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Sunday, August 28th, 2022

4:00 p. m. - 6:00 p.m.

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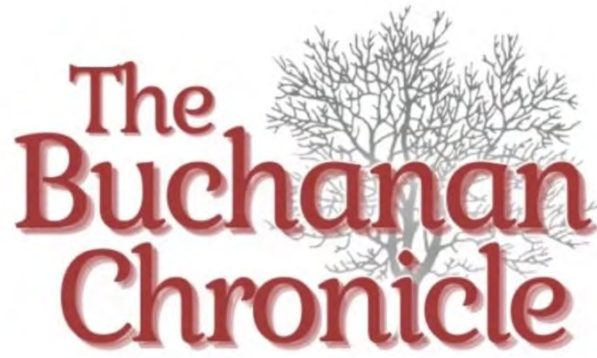
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Back to School – 2022-2023

by Patricia Robinson



School will begin in about a week for the 1,400 plus Buchanan Community Schools students, and the anticipation is growing. The students' first day will be Monday, August 29, 2022. Here are a few reminders for a great year:

Communication

We use multiple communication methods: instant alerts, phone calls, email, Facebook, and our district website. Please make sure your information is updated by contacting your child's school. The Buck Bulletin was recently released on our website and Facebook. Much of the pertinent information is included in the bulletin. Hard copies of the bulletin will arrive during the week of August 22nd.

Open House Dates

School	Time	Date
Buchanan High School	6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	August 24, 2022
Buchanan Middle School	5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. (5th grade) 5:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. (6th & 7th grade)	August 24, 2022
Moccasin Elementary School	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	August 23, 2022
Ottawa Elementary School	5:30 p.m-6:30 p.m.	August 23, 2022



Safety

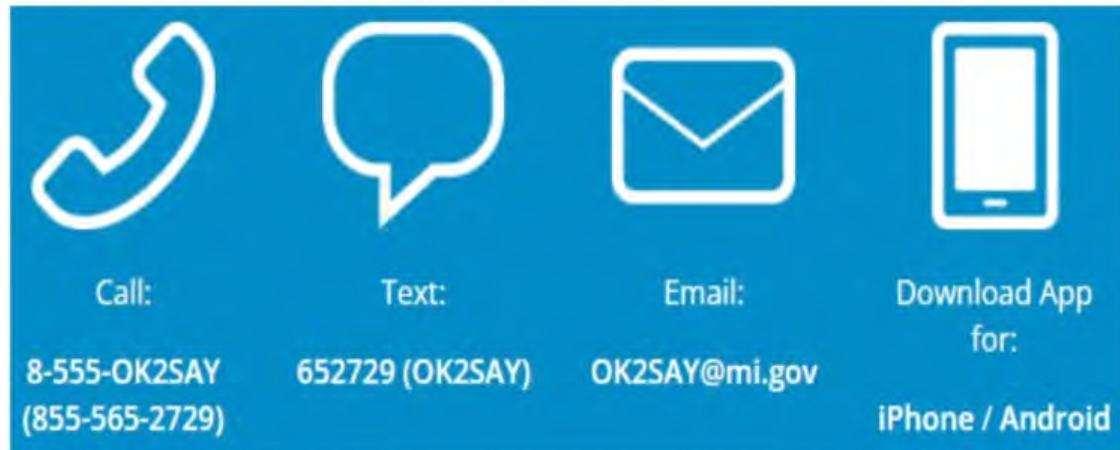
As our school begins we want to reassure parents we are taking the necessary steps to keep our buildings safe. While we wait for school safety's legislative direction, here are ways to stay safe:

Our school district has an updated safety plan that has been created and reviewed in collaboration with area law enforcement.

Here is some additional general information about our emergency procedures:

- Buchanan Community Schools has a district-level crisis team to support schools
- Schools conduct periodic safety drills to ensure everyone knows their role and procedures during a crisis.
- External doors at our schools and facilities are locked and checked throughout the day.

- Visitors must use the main entrances at our buildings, and visitor lanyards are worn if the visitor is staying
- Security cameras are present at all building entrances, throughout our buildings, and on school buses.
- Buchanan Police Department is applying for a School Resource Officer who will be in the district daily. This officer and additional support from law enforcement will be available to respond quickly as needed.
- Buchanan High School has a tip line for reporting concerns about threats of violence or any issue involving the safety of students. Concerns may be reported anonymously by calling or texting the Herd Hotline at 269-409-1153 or using the OK2SAY tipline (see graphic).



Over the past several years, BCS has assessed and upgraded building entryways, cameras, and communication systems, to increase security at our facilities. We have Social Workers and School Counselors to provide social and emotional support for students.

School Leaders

This summer, school leaders have been busy preparing for the school year. We have some leadership changes and are confident that all of our leaders will continue to advance the district's mission and vision.

Brian Pruett, Principal Buchanan High School	Mark Frey, Assistant Principal Buchanan High School	Reid McBeth, Athletic Coordinator / Virtual Academy Director Buchanan High School
Shelby Beasley, Principal Buchanan Middle School	Michael Babcock, Principal Moccasin Elementary School	Stacey Denison, Principal Ottawa Elementary School

We wish everyone a safe and fun start to a new year and Go, Bucks!

Educationally yours,

Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools



BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021,
Photo from BCS

Past Event – Downtown Project Open House



Front Street in Downtown Buchanan MI, Photo from City of Buchanan website

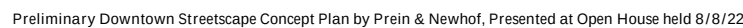
City of Buchanan Downtown Project Public Open House

From the City of Buchanan Downtown Project [Facebook Page](#)

Buchanan, MI – August 08, 2022

This Downtown Project will consist of an entire redesign and reconstruction of part of Front Street. This means that the portions of Front Street in the Downtown area will be torn up from store front to store front—allowing for the installation of new water and sewer infrastructure to replace failing pipes that were installed around a century ago. Once the underground infrastructure is updated, the streets, sidewalks, landscaping, and other downtown accessories (collectively referred to as the “streetscape”) will all have a chance to be re-imagined and updated as well.

