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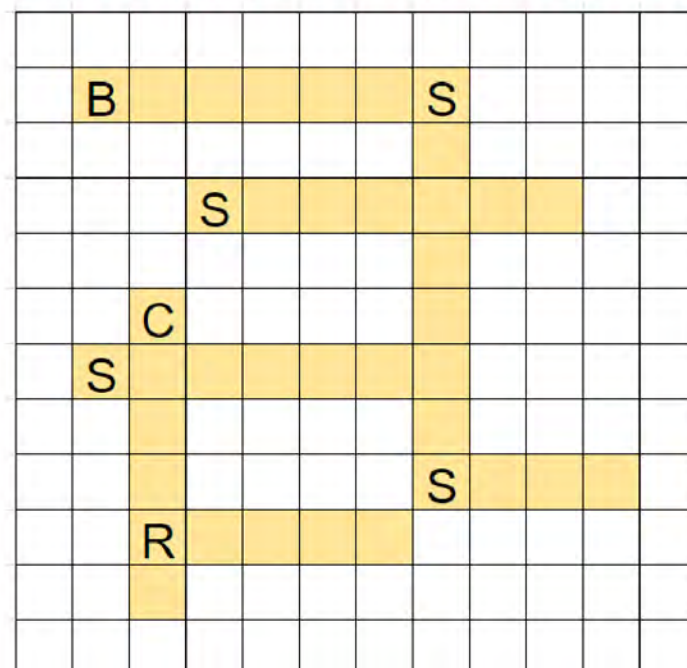
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Note from the Editor

Welcome to the 1st quarterly PRINTED edition of The Buchanan Chronicle! 2 ½ years after starting this publication online, we can now bring it to you in print. This has been achieved through advertisements and some generous donations that we have received. We continue to welcome those, along with your encouragement, thoughts, and prayers.

Want to receive our next Autumn 2023 printed edition in your mailbox? Sign up on our website or in person at our next Buchanan Farmers' Market booth on July 29, where we will have our bake sale! Funds from the sale will go towards future printed issues.

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Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Jen Garry, Publisher

Note from the Publisher

THANK YOU so much for reading our *FIRST PRINTED EDITION* with us! We are so excited to once again provide a physical newspaper for our city - we love to bring Buchanan's latest news to our community, online and now in print!!

If you happen to come across anything newsworthy, any announcements to share publicly, or anything you'd like your community to know about, please let us know by email or fill out the contact form on our website, We really appreciate any communication - we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community!

Please feel free to contact us if you have something to say to Buchanan! Thanks again for reading and engaging in our Buchanan Community with us!

A Noble Cause

In my opinion, one of the greatest compliments one can receive is when you are told that something is better because you are involved in it. The City of Buchanan, our community, is better because of the dedicated people that make up the team at The Buchanan Chronicle.

The desire to keep the public informed is a noble cause. The press is critical to a democracy in which the government is accountable to the people. The founding fathers saw a free press as a way to both protect our republic and to ensure that the government promotes justice. With everything that is going on in our community, The Buchanan Chronicle is providing a vital service to the citizens of Buchanan.

I would like to say thank you to Rebecka Hoyt and Jen Garry for all of their hard work to keep a news publication active in our community. I want to ensure them that their hard work and time away from their families covering community events - is very much appreciated.

Thank you both for everything that you have done for our community. Congratulations on your first printed edition!

Thank you, see you around town,

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Mayor Sean Denison,
 Photo submitted by Sean Denison



Enjoying the Summer Season

Oh the wondrous joys of the summer season are abundant in the Midwest! Blessed with four distinct and unique seasons, let's dive in and take a closer look at the wonders to enjoy this season.

According to almanac.com, summer officially begins this year on Wednesday, June 21 at 10:58 am EDT in the Northern hemisphere.



Firefly - Photo by Jill K. McDonald

The seasonal dates on our calendars are based on the position of the Earth in relation to the sun, according to astronomers. These dates therefore fluctuate slightly each year and are considered astronomical seasons.

