in a new space,” said Keith Twiddy, MD, family medicine physician, Southwestern Medical Clinic, Niles. “We look forward to the many ways this new facility will improve efficiencies and workflows, allow us to recruit additional providers, and enhance the overall patient care experience.”

For more information about the project, visit swmc.org/niles

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.

Spectrum Health Lakeland
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[1234 Napier Ave](#)
[St. Joseph, MI 49085](#)
[USA](#)

Community Press Release – Berrien County Road Reopened



Madron Lake Road Now Open

Berrien County, MI – November 24, 2021



BCRD Graphic – Road Now Open

- **TOWNSHIP:** Buchanan Township
- **LOCATION:** Madron Lake Road, between Miller Road and Wagner Road
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Buchanan
- **START DATE:** Tuesday, 10/26/2021
- **ESTIMATED END DATE:** 11/24/2021
- **PROJECT:** The Berrien County Road Department has completed replacing a crosstube located on Madron Lake Road, between Miller Road and Wagner Road.
- **SAFETY BENEFITS:** This project will extend the life and operation of the Madron Lake Drain. Crosstube replacement will provide structural stability to the road and assure safety to the traveling public.
- **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Madron Lake Road has been reopened to thru traffic where culvert replacement work was completed.
- **CONTACT:** Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
 - aboone@bcroad.org – 269-925-1196 ext. 4410

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Upcoming Event – BCS Superintendent/Buck Parent Conversations



Superintendent of Schools

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

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"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

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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

Community Press Release – HCU 12th Annual Teacher Awards



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Honor Credit Union Announces Winners of 12th Annual Teacher Awards

Berrien Springs, MI – November 23, 2021

Honor Credit Union is happy to announce the 12th Annual Teacher Award winners. With each year that passes, the Annual Teacher Awards continues to grow. 2021 proved to be a record-breaking year with over 1,200 entries from educators submitting a short essay explaining how they would use an additional \$200 to better their students' education.

Honor kicked off the 2021 Annual Teacher Awards in August by announcing 70 teachers would receive \$200 each to use towards their classrooms. However, after receiving over 500 more entries than the previous year, Honor's team members chose an additional 32 Honorable Mention winners who would receive \$100 each. The giveback, however, did not stop there. Seeing the impact Honor could make for teachers and their students was invaluable. Honor's Community Assistant Vice Presidents selected an additional 11 teachers who would receive various classroom supplies to help fill requests, totaling the number of awarded teachers to 113.

- \$200 Teacher Award Winner:
 - Melissa Calvillo (Buchanan Community Schools)
- \$100 Honorable Mention Winner:
 - Kelly Smith (Buchanan Community Schools)
- Extra winner who received classroom supplies, etc.:
 - Nicole Hughes (Buchanan Community Schools)

The following 70 educators to receive \$200 have been blindly selected as the winners of the 12th Annual Teacher Awards:

- Erika Zimmer (Allegan Public Schools)
- Jose Diaz (Andrews Academy)
- Kara Malone (Battle Creek Public Schools)
- Katherine Cape (Battle Creek Public Schools)
- Becky Jackson (Branch ISD)
- Steven Kreichauf (Benton Harbor Area Schools)
- Alicia Silva (Benton Harbor Charter School Academy)
- Tamara Nelson (Berrien Springs Public Schools)
- Amanda Harris (Berrien RESA)
- Angela Roeder (Brandywine Community Schools)
- Ashley Vincentini (Bridgman Public Schools)
- Madison Singer (Bridgman Public Schools)

• **Melissa Calvillo (Buchanan Community Schools)**

- Justin Brown (Calhoun Intermediate School)
- Courtney Gallup (Coldwater Public Schools)
- Jessica LaPine (Community Action Alger- Marquette)
- Linda Douglas (Countryside Academy)
- Allyson Rigler (Eau Claire Public Schools)
- Amanda Solloway (Cassopolis Public Schools)
- Daniel Roberts (Coloma Community Schools)
- Jenn Adduci (Decatur Public Schools)
- Kristen McLouth (Decatur Public Schools)
- Reggie Fritz (Dowagiac Union Schools)
- Susan Gear (Dowagiac Union Schools)
- Suzanne Brooks (Dowagiac Union Schools)
- Denise Halgren (Edwardsburg Public Schools)
- Kaylan Wiemuth (Edwardsburg Public Schools)
- Rebecca Coleman (Edwardsburg Public Schools)
- Erin Carlin (Gobles Public Schools)
- Dan Turecky (Gwinn Area Community Schools)
- Elizabeth Henry (Gwinn Area Community Schools)
- Monique Moore (Gwinn Area Community Schools)
- Amanda Schultz (Harper Creek School District)
- Brandy Meiser (Heritage Southwest ISD)
- Tara Lutz -Wilkins (Hopkins Public Schools)
- Heather Swanson (Ishpeming School District)
- Chantel Heimerl (Ishpeming-Negaunee-NICE)
- Jill Plesko (Kalamazoo RESA)
- Jamie Lange (Lakeshore Public Schools)
- Leah Reusser (Lakeshore Public Schools)
- Sandra Blough (Lakeshore Public Schools)
- Katelyn Pulver (Lowell Area Schools)
- Jen Erickson (Marquette Area Public Schools)
- Mary Bengry (Marquette Area Public Schools)
- Peggy Lagina (Marquette Area Public Schools)
- Samantha McClusky (Marshall Public Schools)
- Krista Squiers (Negaunee Public Schools)
- Danika Loeffler (New Buffalo Area Schools)
- Elizabeth Grow (Niles Public Schools)