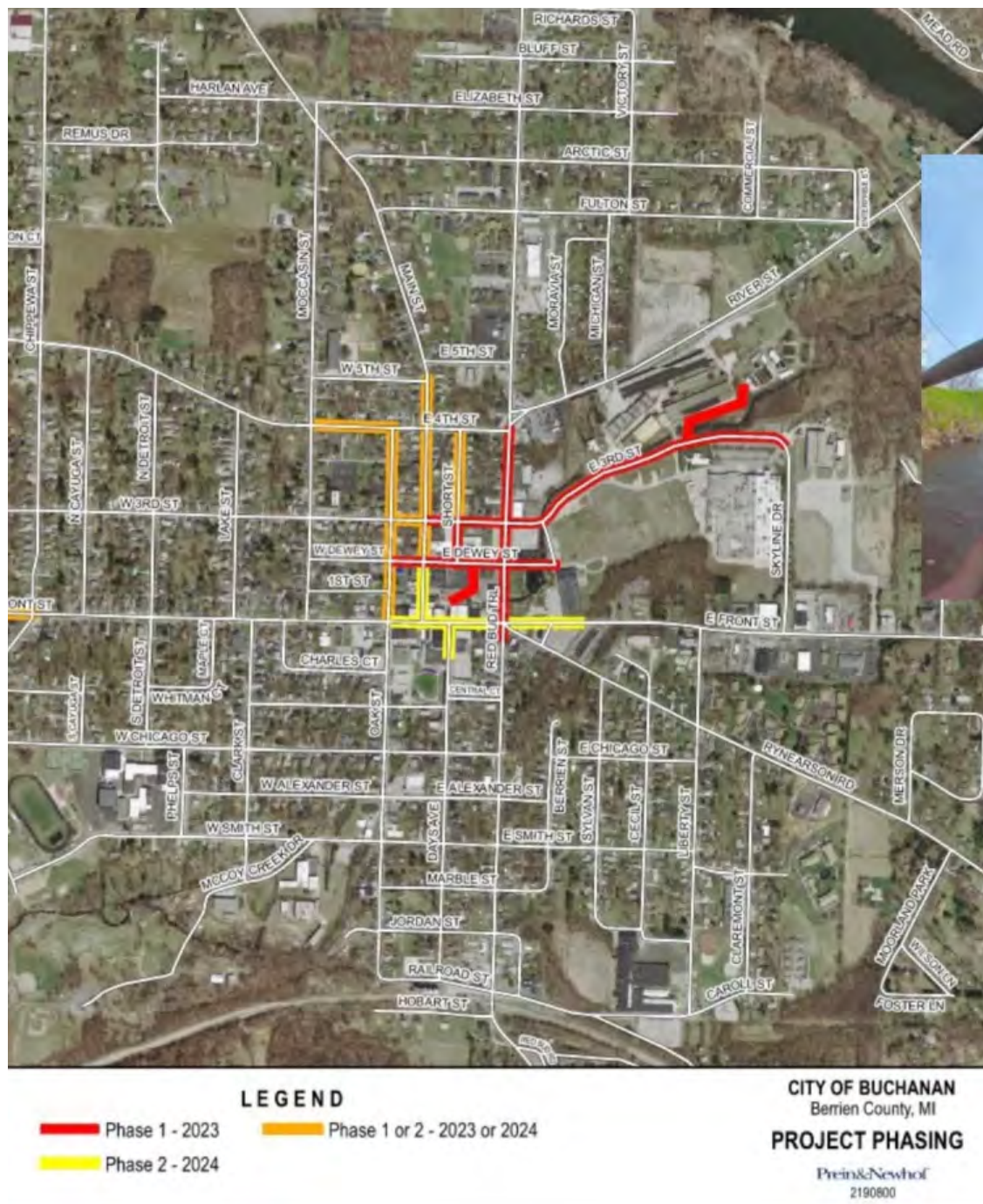
As of July 2022, City staff has had several internal meetings with engineers, architects, and planners to discuss the project, and we are now at a stage where we now have an early, preliminary draft of the streetscape design that is ready for public comment and input.



The information that we do have at this time indicates that the water and sewer infrastructure costs will likely total around \$19 million (with this figure including a future stage of the project that involves adding a redundancy well and iron removal plant near the edge of town to ensure safe and high quality drinking water for the future).



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The Downtown Project will likely run from 2023-2024, or 2024/2025—depending largely upon how long it takes to finalize the design and secure funding, in addition to the possibility of delays associated with the availability of contractors and/or supply-chain issues—which are plaguing most construction projects these days.

Conceptual Downtown Plans & Sketches



Streetscape Area
of Work



We want to be up front about the fact that this project will take a very LONG time, and that it will indeed cause some real hardships, delays, and inconveniences. However, we will do our best to lessen them as much as possible. For example, of the ~ \$240,000 in marihuana revenues projected to be received from the State of Michigan this year, the City Commission has decided to use 50% of that money for economic development, including rear-façade grants for downtown businesses, to help them stay open and busy during the construction phase of the Downtown Project. [Side note, the other 50% of the marihuana revenues has been allocated by the City Commission to be used for parks, recreation, and quality of life projects—like the upcoming expansion of the McCoy Creek Trail that will go across Walton Bridge, the expansion of Victory Park, and more.

Conceptual Downtown Plans & Sketches



Red Bud
Trail



Though it will be a long, hard road to tread to get to the light at the end of the tunnel, once the Downtown Project is complete, we hope that everyone will feel that it was worth it and that we can all enjoy the new amenities and energy that it will bring to our beloved Downtown Buchanan—The Nicest Place in America!!!!

So with all of that in mind, please feel free to share the [Facebook page](#) with your friends who may be interested in the City of Buchanan's Downtown Project, as it will continue to be updated with new information as we get it.

Finally, since 'none of us is as smart as all of us,' we are encouraging the public to share your comments relating to the Downtown Project on this page so that it is easier for us to keep track of them and take them into account as the project moves along. We genuinely want this Downtown Project to be a collective of the best ideas from everyone in our community, and strongly encourage all to comment and share your thoughts and ideas. And while polite constructive criticism is perfectly fine, we do kindly request that all comments be kept civil, and that no foul language or personal attacks be used. Anyone who wants to submit private comments may email them to cityhall@cityofbuchanan.com and non-digital comments may be submitted in writing during business hours at Buchanan City Hall (302 N Redbud Trail), ATTN: Downtown Project.

Thank you in advance for helping us make this Project the best that it can be!

Link to the full digital Presentation from this meeting [HERE](#).

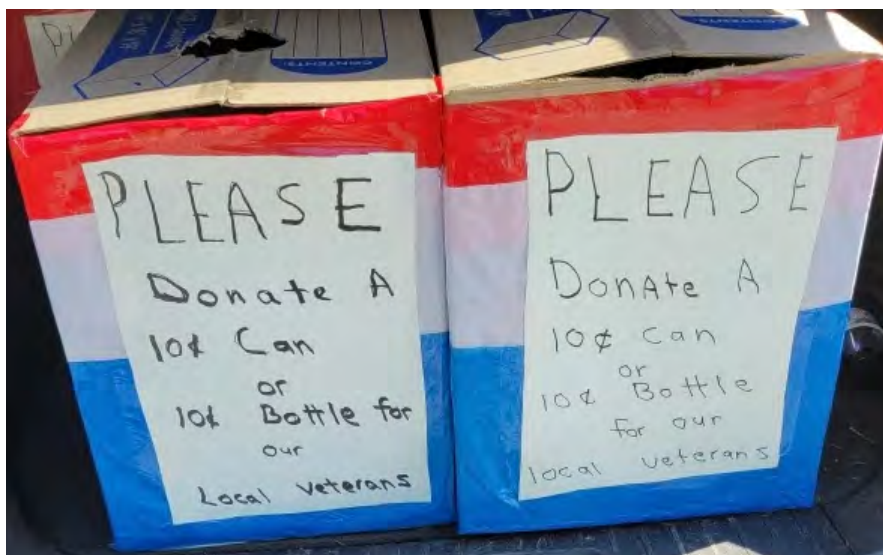
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2020 Nicest City in America – Buchanan, MI!

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The Buchanan Chronicle – Cans for Veterans Donation Drive



Cans for Veterans 2022 Donation Boxes, Photo by Garrick Stubblefield

Cans for Veterans Donation Drive Back Again

by Garrick Stubblefield, Writer, and Jen Garry, Publisher

Again this year we will be holding our Cans for Veterans donation drive!

Last year (2021) we managed to raise a whopping \$750 which was distributed directly to our local veterans in the form of gift cards to local businesses. On Thursday, December 2, 2021, our team was invited to Buchanan's Auxiliary American Legion Post 51 and we were able to thank them in this way for their service.

Our writer Garrick Stubblefield, a veteran himself (to whom full credit goes for the great idea), collected and returned all the cans and will be doing so this year as well. He spoke at that meeting briefly of his and our appreciation for our veterans and their service before handing out gift cards at random to veterans in attendance. They could 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.

This year we are asking you and those you know to once again drop off a deposit return can or bottle for us to donate the proceeds to local veterans.

We will collect from August through November.

We will have locations at:

- Buchanan District Library
- Buchanan Area Senior Center
- Redbud Hardware

Our goal is to raise even more money than last year for our local veterans, to help and honor them. So with your kindness please drop a can or bottle in either location, and know the proceeds will benefit our local heroes. We plan to add collection locations as we can, so keep looking for them around Buchanan.

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!