Meteorologists, however, observe seasons based on the annual temperature cycle, grouped into three-month increments. June 1st is always the first day of meteorological summer.



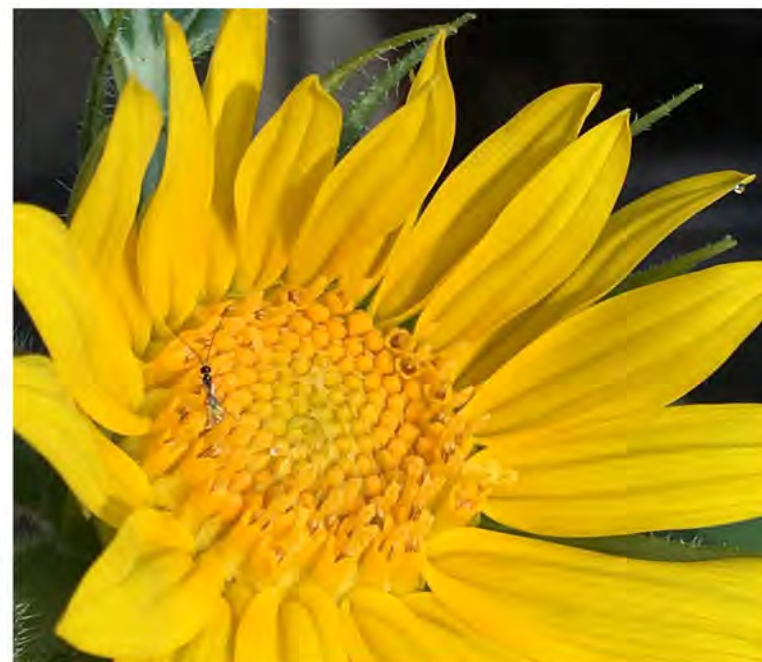
Blue Jay - Photo by Jill K. McDonald

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Summer is a wonderful season! May its simple joys fill you with delight and may you create many lasting memories!

Albert Camus once said, "In the depth of winter, I finally realized that within me lies an invincible summer." Let the joys and memories of summer recharge you and stay with you throughout the year!

If you're up for a fun challenge, here's a few handy checklists to keep track of summer's simple delights. Cut out and check the boxes throughout the season as you observe and enjoy.



Sunflower - Photo by Jill K. McDonald

Nature all around us:

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- ☐ Bird singing- robin, bluejay, or cardinal
- ☐ Hummingbird
- ☐ Monarch butterfly
- ☐ Frogs singing
- ☐ Fish swimming
- ☐ Smell flowers in a garden
- ☐ Animal tracks in the dirt or mud
- ☐ Cicadas buzzing high in the trees
- ☐ Crickets or katydids singing in the eve
- ☐ Fireflies lighting up
- ☐ Bats flying at dusk
- ☐ Owls calling at night

Fun in the great outdoors:

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- ☐ Enjoy a sunrise or sunset
- ☐ Have a picnic
- ☐ Hike on a trail or take a walk somewhere
- ☐ Read a book, magazine, or newspaper outside
- ☐ Visit your local farmer's market
- ☐ Plant some flowers or vegetables
- ☐ Listen to a thunderstorm or enjoy the fresh humid air before or after
- ☐ Enjoy the sand and time at a beach
- ☐ Relax in a hammock or chair outdoors
- ☐ Listen to live free music at The Buchanan Common or elsewhere
- ☐ Enjoy a campfire or roast marshmallows
- ☐ Stargaze



Living Through A Paradigm Shift

I have just recently turned 50 years old. I was born in 1973 and have witnessed a lot of changes in my life. One of the biggest changes includes the development and usage of our modern technology.

When I was a kid, we didn't have tablets or smartphones. Why, we didn't even have cell phones as available as we do now. We didn't have the internet or the world wide web. We didn't have social media. I remember having to get up and walk over to the TV to either turn it on or off and change the channel. I remember having to dial the old rotary telephone, and if you messed up you had to hang up and start all over!