- Melissa Garrett (Otsego Public Schools)
- Mindy Brennan (Paw Paw Public Schools)
- Tracy Keesee (Plainwell Community Schools)
- Amber French (Parchment School District)
- Kristen Wick (Portage Public Schools)
- Michelle Koneff (River School Sodus)
- Rose Montie (River Valley School District)
- Amber Lange (Saint Joseph Public Schools)
- Anita Wright (South Haven Public Schools)
- Jennifer Brooks (South Haven Public Schools)
- Julie Sheppard (South Haven Public Schools)
- Linda Brzezinski (South Haven Public Schools)
- Kim Keeler (Springport Public Schools)
- Jeff Weiss (Trinity Lutheran School)
- Ben Kinnison (Union City Community Schools)
- Jill Boudrie (Vicksburg Community Schools)
- Shannon Vallier (Vicksburg Community Schools)
- Amy Mroczek (Waldron Area Schools)
- Angelina Cooper (Watervliet Public Schools)
- Carolyn Simmons (Watervliet Public Schools)
- Linda Zuniga (Watervliet Public Schools)

To find a complete list of winners, including Honorable Mentions, visit www.honorcu.com/teachers/.

About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is proud to serve more than 91,000 members across the state of Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities it serves remains the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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

A Note from the Publisher – Issue 17



by Jen Garry, Publisher

A few quick notes here:

- NEXT ISSUE we'll be including a **"2021 Favorites"** list of *our favorite articles* we've published in 2021. All our writers are submitting their favorites and we'll highlight the best of the best of our articles of 2021 in our next issue, out Saturday, December 18, 2021.
- Upcoming in January, at the beginning of the year we'll have a week break, and therefore *only in January 2022* we'll have issues out on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (January 8 & January 22); moving forward in February and through the year we'll resume with our typical 1st and 3rd Saturdays schedule.
- As always, I'd like to remind you if you come across anything newsworthy or anything you'd like your community to know about, please let us know by email (at buchananchronicle@att.net) or message us on [our Facebook page](#). We really appreciate any communication, we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community!

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

The Buchanan Chronicle



Mayor's Memo – Giving Thanks



Giving Thanks

by Mayor Sean Denison

It's hard to believe that it's Thanksgiving already. I've often heard that once you are "over the hill", you pick up speed. I'm starting to believe it. Here are a few things that I am thankful for:

I am thankful for the gentlemen that sit on the City Commission. It can be a thankless job, and it requires the sacrifice of our most important resource: time. Thank you to all of them for trying to leave our community better than they found it.

I am thankful for all of the volunteer organizations and the countless hours that they contribute to our community. They truly are the best thing about Buchanan.

I am thankful for the team at City Hall. The work that they do and the hours that they put in do not go unnoticed. The DPW crews and the city administration work tirelessly for the entire community. Please thank them if you see them.

I am thankful for our business owners, both old and new. I appreciate that they have chosen our community to follow their entrepreneurial dreams. I am also thankful that they decorated their storefronts, and made our downtown so inviting this holiday season.

I am thankful for our first responders. They are great examples to our children, and they deserve a heart felt thank you for putting our citizens before their own safety.

I am thankful for our veterans. The only reason any of the previous things I mentioned are possible is because of the sacrifices so many have made.

Thank you, see you around town,
Sean Denison, Mayor
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Buchanan City Hall
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Buchanan, MI 49107
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Mayor Sean Denison, Spring 2021, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

Police Points – Call Log Issue 17



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 11/9 – 11/30

Buchanan City Police Department

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

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	4
Suspicious Situations	11
Lost/Found Property	3
Natural Death	1
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	37
General Assist	47
Ordinance Violations	63
Missing Person	1
VCSA	0

Total Calls 11/9 – 11/30 : 211



Police Points

Community Press Release – DAR Shedd Cemetery Commemoration



The Rebecca Dewey Chapter NSDAR at the Shedd Cemetery

Three Oaks, MI – November 22, 2021

Submitted by Priscilla Lee Hellenga

In the late afternoon on November 11th at the Shedd Cemetery on Spring Creek Road the Rebecca Dewey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, commemorated the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. There were lanterns and candles. We had a ceremony by dedicating the pollinator garden to Sylvester Shedd, pioneer settler of the Three Oaks area. Besides the garden we have acquired a cemetery sign and a contemplation bench that has been installed as well as the American flag. Grave stones have also been repaired.