Buchanan Farmers' Market – Youth Entrepreneurs Day 2022



Youth Entrepreneurs at Buchanan Farmers' Market, Photo provided by Ashley Hanson

Youth Entrepreneurs Day 2022 at Buchanan Farmers' Market

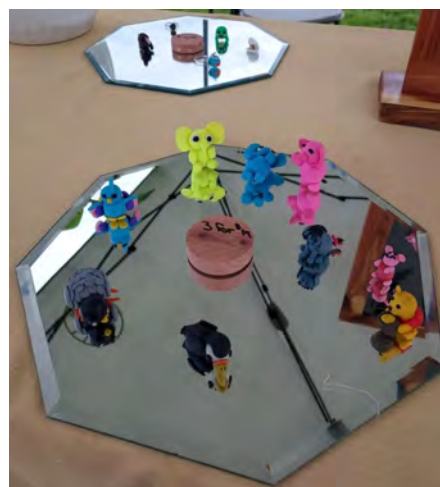
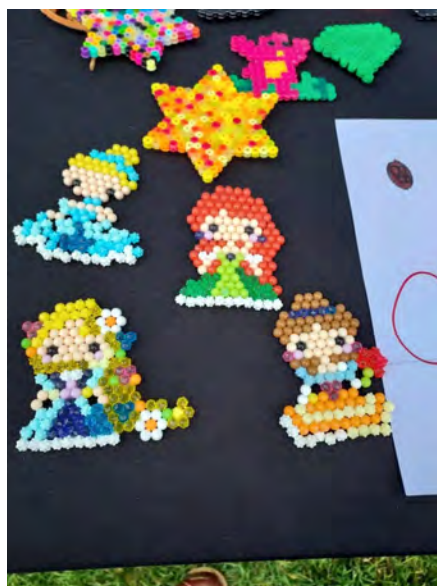
Write-up by Ashley Hanson, Head Master of Buchanan Farmers' Market, and Rebecka Hoyt, Editor of The Buchanan Chronicle; Photos submitted by Ashley Hanson

Yesterday was an amazing day for the youth vendors at the market. There was such a wonderful turnout of customers showing their support for all the kids' hard work and dedication. This was our 3rd annual Youth Entrepreneur Weekend. Some of the kids got up early today and headed out for a long week of fair and animal showings. Some got up early and headed out to do more selling.

Cute Crochets by Aleah is at the market weekly. Aleah and her brother, Hunter of H & A Eggs, are 2 of the younger vendors that sell their merchandise every week from May until October. The dedication these kids show really should makes us all hopeful for the future.

Any kid can be a regular vendor, or vend any week of market season. Just let us know when they want to come and what they will be selling. At only 5 dollars for a spot, it is a great way to build their confidence and get

them a little extra spending money.





Now That's Funny! – Issue 34



by Thomas Hoyt

We have all had those moments in life that are a first time at something and when looking back you can't but laugh. Here are a few of those moments.

First is with my daughter who cut up an onion for the first time. She did a great job at it, and we enjoyed the onion with dinner. Little did she know is that when you cut up onion, depending on how to go about it, it can make you cry. 🥲 Maybe not cry, but your eyes can get filled up with tears. I hope she learned from the experience.

Next is when I was a teen and got my drivers permit after completing drivers training. My dad decides to take me out in his 1979 Dodge pickup truck with manual transmission, three on the tree, and no power steering or power brakes! He takes me out to some dirt road in the middle of nowhere and has me get in the driver's seat. This is my very first time so when I slowly let the clutch out and truck did move forward in a buck and go fashion. 🥲 Well I did get the truck shifted up to 3rd gear without too much trouble and then it came time for me to stop. Remember, this truck has no power brakes! So I pushed in the clutch with my left leg and then on the brake with my right. I am pushing with my right leg on the brake pedal with everything I have. The truck did come to a stop all the while my dad is laughing! 🥲🥲🥲

Now let me tell you about a first time the Editor of this paper went axe throwing! Yes, my wife and I were on

vacation last summer in Florida. Her cousin also lives down there and invited us to go axe throwing with him. It looks a lot easier than it is, and so when she threw the first axe it bounced off the wall and dropped to the floor with a clang! 🗡️

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Community Press Release – BCSO Labor Day 2022



Berrien County Sheriff's Office 2022 Labor Day Holiday – Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Berrien County Sheriff's Office – August 12, 2022

Ahead of late-summer travel and Labor Day celebrations, a reminder to drivers to “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Berrien County, Michigan — During the Labor Day holiday, including the end of summertime and the busy Labor Day weekend, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is working alongside the law enforcement community in Berrien County to decrease impaired driving.

From August 12 through September 5, the Berrien County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement period. In support of the law enforcement community's dedication to protecting the lives of local residents, you will see officers working together to take impaired drivers off the roads. In 2021, nearly 45 percent of fatalities on Michigan roadways involved alcohol and/or drugs, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. Over the Labor Day holiday weekend periods from 2017 to 2021, there were 39 drivers killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in Michigan. In those crashes, one-third of the drivers killed were alcohol-impaired.

“We want to support our community by keeping it safe from impaired drivers,” said Sheriff L. Paul Bailey. “The bottom line is that no matter what the substance is, if it has impaired you, you should not be driving. We want everyone to enjoy the last weeks of summer and the Labor Day holiday. Please commit to yourself and your community members that you'll drive sober each and every day.” Officers will be on the lookout for motorists under the influence of drugs and alcohol throughout the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement period. In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer believes they are impaired.

Also, in Michigan during 2021:

- There were 9,557 alcohol-involved crashes (with 357 alcohol-involved fatalities) and 2,999 druginvolved crashes (with 275 drug-involved fatalities).
- One person was killed in an alcohol-involved crash every 24 hours and 32 minutes.
- In all traffic crashes occurring over the Labor Day holiday period, 11 people died.

To increase awareness and encourage safe and sober driving, the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is funding a statewide media campaign about the dangers of impaired driving. The OHSP has also produced a new commercial, titled "Impaired and You Know It."

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is supported with federal traffic safety funds provided by the United States Department of Transportation and NHTSA and coordinated by the OHSP.

CONTACT: Chief Deputy Boyce (269) 983-7141 rboyce@berriencounty.org



About Berrien County Sheriff's Office: The Mission of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office is to enforce the laws of the state and county, safeguard life and property, prevent and detect crime, preserve the peace, and protect the rights of all citizens. We will serve all citizens with fairness, integrity, respect and compassion with out discrimination of any persons or groups.

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A Note from the Editor – Issue 34



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Can this summer go any quicker? My how the days have gone by. I am composing this note from my backyard in the shade on this very low humidity day and a gentle breeze. It's perfect – blue skies, sun, some clouds here and there as the temperature is 80 according to meteorologist Matt Rudkin's weather app. I hope that you have enjoyed the cooler summer temps. Hopefully the cooler weather won't settle in too quickly this fall.

As you enjoy the last couple of weeks this month there are some events that you can participate in:

- Summer Concert Series at the Common: Aug. 20 Best of Acorn Open Mic Night; Aug. 27 Midnight North from 7-9pm.
- Saturdays at the Common through the first Saturday in October: Buchanan Farmers' Market from 8am – 1pm.
- Sunday, August 28: Faith and Family Day at the Common from 4 – 6pm with a backpack/school supplies handout (see the advertisement for more info), snacks, bounce houses, and some Christian concerts.
- Monday, August 29: First day of School for Buchanan! Be watchful and slow down your speed as students are making their way to and from school. **Red lights flashing on a bus means STOP!**
- Wednesday, August 31: One Book One Buchanan Community-Wide Discussion of the book *High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out* by Amanda Ripley at the Common 6pm with the Buchanan District Library.

Even though some say that summer is over, it's not technically over until September 22. So you still have over a month left to enjoy summer. Make the best of it and don't forget to catch up on the latest Buchanan happenings by subscribing to our email issue notification [here](#).

Happy Reading,
Rebecka Hoyt

The Buchanan Chronicle

Community Press Release – Office of Governor Whitmer



A Great Education for Our Kids

State of Michigan – August 12, 2022

Dear Friend,

This week we're talking about education. Every kid in every district deserves to feel safe and supported in school – that means investing in classrooms, supplies, teachers, mental health, extracurriculars, and so much more.