I grew up without such gaming systems as the Xbox or the PlayStation. Much of my time was spent outside playing in the dirt, riding my bicycle all over the neighborhood, and sometimes getting into trouble.

One thing that is different today than when I was growing up is that today Nerd is the new cool. That's right!

Today with all the technology and popularity of comic book superheroes, being a nerd is cool. It wasn't the case when I was an adolescent. Yes, I'm an old band nerd, maybe even a computer nerd. Being called a nerd was an insult and it hurt.

On this note, bullying wasn't handled the same as it is today. Being the dad of a daughter in schools today, I have seen schools today have implemented anti-bullying campaigns to put a stop to it, or at least bring it to a bare minimum. In my day growing up, it was said, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." Good grief, this is one of the biggest lies of our time! Yes, sticks and stones can break my bones, but names or words can wound my soul.

Sadly it takes tragedy to get us humans to change our ways. Who remembers the Columbine School shooting? I sure do, and I believe this was a catalyst that got our school administrators to change the way bullies are handled. You can't ignore them! They have to be held accountable.

Indeed, today we have the internet that has connected our world and made it seem a bit smaller. You can now easily connect with anyone anywhere around the world using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube... you name it.

We've gone from analog technology to digital technology. We have televisions that you can now turn on and go to the channel you desire by simply giving a voice command! We have Siri, Google, Alexa, Cortana...you name it. With social media now, this takes bullying to a whole new level.

Thank goodness there are now measures in place to at least keep parents aware of what is going on so parents can intervene if necessary. Golly, when I was a kid bullies got away with so much simply because parents or teachers or school administrators couldn't be everywhere all at once to keep an eye out for the little guy.

With smartphones today, we can at least have some kind of tether to our children.

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Loveland Farms

By Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

40 Acres Environmentally Verified at Loveland Farms

Loveland Farms, owned by Tim and Alicia Barlow, now have 40 acres “Environmentally Verified” by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (maeap.org). Their farm grows a variety of flowers, vegetables, grapes, and fruit trees.



Beautiful Flowers at Loveland Farms, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

In May, the daffodils and tulips sprang up and more will bloom later, ranging from peonies, sunflowers, poppies, corn & straw flowers, and 150 types of dahlias. Any blooms that are full but don't yet have a home, she donates to the senior center to enjoy, and she also presses any that may be imperfect and turns them into works of art.

Not only do they have flowers in this area, but nearby are some pygmy goats which Alicia uses the goat milk to make sunscreen, plus one chicken and one rooster for eggs. Also they have their beloved dog, Daisy (black lab/border collie mix), who loves to guard the farm, swim in their pond, play with the other animals, and greet every visitor. Alicia says that once she calms down, she's a very good girl.

A little history on the farm: A dear friend of Tim's family, Tom Love, owned the property and had horses that he loved, with three stables, and played polo in the back.



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He cherished it and did not plant on that part of the land as that's how he wanted it to be. It was from his name they decided to call the farm “Loveland Farms.”

The back field is mainly grapes and three acres of flowers that are going in this spring. Alicia explained a bit about their planting process: They "don't till anything and instead use goat manure and dirt spread over cardboard donated from local businesses, and then sprinkle the seeds right on the pile. It doesn't disturb the natural ecosystem that's going on underneath and then we don't need pesticides as nothing is growing up from the ground. This keeps the soil rich with the nitrogen in the goat manure." The grapes were started two years ago and will eventually be ten acres ten years out from now.

The farm is still very early on in its journey, a work in progress, and they have tons of projects in the works with so many fun and creative ideas.

The process of being certified and being adamant of doing and being eco-friendly is a tough one but worth it. MAEAP is great for new farmers and also helps them with funding, education, consultation, and resources. Contractors have come out to help with clearing and to consult about areas where they need to protect wildlife and local species. They have tried many things to grow and now know more what works for them.