DAR at Shedd Cemetery commemoration, Veterans Day 2021, Photo submitted by Priscilla Lee Hellenga

This cemetery is a great reminder of our outstanding people of the area and their contributions to the area that are loved. Thanks to the Township Supervisor, George Mangold, for your support in our efforts to preserve and restore this cemetery.

Stop by there sometime. Follow Three Oaks Road south from Three Oaks to Spring Creek Road then left to the first hill for Shedd Cemetery.

About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter:
Chapter History – 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.

Dewey Cannon – This cannon, captured in the Spanish-American War by Admiral Dewey, was presented to Three Oaks when its citizens raised \$1,400 for a memorial to the men of the battleship *Maine*. This was the largest contribution, per capita, of any community in the nation. "Three Oaks Against the World," a local paper proudly boasted. This park was dedicated October 17, 1899, by President William McKinley, and others. Presentation of the cannon took place on June 28, 1900. Guest of honor was Helen Miller Gould, called the Spanish-American War's "Florence Nightingale." Thousands of people were in attendance on each occasion.

<http://www.dar.org>

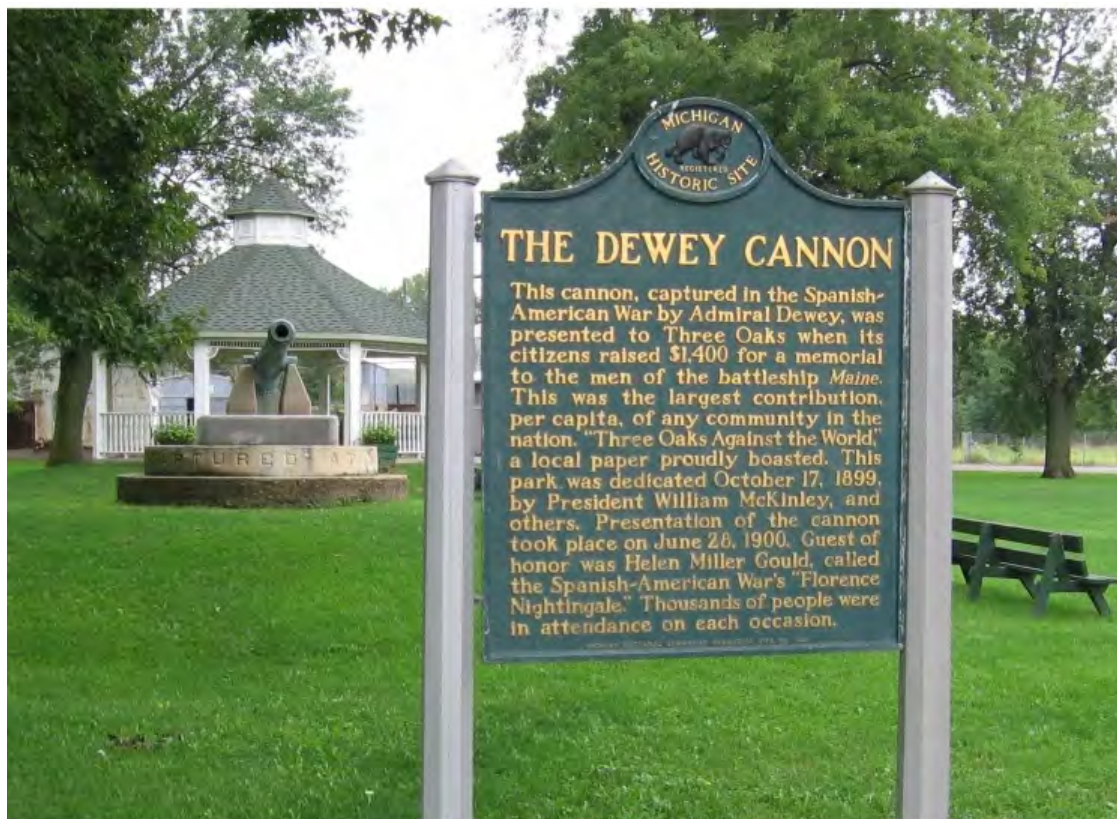
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter

Contact: Kathleen Avery Alton, Chapter Regent

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Three Oaks, MI 49128



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

Remembering – Issue 17



Buchanan Losses • 11/20-12/1

Name	Age	Born	Died
Dixie Devries	82	January 1, 1939	November 30, 2021
Debra Card	69	May 16, 1952	November 28, 2021
William Louis Hauch	63	December 3, 1957	November 26, 2021
Irene Riggs	93	April 13, 1928	November 25, 2021
James Dean Hauch	75	September 28, 1946	November 25, 2021
Ralph Thurston	92	July 31, 1929	November 24, 2021
Cloyse "Dean" Nelson	64	October 17, 1957	November 24, 2021
Betsy Lynn Crooker	65	June 4, 1956	November 24, 2021
Jorden "Joe" Lee Carlyle	11	February 12, 2010	November 22, 2021
JoAnn Pollitt	67	April 25, 1954	November 20, 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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