Since my first day in office, I've worked to expand opportunities and improve outcomes for Michigan's kids. I made the largest investment in state history – without raising taxes – to close the funding gap between schools in Michigan, and recently made the highest ever state per pupil funding with this year's historic, bipartisan education budget.

That funding will help schools buy new textbooks and expand options for AP and honors classes. It also increases resources for special education programs, at-risk students, and career and technical education while expanding slots in free before-, after-, and preschool programs.

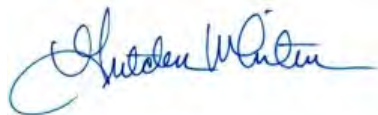
It also includes funding for the MI Kids Back on Track tutoring plan I proposed in May to expand learning supports across the state. This program would double down on tackling unfinished learning by investing in personalized instruction, like tutoring, which is a critical tool for parents to help their kids get caught up and on the right track after a tough few years.

Finally, to improve the on-campus experience, the budget invests a quarter of a billion dollars in school

infrastructure to build or renovate everything from classrooms, computer labs, and libraries, and significantly expands teacher recruitment programs so we attract and train thousands of educators every year.

This budget is proof of what is possible when we put our students first and stay focused on getting things done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gretchen Whitmer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

Upcoming Event – BCSO R.A.D. Program Fall 2022



**BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PRESENTS
RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE SYSTEMS
R.A.D.**



**BASIC PHYSICAL DEFENSE FOR WOMEN
2022 FALL TRAINING**

Have you ever been concerned for your safety in your home, your travels, at school? Could you defend yourself if attacked?

The Berrien County Sheriff's Office is offering Women's Self Defense classes through **R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Systems**. R.A.D. is a comprehensive, personal safety course for women focusing on awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance. Safety and survival in today's world requires a definite course of action. The R.A.D. System offers realistic defense techniques and provides women with the knowledge to make an educated decision about resistance strategies.

R.A.D. is not a martial arts program. It is a basic self defense program that any woman, regardless of age or physical ability can learn. The tactics are simple, yet effective. R.A.D. gives us the viable options and techniques necessary to protect ourselves and avoid potentially dangerous situations. Classes are **FREE** and involve three evening sessions totalling 12 hours. All sessions must be completed to attain an official R.A.D. certification. Classes are open to females ages 16 and older. (Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and waiver must be signed).

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

(Name, Phone Number, Email and Class attending is required for Registration)
To register, call (269) 983-7111, Ext 7715 or email: RAD@berriencounty.org

AUGUST 8, 9, 11 @ 6-10pm

ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP
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St. Joseph, MI 49085

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NILES COURTHOUSE
1205 N. Front Street
Niles, MI 49120



**FOR MAXIMUM SAFETY,
WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU
ARE VACCINATED & MASKED. THANK YOU!**

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Berrien County Sheriff's Office Women's R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Systems Fall 2022 flyer

Berrien County Sheriff's Office offering Women's Self Defense classes through R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Systems – Fall 2022 Training

RAD FALL REGISTRATION is OPEN: There are classes coming up quick!
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919 Port Street
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Upcoming Event – Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Annual Kickball & Corn/Sausage Roast



Buchanan-Galien Lions Club 5th Annual Kickball Tournament & Corn/Sausage Roast flyer

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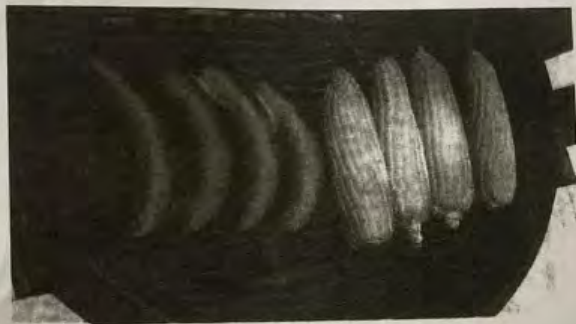
The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club will be hosting a kickball tournament, and a corn and sausage roast Saturday August 27th, at the McCoy Creek Recreational Fields!

Reminder that the kickball tournament/corn & sausage roast is quickly approaching! Meal tickets can be purchased from any Lion member or at Red Bud Insurance. Help us raise funds while having fun! Costume, and team shirts welcome!

- **What:** 5th Annual Kickball Tournament & Corn/Sausage Roast
- **Who:** Buchanan-Galien Lions Club
- **When:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 9am-6pm

- Kickball starts at 9am. Corn and sausage roast starts at Noon until 6pm.
- *Where:* McCoy Creek Recreation Area
 - Centennial Park Picnic Shelter
- *Details:*
 - \$25 a person for Kickball and \$10 a person for corn and sausage
 - Maximum 12 players on a roster (co-ed 18 yrs and older)
 - Questions – call Michelle 269-591-2961
 - mholloway@ymcagm.org
 - Register online at: **https://buy.ticketstothecity.com/purchase.php?event_id=11194**

**Buchanan-Galien Lions Club
Fifth Annual
Corn & Sausage Roast**



\$10.00 a person

Saturday, August 27th

Noon to 6:00 p.m.

**McCoy Creek Recreation Area
Centennial Park Picnic Shelter**

More information call 269-470-0571



Buchanan-Galien Lions Club 5th Annual Kickball Tournament & Corn/Sausage Roast flyer



"We Serve" is our motto – 87+ years strong – and proud to serve in the 2020 Nicest City in America
– Buchanan, MI!

About Buchanan-Galien Lions Club: Buchanan-Galien Lion's Club has been serving the community for more than 75 years. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Buchanan American Legion Hall – to learn more about becoming a Lion, contact us. Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Lions extend their commitment beyond sight conservation through countless local efforts that include youth outreach programs, improving the environment, building homes for the disabled, and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

[Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Facebook Here.](#)

Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • June 20 2022



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

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

- **Regular Meeting**
- **06/20/2022 6:00 PM**
- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
- **401 W. Chicago Street**
- **Buchanan, MI 49107**

Begin Agenda:

Call to Order – Opening of Meeting by President

- **PRESIDENT:** Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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, Brian Brown, Carrie Brunsting, Deanna Russell

Adoption of Agenda

- **MOTION** by C. Carlson, **SECONDED BY** Member R. Writer the agenda for the board meeting of June 20, 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 (All visitors, please sign the sign-in sheet.)

- Dr. Burnett welcomed all guests.
- J. Brackett

Public Hearing on Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

- Mr. Brian Brown presented to the Board the 2022-23 Budget.

Public Comment for Hearing on 2022-2023 Budget

- None

Closed Session – Student Discipline

- **MOTION** by C. Carlson, **SECONDED BY** Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session for a hearing on student discipline – Student 4568062267. Time 6:28pm.
- **ROLL CALL VOTE:** C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- **NAYS:** None
- **MOTION ADOPTED**

Return to Open Session

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session. Time 7:21pm.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Student Discipline – Expulsion Hearing

- MOTION by H. Burnett, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education adopts the following resolution:
 - WHEREAS, the administration has presented to the Board of Education, a recommendation concerning the expulsion of a student who was in violation of Buchanan School Board Policy #3362.01 on Friday, May 20th, 2022; and
 - WHEREAS the administration has notified the student and parents involved of the accusations against the student, the recommendation of expulsion, and their rights to a hearing on this date;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
 - The Buchanan Board of Education chooses to permanently expel Student 4568062267 from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Points of Pride

- Laura Strefling – 7th in the State Long Jump
- Varsity Baseball – MHSAA Division 3 State Champions
- BHS Centennial Celebration – June 11*, 2022

Superintendent/Department Reports

- State Reporting – Mid-year and End of Year Goals. Mrs. Robinson shared with the board the State Reporting presentation prepared by Mr. Kurland.

Presentations

- BMS/BHS Music Department Presentation – Music Teacher, Mrs. Deanna Russell shared this year's band and choir highlights with the board along with a video presentation.