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Newly MAEAP Verified at Loveland Farms, Photo provided by Alicia Barlow



Loveland Farms

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Loveland Farms in Progress,
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

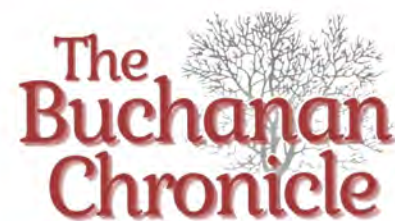
They have a booth at the Buchanan Farmers Market every other Saturday throughout the Summer. They bring tulips and any flowers in bloom, candles with beeswax from Niles for now (with future plans to be beekeepers), in mid-June they will have lilies and sunflowers, then will fade into a full assortment of flowers.

Bulbs and seeds will also be for sale. Tim makes syrup as well, “a delicate labor of love”, a love that he learned from Sarett Nature Center.

A couple of craft fairs are planned for later in the year and workshops with Ashley Hanson, making dream catchers with fresh flowers that will dry, a fall foraging class, yoga/sound healing classes, and much more.

An all-season mix of their fresh-cut tulips is typically available at Union Coffee House & Cafe, at the Buchanan Farmers’ Market every other week, and Cheeky Macarons has them at the market when Alicia is not there. They started with 200 bulbs and now they do 4,000 plus Gladiolas.

They have been here for three years moving from San Francisco, CA and love the quiet and being reclusive, and it’s also therapeutic being out here. They said the community has been wonderful and very supportive.



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Tim and Alicia had “talked about moving for like three years prior, then we decided to take the leap and try “The Great Farm Experiment” and we are forever students,” Alicia says.

“Using what we can without having an impact on other things. We have had no farm experience before this and it has taken lots of trial and error. First year, the bunnies ate everything and that’s part of finding resistances. Dahlia’s are deer resistant and have natural barriers and we don’t want to kill anything out here. Utilize the plants to protect the plants.” She has a passion for herbs and dries them as well, and will bring spice blends to the farmers market. Tim loves the chickens, tomatoes, and peppers. Fruit trees will help them to expand by adding ten fruit trees each year: apple, cherries, and pears.

They want to share the space with the community and restore it to a communal space, with larger events in the back.

They are working to restore it such that eventually they can donate it to the Boy & Girl Scouts of America in the future. For people to visit and walk through the property now, the State of Michigan has given them certification of farm setting and crop systems.

Tim and Alicia have learned so much through this whole process, particularly with the University of Michigan State Extension in Benton Harbor, as they have many resources and consultants to help you achieve your land and farm goals.



Loveland Farms Market Booth,
Photo provided by Alicia Barlow

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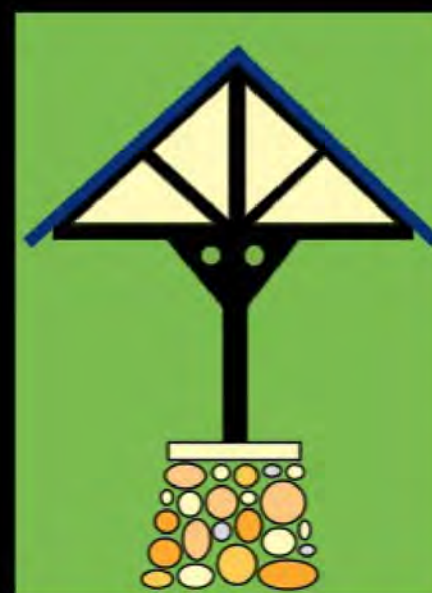
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Rowland's Progress at 101 Days

By Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Rowland's Hometown Progress at 101 Days Avenue

Michael and Elaine Rowland, property owners of the old Hometown Video building located at 101 Days Avenue in downtown Buchanan, have plans to open up several new ventures later this summer! For one, the space that used to be Hometown Video will soon house a small business retail venture named Hometown & Co. Mercantile & Food, a program to support and foster local entrepreneurs.