Information / Reports & New Business

- Finance Committee, June 7th Meeting – Mr. Carlson updated the board that they spoke of the budget and Superintendent Robinson's contract.
- Human Resources Committee – June 9th Meeting – Mrs. Berry shared that they had spoken of resignations, open positions, staff retention, potential upcoming teacher vacancies as well as Superintendent Robinson's contract.

Public Comment

- None.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the

regular board meeting of June 20th, 2022 be adopt as written.

1. Minutes
 - 5-31-2022 Regular Meeting
2. Warrants:
 - Treasury & Expenditure Reports – May 2022
3. Probationary/Tenure Listing for 2022-23 School Year
 - Buchanan High School
 - Buchanan Middle School
 - Moccasin Elementary School
 - Ottawa Elementary School
4. Employment Contracts for 2022-23 School Year
 - Michelle Munyon, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent & BOE
 - Laura Morris, Payroll Coordinator
 - Rebecca Kaltenbach, Food Service Coordinator
 - Sophia Williams, Utility Coordinator
 - Michael Cornelius, Maintenance
 - Chad VanBeek, Maintenance
 - Stephen Schaefer, Bus Mechanic
 - Nate Will, Transportation Supervisor
 - Ethan Cauffman, Operations Utility Staff
 - Robert Cauffman, Operations Utility Staff
 - Dave Griswold, Operations Utility Staff
 - Judith Harman-Conrad, Operations Utility Staff
 - Robert Kleca, Operations Utility Staff
 - Larry Kline, Operations Utility Staff
 - Justin Ropp, Operations Utility Staff
 - Dawn Spielman, Operations Utility Staff
 - Sandra Summers, Operations Utility Staff
 - Michelle Trail, Operations Utility Staff
5. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:
 - Moccasin Elementary Principal, Dr. Michael Dunn
 - Buchanan High School Principal, Mrs. Stacey DeMaio
 - Ottawa Elementary Principal. Mrs. Stacey Denison
 - Recommended Employee – Title
 - Ashley Schmitt – KidKamp Aide
 - Jennifer Rozeveld – KidKamp Aide
 - Katy Kaltenbach – KidKamp Aide
 - Blake Ryan – BHS Guidance Counselor
 - Lauren Hendrick – Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Teacher
6. Resignations:
 - Bob Taylor – CTE Sports Medicine Instructor
 - Alan Berget – Director of Operations
 - Tara Carlsen – BMS Math Teacher
 - Dr. Michael Dunn – Moccasin Elementary Principal
 - Kristy Schlutt – Ottawa Paraprofessional
 - Casey Fitzpatrick – BMS/BHS Music Aide
 - Amy Beck – 1st Grade Teacher
 - Ashley Schmitt – Ottawa Paraprofessional
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Buchanan Virtual Academy Graduation Certification

- MOTION by K. Berry, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, upon satisfactory
- completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of
- Education hereby approves:
 - Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:
 - Chad Brewster
 - Christy Combs
 - Jason Dixon
 - Jessica Fox
 - Blake Gorji
 - Andrew Martin
 - Kaitlyn Martin
 - Lorna Matuszewski
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed Tree Planting at Buchanan High School

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education approves Buchanan Tree Friends to plant 1 Linden Tree donated by Mrs. Reider in memory of Marie Kangus.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Donation Approvals Over \$1,000

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following donation:
 - For football shoulder pads:
 - Julie Anderson, \$6,448.43
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Athletic Handbook Update

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools updated Athletic Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Administrative Handbook Update

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Administrative Handbook updates.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

2022-2023 Administrative Contracts

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the annual district Administrative Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Accounts Payable & Business Manager Contract with BRESA

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the contract for Accounts Payable and Business Manager Services with Berrien RA
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Adoption of the 2021-2022 Final Budget Amendment & 2022-2023 Budget Appropriation Resolution

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education, in accordance with the General Appropriations Act, accepts the Buchanan Community Schools' budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 amended as presented and the 2022-2023 Budget Appropriation. Said documents are to be entered into the minutes of this meeting and to take immediate effect.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Pre-Qualification Application Resolution

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education adopts the following resolution:
 1. Resolves to apply for preliminary qualification of bonds by the State Treasurer for the purpose of financing the school construction description in this application.
 2. That said application is presented to the State Treasurer for action prior to the official action of the Board of Education calling the election on said bond issue.
 3. Resolves that this Board of Education will present a final qualification application to the State Treasurer for qualification of their bonds after this bond issue has been approved by the electors of said district.
 4. Read this application and approved all statements and representations contained herein as true to the best knowledge and belief of the Board.
 5. Authorizes the Secretary of the Board of Education to sign the Preliminary Application and submit same to the State Treasurer for review and approval.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Approval of Superintendent Contract

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the superintendents Contractual Agreement for the position of Buchanan Community Schools – Superintendent: as defined in the attached contract between Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education and Mrs. Patricia Robinson.
- Terms of the contract are July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None

- MOTION ADOPTED

Great Start Readiness Program Full Day Approval

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the recommendation to offer one of our two Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Preschool classrooms to a full day classroom.
- 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

- Dr. Carlin thanked Mrs. Robinson for all her hard work.
- Mrs. Berry had heard great feedback from the tutoring program at Buchanan District Library.

Next Board Meeting

- Monday, July 18th at 6pm.

Adjournment

- 7:52 pm

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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
- Ruth Writer, Vice-President – rwriter@buchananschools.com
- Kelly Laesch, Secretary – klaesch@buchananschools.com
- Chris Lee, Treasurer – clee@buchananschools.com
- Katie Berry, Trustee – kberry@buchananschools.com
- Chris Carlson, Trustee – ccarlson@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.

Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • July 18 2022





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

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- **Regular Meeting**
- **07/18/2022 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 6:01pm

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, Brian Brown, Carrie Brunsting, Dale & Melanie

Groves, Brooke Essig

Adoption of Agenda

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee the agenda for the board meeting of July 18, 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 & Mrs. Robinson welcomed the Varsity Baseball team, Melanie Groves, and Brooke Essig.
- B. Essig, M. Groves, D. Groves, S. Bailey, J. Flenar, J. Brackett, K. Retty, T. Myers, J. Legault

Points of Pride

- 2022 MHSAA Division 3 State Baseball Champions – Coach Brawley along with the Varsity Baseball team were congratulated on their win and took a group photo with the Board.
- Math & Science Center – Mr. Carlson updated the board that five Buchanan students were recently accepted into the program through a competitive application process.

Presentations

- Flag Presentation by Buckteens – Jerry Flenar and Sarah Dougherty presented Superintendent Robinson and the School Board a new Michigan flag to fly on the high school flag pole.

Information/Reports & New Business

- Human Resources Committee, July 6th Meeting – Mrs. Berry shared they spoke about open positions, retention of staff and progress towards filling positions.

Public Comment

- None

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 July 18th, 2022 be adopted as written.
 1. Minutes:
 - 6-20-2022 Regular Meeting
 2. Warrants:
 - Treasury & Expenditure Reports – June 2022
 3. Amended Employment Contracts for Dave Griswold & Justin Ropp
 4. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:
 - Buchanan Middle School Principal, Mrs. Shelby Beasley
 - Recommended Employee – Title
 - Melanie Groves – 7th Grade Math Teacher
 - Sarah Blair – Administrative Assistant to the Middle School Principal
 - Bethany Billington – 1st Grade Teacher
 5. :Resignations
 - Jim Brawley, Varsity Baseball Coach

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Graduation Certification

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the board of education hereby approves:
 - Buchanan Virtual Academy Student:
 - Seth Stogsdill
 - Buchanan Step Up Student:
 - Blake Mealer
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

2022-2023 Administrative Contracts Amendment

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the amended annual district Administrative Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

BEA Letter of Agreement – Jessica Leenhouts

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education approves the attached letter of agreement with the Buchanan Education Association for Jessica Leenhouts.
- 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

- Dr. Burnett invited the community to National Night Out Against Crime at McCoy Creek Park on August 2nd from 6-9pm.

Next Board Meeting

- Monday, August 15th at 6pm.

Adjournment

- 6:26 pm

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City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • July 25 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, July 25th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, July 25, 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. Pledge of Allegiance

– Mayor Denison led in the pledge of allegiance.

III. Roll Call

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

– Absent: None

– City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Director of Public Safety, Tim Ganus; Chief of Police, Harvey Burnett

IV. Approve Agenda

– Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Downey, to approve the agenda as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

V. Open of Public Hearing for Special Assessment District for Emergency Medical Services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service.

– Motion made by Downey, seconded by Money, to open the public hearing at 7:02 P.M.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Announcement of the Rules of the Hearing:

1. This is a Public Hearing designed to hear and consider any objections to the proposed special assessment, the district, and all other matters relating to the Special Assessment District for Emergency Medical Services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service.
2. All persons wishing to comment shall be given the opportunity to do so.
3. The person addressing the Commission shall stand, state their name, and direct their comments directly to the Commission.
4. In the event a large number of people wish to comment, the Mayor may announce that each person speaking shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes.
5. Each person shall have an opportunity to speak before anyone is allowed to speak a second time.
6. The Mayor may, at their discretion, terminate comments which are unreasonably lengthy or unrelated to the

subject of the public hearing.

7. When the Mayor observes that there are no further public comments, he/she shall close that portion of the hearing.

- Mayor asked for anyone to speak in favor.

- One letter by mail came in from James Robertson in favor of the Special Assessment, Langston read the letter to the commissioners and also gave a copy of the letter to the Commission.

- Mayor asked for anyone to speak that is opposed.

- Peter Lysy: Peter is predisposed to approve funding for the ambulance service and is also in favor of funding SMCAS through a special assessment district. But he strongly opposes the current proposal. It asks to more than double the revenues in a short period of time and doesn't offer any justification as to why they need it. SMCAS doesn't demonstrate why it needs this increase or tell us how much money it currently receives, how much more it needs, or how it plans to spend it. Only presents vague generalities and notes that the rate hasn't increased in more than 25 years, which isn't true. Given the history of SMCAS mismanagement of tax withholdings and a very serious case of embezzlement, you would think they would want to be transparent and fully disclose its finances and plans. Lysy has not been able to find any financials or even minutes from the board or even a list of its members. Lysy is also concerned that SMCAS is saying they haven't raised rates in the past 25 years, when in 2006 we paid \$10.00 a year, in 2007 it went to \$20.00 a year – that was 15 years, not 25. The SMCAS proposal was sloppily prepared with little thought or reflection, certainly with inadequate research. SMCAS needs to withdraw the current proposal and then provide us with a detailed financial analysis of the current situation and future projections so we can understand, discuss, and accept or dispute what they propose.

- Kim Bicard: Made comments believing the Commission may have already reached a decision on this Special Assessment due to wording of the Public Hearing Notice. She wants to understand where the money is coming from already. Concerned about what parcels will be assessed.

- Randy Bicard: If SMCAS is in troubling times no other business asks for special assessments to be created. He doesn't know why the taxpayers should have to pay a special assessment to a business like SMCAS. It's a burden that keeps coming on to the taxpayers. At some point we have to say the money has to come from somewhere else. Just like any business you have a certain amount of money, and you must make that work. We must pay for the service when we use it and then pay for it on the assessment.

- Robert Selvig: Owns a vacant parcel and now will be assessed twice. He wants to know why an ambulance service would need by assessing a vacant lot.

- Ganus is presently serving on the SMCAS board, Downey has concerns with the financials and what happens if we reject the current proposal. He directed his questions to Ganus. Other municipalities have tabled the proposed special assessment but not rejected it. Each Municipality has bought into SMCAS and have been supporting them through assessment, if they were to reject it the municipality would have to figure out how to fund an ambulance service for their community, through its residents or the General Fund. Ganus was not able to answer about the financials due to not having them on him, but he would be happy to reach out to SMCAS to provide some answers.

VI. Close of Public Hearing for Special Assessment District for Emergency Medical Services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service.

- Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Money, to close the public hearing at 7:29 P.M.

- Voice vote carries unanimously.

VII. Public Comment

Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

- Dan Vigansky: Appalled that the City is spending \$133,000.00 on a piece of property, would like to hear some project numbers or possibilities the city has on the piece of property. There are other City properties that are still vacant. He also does not agree with the property on Victory because the BARB board had nothing to do with it. Also made comments about BARB not meeting and the pavilion being built. Also concerned about the number of closed sessions.

- Randy Bicard: Concerned about the AEP building from the tax revenue standpoint, and the intentions of what will be put in the building.

VIII. Consent Agenda

(can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)

VIII.A. Minutes- Consider approving minutes from July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting.

VIII.B. Closed Session Minutes- Consider approving closed session minutes from July 11, 2022.

VIII.C. Consider approving expenditures for July 25, 2022, in the amount of \$490,156.41.

VIII.D. City Credit Card for New Treasurer

- Consider approving a City credit card for Treasurer Deborah Perez with a \$5,000.00 limit (to replace the prior City credit card issued to former Treasurer).
- Motion made by Downey, seconded by Weedon, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

IX.A. Consider Resolution No. 2022.07/424

- A resolution to create a special assessment district for emergency medical services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service. Determination to make public improvements; approval of plans and estimate of costs; final determination of special assessment district; preparation of special assessment roll.
- Motion made by Money, seconded by Swem, to approve Resolution #2022.07/424 to create a Special Assessment District for SMCAS ambulance services.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

X. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

X.A. Public Safety Report – Director Tim Ganus

X.A.1) Park Opening/Closing Times – Consider approving all City Parks to open at 6 A.M. and close at 10 P.M.

- Motion made by Weedon, Seconded by Swem to approve the request of Director Ganus to have all city park hours set at 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

X.A.2) Buchanan Police Department National Night Out – August 2, 2022, from 6-9 P.M. at McCoy Creek Park.

- Barnett reported on the National Night Out, this allows the city to come together as a community and partnership with the police department and its residents. Please join us for food and fun.

X.B. Community Development Report – Director Rich Murphy

X.B.1) Buchanan Downtown Reconstruction Project Public Meeting on August 8th, 2022, starting at 5:00 P.M. – Reminder of opportunity for public input.

- Murphy wanted to remind the residents of Buchanan about the August 8th Public Meeting about the Downtown Reconstruction Project. We want to engage the public at this point and let them know what's going on. The City of Buchanan with its engineering consultant, Prein & Newhof, conducted a 3-year infrastructure assessment from 2016-2018 that identified a critical need to update old water mains, storm sewers, and sanitary sewer infrastructure that runs under our downtown and neighborhood streets. The city has secured significant funding through USDA for the project that will begin a phasing out and replacement of city sewer and water lines, as well as a new downtown streetscape. The city and its engineering consultant team have begun initial discussions on project design and streetscape and wants to engage the residents of Buchanan at this early stage to receive their ideas and feedback on this important project.

X.B.2) Victory Park RFP Approval

- Consider approving the Community Development Department to create an RFP to bid out the construction of the Victory Park Pavilion project.
- Motion made by Downey, seconded by Swem, to authorize Director Murphy to go out to bid on the Victory Park Pavilion Project.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

X.C. Public Services Report – Director Mike Baker

X.C.1) Sinkholes

- Discuss concerns regarding sinkholes found on Smith St. over the Mill Race and on Dewey St. next to Lehman's.
- Baker reported to the Commission regarding sinkholes that were recently found on Smith St. and Dewey St. We will be going out through emergency RFP which is already in motion but wanted to bring the commission and residents up to speed on it. Smith Street and Dewey Street will need to be shut down in the areas where the sink holes are.

X.D. BARB Report

- Dan Vigansky is asking the Commission to consider appointing him to the BARB. The BARB has not yet voted on whether they would recommend approval of Mr. Vigansky's application due to a lack of a quorum at the last BARB meeting.
- Grace reported that Dan Vigansky put in a request to be considered for an appointment to the BARB. However,

the BARB has not yet voted for approval of his application, due to lack of a quorum at the last several BARB meetings. As for are typical process the BARB board would vote and then either recommend or not recommend to the commission to join that particular board. No action needed at this time.