Not long ago the Rowlands took us on a tour through the two-story building to see how the progress is coming along in each of their three different spaces.



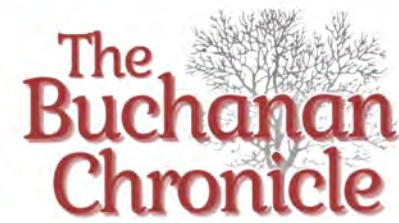
101 Days, Photo by Jen Garry

Beginning on the south side of the building is the portion that Elaine refers to as “The Sliver,” confirmed by historic documents that referred to it as “a sliver of a building.” This will be a bar area of the restaurant inside with a walk-up take out window right on the Days Avenue sidewalk, ideal for concert goers at the Common who can participate in the Social District.

Originally an alley at 103 Days Ave, it was covered in 1930 to become Mary Redden’s barber shop first, then a jeweler and Western Union office before being combined with the restaurant at 101 Days somewhere in the 1960s-80s.

When the Rowlands bought it, the roof was in the basement after spending almost 20 years vacant, so they have since completely overhauled and reinforced the structure throughout the building, making it ready for new life in downtown again.

As for the main building, the Redden Block was built in 1884 by the Redden Brothers to revitalize downtown after a major fire occurred in 1862, and it sported some of the first plate glass windows in Buchanan. Starting as a grocery, this building has hosted a variety of retail, organizations, services, and much more in its history.



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Inside 101 Days in Thistledown’s future space,
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Early use of the south portion of the downstairs (next to the sliver) was as a furniture upholstery shop, and in the 1920s it was renovated for restaurant use and became Emory’s, punching through the wall to join with the sliver some years later.

This was the spot for Buchanan’s elite to meet, and “back in the day for the Clark executives, this was unofficially their private dining room and had all old wooden panels.”

For this space they have been partnering with local restaurant and brewery, River St. Joe, for an exciting new venture, *Thistledown Buchanan Craft*, featuring family-friendly dining and live music.

With their renovations to the space, when they open later this summer they will have the biggest commercial kitchen in downtown Buchanan. More information to come later on the menu.

“We didn’t pick this up to be a money-maker for us, we’re raising our children in Buchanan, we both work in the non-profit sphere and care about the community; we wanted to put our efforts where our words were,” explains Michael.

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Michael and Elaine Rowland at 101 Days,
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



Upstairs at 101 Days, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The curved archway entrance on Days Avenue leads up to two apartments that will start out on Airbnb to rent. Two bedrooms, two baths along with laundry and dryer, provide great views of downtown through the tall windows. A lot of hard work and sweat of taking out the old windows and painting was done by Michael.

One interesting fact: it has taken thirty (30) dumpsters to empty out the building and fill in flooring and roofing. "It's hard to see what it was before, the floors were wavy because of leaks and water. The whole project would've been a lot easier if we weren't so crazy about preservation," state Michael and Elaine.

The second floor had interior walls and lowered ceilings, lots of small dark spaces, every window was covered in plywood that had been painted brown. The Rowlands reopened each window, repainted, and fixed all the windows they could save, and they made sure to closely match any they had to replace. Beautiful details are hidden throughout, like intricate designs found on the door hinges of the apartments.

Speed of things, problems with repairs, behind the scenes - yet they see a finish line. What has been enjoyable about this process? Elaine states, "We love the history the building has, and we also talked with Peter Lysy, local historian at Buchanan District Library." While they were taking stuff out, they saw remnants of past activity, and have left them there. "As we dismantled, we found studs that had been signed by area executives, like board members at Electrovoice, Clarke, Buchanan Steel, Metal Form," states Elaine.

"Our goal is for something to do, to buy, or to engage in. It's helping small businesses, it's helping our community, on both sides, and bringing people into our building to engage in business. People bring their talent and see where their business lands, with consultations and business plan help they can put in good effort to see if their business will work," Michael states.