– Vigansky addressed the Commission out of order. Denison asked Vigansky to leave or sit down and stay. Burnett and Ganus had to escort Vigansky out of the building.

XI. Unfinished Business

– None

XII. New Business

XII.A.1) Closed Session

– Consider entering Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(1)(h) to discuss matters subject to attorney-client privilege.

– Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Money to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)(h) to discuss matters subject attorney-client privilege at 8:06 P.M.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

XII.B.2) Open Session

– Consider re-entering Open Session.

– Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Money to re-open session at 9:09 P.M.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

XII.C.3) Action

– Consider action based on Closed Session discussions.

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money to authorize the City Administration to take action pursuant to Closed Session discussions.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

XIII. Communications

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

XIII.A. Purchase of Real Property

– Manager Grace will provide an update regarding the City's purchase of real property at 708 Redbud Trail (Baroda Tire Too) for \$131,055.85 for demolition and redevelopment of the property in conjunction with the City-owned property at 111 Railroad (Old Feed Mill).

– Grace updated the public that the City has purchased a piece of real property at 708 Redbud Trail for the sum of \$131,055.85. The intention of that property is to demolish it in addition to the old feed mill site, so that both of those locations are ready for redevelopment.

XIII.B. Collaboration with Berrien County

– Manager Grace will provide an update regarding an opportunity to collaborate with Berrien County regarding the AEP building at 500 Circle Drive.

– Grace shared that the Berrien County Administration and herself have been meeting for the past several weeks to discuss a potential collaboration involving the County purchasing the AEP building. Unfortunately, the County was not able to vote on it yet, but plans on moving forward with the sale of the structure. Part of this includes the city becoming a partner in this and having the chance to move our city hall to the second floor of operations with a portion of the lobby on the first floor. There is also a possible opportunity to move the police department into that location as well. They are still assessing if it is possible for the police department to be there. The third floor will house county 911 dispatch as well as county emergency management. It's a collaboration with AEP to be able to utilize the structure as intended if a nuclear or electric related issue should arise.

XIV. Public Comment

Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

– Don Ryman, made comments concerned about the road detours on election day August 2.

– Norma Ferris, made comments about street repairs not being important, especially 3rd St.

XV. Executive Comments

XV.A. City Manager Comments

– Grace thanked everyone that stuck around. Also thanked Peter Lysy for all the amazing work and dedication to the archive room at city hall. Grace sincerely thanked Lysy for all he's doing for the city, and it's been instrumental for us at city hall. She appreciates those who are able to speak with composure, respect, and kindness – it's vital. We

are the nicest place in America, but beyond that civil discourse requires people to treat each other with civility so thank you for those who do.

XV.B. Commissioner Comments

- Weedon, no comment.
- Swem, no comment.
- Money, don't forget to vote on August 2.
- Downey, no comment.

XV.C. Mayor Comments

– Denison agreed with Ferris about 3rd St. He is as frustrated as she is that the street is still blocked off, but what he won't apologize for keeping other things moving. Incredibly proud of the work this Commission has done, it took him a long time to decide if he was going to run again because of the number of things they have to put up with. It makes it really hard to come to meetings when you're getting screamed at by some one who is uniformed or misinformed. But it's important work. Thank you all for coming and sticking around.

XVI. Adjourn

- Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Money to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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MONDAY, August 08, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

- Mayor Denison called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. Recognition

II.A. The Buchanan City Commission wishes to recognize and thank all of the individuals who served our community as election workers in the recent primary elections. Their service, led by our dedicated Clerk Kalla Langston, furthers our democracy and is greatly appreciated.

II.B. The Buchanan City Commission wishes to recognize and thank all of the sponsors, volunteers, and City staff members who helped make the 2022 Thrill on the Hill an amazing success—along with special recognition being given to Affordable Asphalt Paving and DPM Events—without whom the Thrill on the Hill could not have taken place. The efforts of all of these generous individuals help make Buchanan such a wonderful place to live, and their hard work is greatly appreciated.

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

– Absent: None

– City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; City Treasurer, Deborah Perez; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Director of Public Safety, Tim Ganus; Chief of Police Harvey Burnett.

V. Approve Agenda

– Motion made by Swem, supported by Money to amend the agenda to reflect that it would be consider the legally required tax disbursements and tabling the remainder of the bill run.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

– Motion made by Weedon, supported by Downey to approve the amended agenda.

– 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. Consider approving expenditures for August 8th, 2022 in the amount of \$470,847.46.

VII.B. July 25, 2022 City Commission Minutes

– Consider approving Regular Meeting Minutes from 7/25/2022.

– Motion made by Swem, supported by Money to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

VIII.A. SMCAS Director Brian Scribner – Resolution Request

– Consider approving Resolution #2022.08/424 : A Special Assessment District for emergency medical services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service, filing of Special Assessment District Notice of Public Hearing. The scheduled of said Public Hearing will be on August 22, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

- Commission wanted to know what happens if the city chooses not to pass the Special Assessment. There are 6 municipalities that are owners, what the bylaws say is that it does not matter what way they come up with money. But the municipalities are required to pay their portion of the subsidy to cover the ambulance service.
- Commission would like more of an in-depth financial look at SMCAS. Scribner will be sending the Commission via email any reports they would like to see, as well as sit down with them to explain and answer questions they may have.
- Swem curious about the length of the Special Assessment and how the other municipality's what the reaction of the other owners with the this much of increase. If they chose to do 1 year and then circle back around to have more time with the Special Assessment.
- Motion made by Weedon, supported by Downey to approve Resolution 2022.08/424 as presented.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

IX.A. Clerk Report

- City Clerk, Kalla Langston will give a brief update on the August 2, 2022, Primary Election.

– Langston updated the Commission on how the election went. With voter turnout at 14.47%, DialA-Ride milage passed at 349- yes 153-no. City had 13 new election workers out of 22, a lot of new faces that did an excellent job.

IX.B. Finance Department Report

- An update will be given on City financials.
- Perez gave the commission an expenditure report. Admin dues are a little higher than last year since they were not collected in the previous year. Some of the expenditures are still needing to be recognized.
- Downey asked about the Audit, Grace was able to inform the commission that Kuggle Law is doing the Audit with Plante Moran doing the Audit prep.

IX.C. Public Services Report

- An update will be provided by Director Baker regarding Third Street, the new DPW building construction, repairs to sinkholes, and the Thrill on the Hill.
- Baker is still waiting on an update for 3rd Street. Selge was able to cold patch the sink holes before Thrill on the Hill. Baker wishes he could have been involved a little more but with Thrill on the Hill he was unable to be more involved with the sink holes. Baker is worried about the intersection 3rd and Short, more than likely it will need to be shut down. Denison had spoken with Selge about maybe a different temporary fix for the time being.
- The DPW building was held up because of the contracts. But Bergman Group is working on the drawings now.

IX.D. Public Safety Report

- Chief Harvey Burnett will provide an update reporting on another successful 'National Night Out.'
- Chief Burnett introduced the newest officer to the city, Angela Baggett. She comes from the Berrien County Sheriffs Department and is doing an outstanding job.
- National Night Out was a success, with about 275 people there. Scarecrow charities gave 2 donations: 200.00 check for national night out as well as 500.00 for shop with a cop program. All the businesses that donated. Made it a very successful event, with numerous departments joining together with the residents. Denison complimented Burnett on a successful event.

IX.E. Community Development Report – Director Rich Murphy

IX.E.1) Consider Approval of Adult Use Class C Grow Permit at 448 Post Rd. for Redbud Roots.

- Motion made by Downey, supported by Swem to approve the Adult Use Class C Grow Permit at 448 Post Rd. for Redbud Roots.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX.E.2) Consider Approval of Legal Description Resolutions for OPRA Exemption Certificates for Hometown Video and Stark School.

IX.E.2.a) Resolution #2022.08/425 OPRA for Hometown Video

- Motion made by Money, supported by Weedon to approve Resolution 2022.08/425 for Hometown Video with attachments.
- Roll call vote: Yes: Weedon, Denison, Money, Downey
- Abstain: Swem for business interest.

IX.E.2.b) Resolution #2022.08/426 OPRA for Stark School

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Downey to approve Resolution #2022.08/426 for Stark School with

attachments.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX.E.3) Consider Approval of Resolution #2022.08/427 Approval of Outdoor Service Area on Municipal Property for Buchanan Craft LLC at 101-103 Days Avenue, Buchanan, Michigan.

– Motion made by Swem, supported by Money to approve Resolution 2022.08/427 approve the Outdoor Service Area on Municipal Property for Buchanan Craft LLC at 101-103 Days Ave.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

X. Unfinished Business

– None

XI. New Business

XI.A. Historic Preservation Society Request RE Old Feed Mill

– The Historic Preservation Society is requesting the sign on the Old Feed Mill prior to demolition of the structure.

– Motion made by Money, supported by Weedon to approve the requests of the Historic Preservations Society and to authorize the City Manager to oversee the transition of historical items from the Old Feed Mill Site.

– Roll call vote 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)

– None

XIV. Executive Comments

XIV.A. City Manager Comments

– Channel 17 is operational and airing video and general slide show. We will continue to produce more video content now that we have that option. We're hoping that it grows into something people will tune into watching.

Additionally, thanked Langston for her job with the election, elections are a huge undertaking, and she did a tremendous job. Our entire staff from DPW, to our bookkeeper and Britni working 15-to-20-hour days for Thrill on Hill. And to our volunteers that stepped up to help with Thrill, it can't be overstated on how wonderful this community is. And the hundred of smiling faces make it all worth it.

XIV.B. Commissioner Comments

– Weedon; Impressed with such a young staff to pull off something so grand with Thrill on the Hill. New placement, new items, new vendors, everything new. Police took it to next level and kept everyone happy. It was impressive you guys took it from a really good event to making it even better. Thank you to everyone involved.

– Swem: Thank you to the election working team and Thrill on the Hill team. Really impressed with the turn out on for the premeeting downtown reconstruction project. We got to take it in with the residents, since most of us haven't seen it. Pretty positive feedback, keep up the great work with that. Welcomed Officer Baggett. Curious about the RFP for the Demo and when we are going to start that.

– Downey: No Comment

– Money: Thanked everyone involved with Thrill on the Hill, from City Hall to Baker and his crew, Ganus and Burnett for everything they did. It was a huge success. Langston you ran a great election. Great job on National Night Out.

XIV.C. Mayor Comments

– Denison would like the change the name of Channel 17 to the Norma Ferris channel. We appreciate you Norma, thank you for bugging comcast. Langston you really did do a great job at the election, I am very proud to have you as our city clerk. Thrill on the Hill was so thought out and well laid out, it was so different then years prior, it was phenomenal. National Night Out is a great night, its so great to see the kids interacting with the police and fire. The downtown reconstruction meeting was great to see so many people involved and looking forward to many more meetings with that. Denison asked Grace about her goals, she suggested that we do it in a special meeting or can put on the next agenda.

XV. Adjourn

– Motion made by Weedon, supported by Money to Adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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Remembering – Issue 34



Buchanan Losses • 08/04-08/19

Name	Age	Born	Died
Dr. William H. "Bill" Fairman	90	October 3, 1931	August 15, 2022
David Carl Schultz	83	November 27, 1938	August 15, 2022
William Dale Musgrave	62	October 12, 1959	August 11, 2022
Charles "Larry" Lawrence Miller III	71	June 2, 1951	August 10, 2022
Robert L. "Bob" Hall, Jr.	80	September 23, 1941	August 9, 2022
Donna Joan Sawyer	86	September 17, 1935	August 7, 2022
Kenneth "Kenny" "Bubby" Harold Wells III	17	September 23, 2004	August 5, 2022
John Robert Martin McConnel Webster II	34	July 26, 1988	August 4, 2022
Zachery Richard Potts	27	October 20, 1994	August 3, 2022
Teresa Diane Earl	62	September 24, 1959	July 29, 2022
Mack Isom	57	January 24, 1965	July 20, 2022

We wish to respectfully honor the memory of anyone we lose in the Buchanan community. Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list.

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www.hovenfunerals.com
info@hovenfunerals.com
269-695-2363
[414 E Front St](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
[USA](#)

Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel
269-695-6881
[301 W Front St](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
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Community Press Release – Buchanan Scarecrow Charities “Scarecrow Invasion”





Latest Scarecrows Ready to Invade Buchanan, Photo Provided by Clare Hagen

Buchanan Scarecrow Charities “Scarecrow Invasion”

Submitted by Clare Hagen

It is almost time for our annual “Scarecrow Invasion”! The volunteers at Buchanan Scarecrow Charities have been working overtime throughout the year to produce the most creative group of scarecrows ever. This year will be a spectacular display of over 200 amazing scarecrows. The installation will start Sunday evening August 28th and continue throughout the week. Be on the lookout for new additions every day.

Each scarecrow has a pumpkin sign with the name of the local business sponsoring it. All the money raised from the event stays within the Buchanan community. Organizations are welcome to bring Buchanan Scarecrow Charities a funds request for projects or needs large or small.

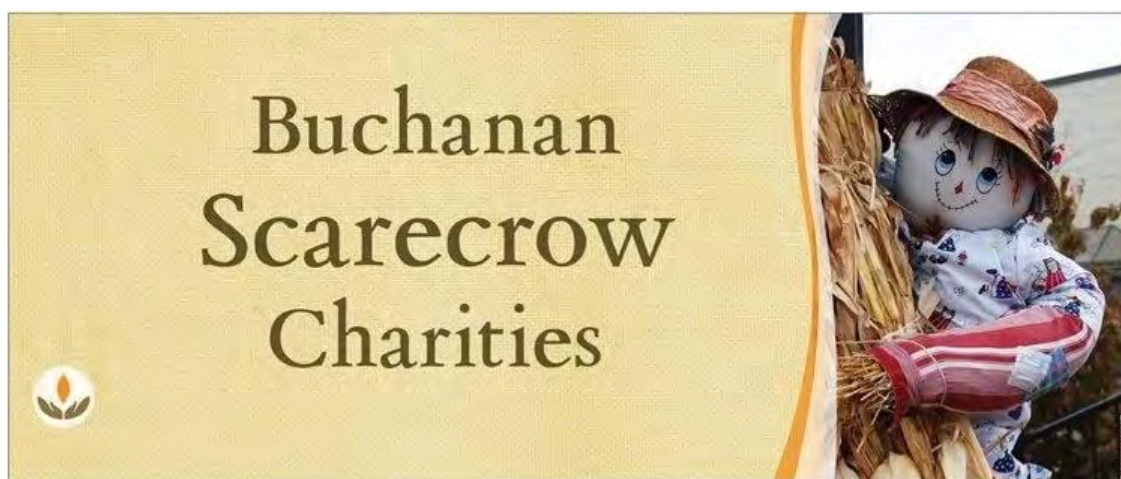
We also distribute information on our display to the surrounding areas to encourage “scarecrow tourists” and

promote Buchanan's friendly shops and restaurants.

Volunteers and donations are always needed. You can join us at the scarecrow factory at 606A Carroll St. any Tuesday from 10 to 2. There is a donation box next to the door. We especially need bib overalls. Adult sizes small or medium and child size 10-12 and down.

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About Buchanan Scarecrow Charities: All during the year, volunteers from the Buchanan, Michigan area have created scarecrows to decorate the downtown business area in the fall (Labor Day thru Halloween). In January of 2013 these volunteers formed a non-profit organization called Buchanan Scarecrow Charities. All profits remain local and benefit the Buchanan area.

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