Of course taking on this property has presented a myriad of challenges. Michael states, "Different phases of building and the speed of things. When you open up a new wall you can find new problems, and making sure we weren't falling through the floor was big. The finishing stuff happens fast and that's the easy part, but bringing in a 40 ft long beam, just making the turn and getting it in there - wow, along with all the red tape, being in a floodplain - having the city's cooperation and LiveBuchanan (Michigan Main Street Program) has been key to moving this forward."

Ralph McDonald is the general contractor, and getting the subcontractors are the ones they are waiting on to come in, as certain things have to be done in an order. Contractors have asked them, why do you want to do this, how do you want to do this, are you sure you want to do this?



Vision for Inside, Rendering by Jen Garry

This is a big project and a lot of behind the scenes that you don't see, and there's always more work. "Buchanan Craft and River St. Joe have a good vision and understanding," this allowed them to buy the property as some investors wouldn't take this on. "We have dumped a lot of money in, and a lot of faith."

Buchanan deserves for this building to be open and believe in the community with the restaurant, to embrace it and help us with it. We can now see the vision and are excited about what's going to happen over the next couple of months," state the both of them.

A few things have been enjoyable during the process of learning the history, and it deserves the light and love being poured into it. They took the boards off the windows, which brought light in and revealed beautiful views of Buchanan. There's more momentum now. Elaine has gathered ideas for this property by watching Rehab Addict & No Demo Reno, magazines, and Pinterest. Michael ends with, "She's the brains, I'm the brawn."

Stay tuned for when Hometown & Co Mercantile and Food announce their opening, we'll be sure to let you know in our future articles!



The Buchanan Chronicle Annual Empty Bowls Event 2023

By Miranda Barger, Writer

Empty Bowls Raises \$6,000 for RAM

The annual Empty Bowls event was held in Buchanan on Friday, April 21st. This unique event, which has been running for over 25 years, is organized by a group of dedicated volunteers in the community to raise funds and awareness for Redbud Area Ministries (RAM).

The event took place at Buchanan High School, and featured a variety of handmade ceramic bowls, created by students and local artists. Attendees could purchase the bowls for a minimum donation of \$5, which also included a simple meal of soup and cookies. Soups available were broccoli cheese, chili, macaroni and cheese, and a vegetarian option. All the proceeds from the event went directly to the Redbud Area Ministries.

The event was originally founded in 1995 by some Buchanan High School alumni. I spoke with Marie Remington who was an art teacher at Buchanan High School from 1982-2004. According to Remington, the idea for the event came about to bring together the community and create a sense of unity around a common cause.

"We wanted to do something that would not only raise awareness about hunger in our community, but also give people a way to get involved and make a difference," said Remington. "The Empty Bowls event was the perfect way to do that."

Over the years, the event has grown significantly, drawing hundreds of attendees each year. In addition to the bowls, the event also features a silent auction, which includes items donated by local businesses and artists.



Empty Bowls - Photo by Miranda Barger

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Empty Bowls Soup - Photo by Miranda Barger

According to an event organizer, the success of the event is due in large part to the support of the community. "We have so many people who volunteer their time and resources to make this event happen. It's really a testament to the generosity and compassion of the people who live here."

Redbud Area Ministries, which is the primary beneficiary of the event, serves over 200 families (approx. 600 individuals) in the area each month. Events like Empty Bowls are crucial to their ability to provide food and support to those in need.

"We rely heavily on donations and fundraisers like this to keep our pantry stocked and our programs running. We're so grateful to everyone who came out to support us and to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a success."

Big plans are already underway for next year's event 2024, which promises to be even bigger and better than ever! This was my first experience with the event and I have never seen anything so unique with such a powerful message. So if you haven't been, I highly recommend attending for the cause, the art, and the wonderful food.



Empty Bowls Donation - Photo by Rebecka Hoyt