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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor, and Jen Garry, Publisher

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Local Business – The Sweet Shop



Ribbon Cutting in Buchanan's Sweet Shop March 11 2022, Photo by Nik Sanchez

Grand Day for a Sweet Shop

by Nik Sanchez

A wonderful day for the nicest town in America, Buchanan. The Sweet Shop has been open but they finally

did the grand red ribbon cutting on March 11th. They bring new exciting menu options that could ignite the community and offer new tasty treats to try. Some of the options include: gelato of many different flavors, personal pizza freshly baked, and of course Italian coffee and other great candies and chocolates to offer the community. Some had other ideas to change the town motto to "The Sweetest Town in America." Some laughed but others pondered as it might be becoming true. Buchanan is very close to achieving Willy Wonka type status and vibes with the additions the past few years with plans to continue to grow as a town and township, The Sweet Shop offers another valued piece to The Nicest Place in America.



Pizza at Cafe Italiano, Photo by Tom Hoyt



Buchanan's Sweet Shop family with Joseph Paolucci and Thomas Hitchcock, Photo by Nik Sanchez



The Sweet Shop – Cafe Italiano

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Typical business hours are:

- Tuesday – Sunday : 11a-5p

The Clark Barker – Issue 24



Watch Your Garage Door

So, we have had quite a few days without snow and just recently some days with snow. My owner tells me that the first day of spring is tomorrow and hopefully the snow stays away until next winter and the temperatures go up. With the temperatures going up, I have been noticing more action going outside from Dad's office window and the living room window. There are more squirrels, people walking their dogs, kids and cats. Mom told me she saw a cat run out from our garage as she closed the garage door from the inside of the house! The cat got out in time and the garage door went back up before it even got half way down because it detected the movement of the cat when the door was going down. I did not know that garage doors could do that, but that is a good thing!

So, word of advice: when it's getting dark out, get your pets back home and do a check inside your garage or under your vehicle before you close the garage door. You never know what could run out of your garage when you open it or might be in some other not-so-good condition.

Woof-Woof!

Now That's Funny! – Issue 24



by Thomas Hoyt

Wow! It's hard to believe that The Buchanan Chronicle has been in publication now for a year. In all this time we have grown and evolved into what we have today. We still hope to distribute hardcopy papers in the future, but for now we remain digital.

I've been thinking about what funny thing I can write about and in the wake of the last article I wrote, I remembered a time when my first cat, Bubba, did something I never thought a cat would ever do. After I had walked into the living room of my house, I was standing next to Bubba when all of a sudden, I hear what sounds like a high-pitched flatulence! Out of the corner of my eye I notice Bubba whip around. After a moment I concluded that Bubba just flatulated, and whipped around as if to say, "Hey, what bit my butt?!" 🤢🤢🤢 Never in my life have I heard an audible flatulence from a cat!

Keep laughing folks! 😊

BCS School Spotlight – Ottawa



Ottawa Elementary School, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

March is Reading Month

Write-Up and Photos Submitted by Ottawa Principal Stacy Denison



Mayor Denison reading at Ottawa Elementary, Photos submitted by Stacy Denison

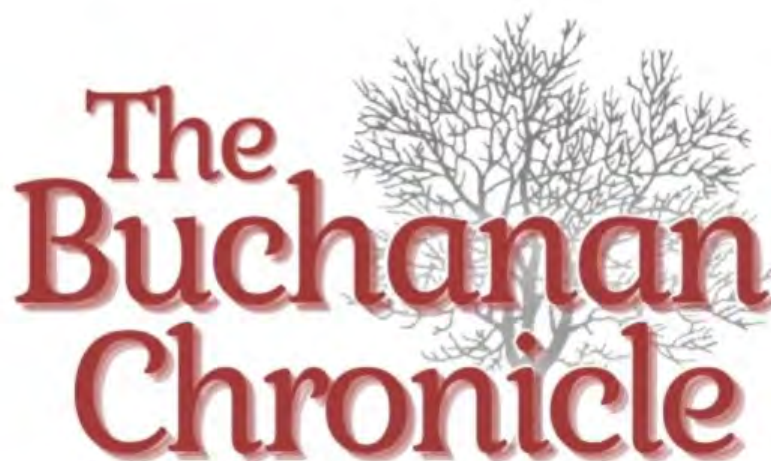
Ottawa Elementary has invited families of students to come be guest readers in classrooms during March Is Reading Month. Reading is important all year long, but this month we are promoting literacy and involving our community. Parents, grandparents, and special guest readers have come in to share their favorite books and encourage our Little Bucks to keep reading! Thank you to everyone that has participated in this wonderful opportunity! We have had over 100 guest readers!



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First Anniversary Issue – Reminiscing on Our First Year



The Buchanan Chronicle's First Year

by Jill K. McDonald

Happy 1st Birthday to The Buchanan Chronicle!! Woo hoo!!

The journey of Buchanan's digital newspaper this past year has been amazing!

Like a newborn, it has had so many stages of growth in its first year. From ideas, to fruition as a registered business, to forming a creative team, to articles published online, it has been fun to watch it grow.

It's truly been an inspiration and a blessing to be part of the Buchanan Chronicle Team. Editor Rebecka Hoyt, her husband Tom, daughter Julie, and Publisher Jen Garry have always been a joy to work with and very welcoming. They've drawn together a great team of writers through their kindness, as they make it fun to gather and collaborate on ideas for articles, as well as on ways to grow the newspaper. Thank you Team!

Highlights from the past year with the newspaper are many for sure! To begin, meetings are filled with great ideas, plus Rebecka starts them with fun ice breaker questions and wraps them up by sharing an encouraging quote. It just simply adds to the atmosphere of the meetings.

Recalling event highlights that were covered by The Chronicle, two definitely stand out. Both times the community gathered together at The Commons:

1) Olympian Hannah Roberts competing at the Olympics and the community watch party celebrating!

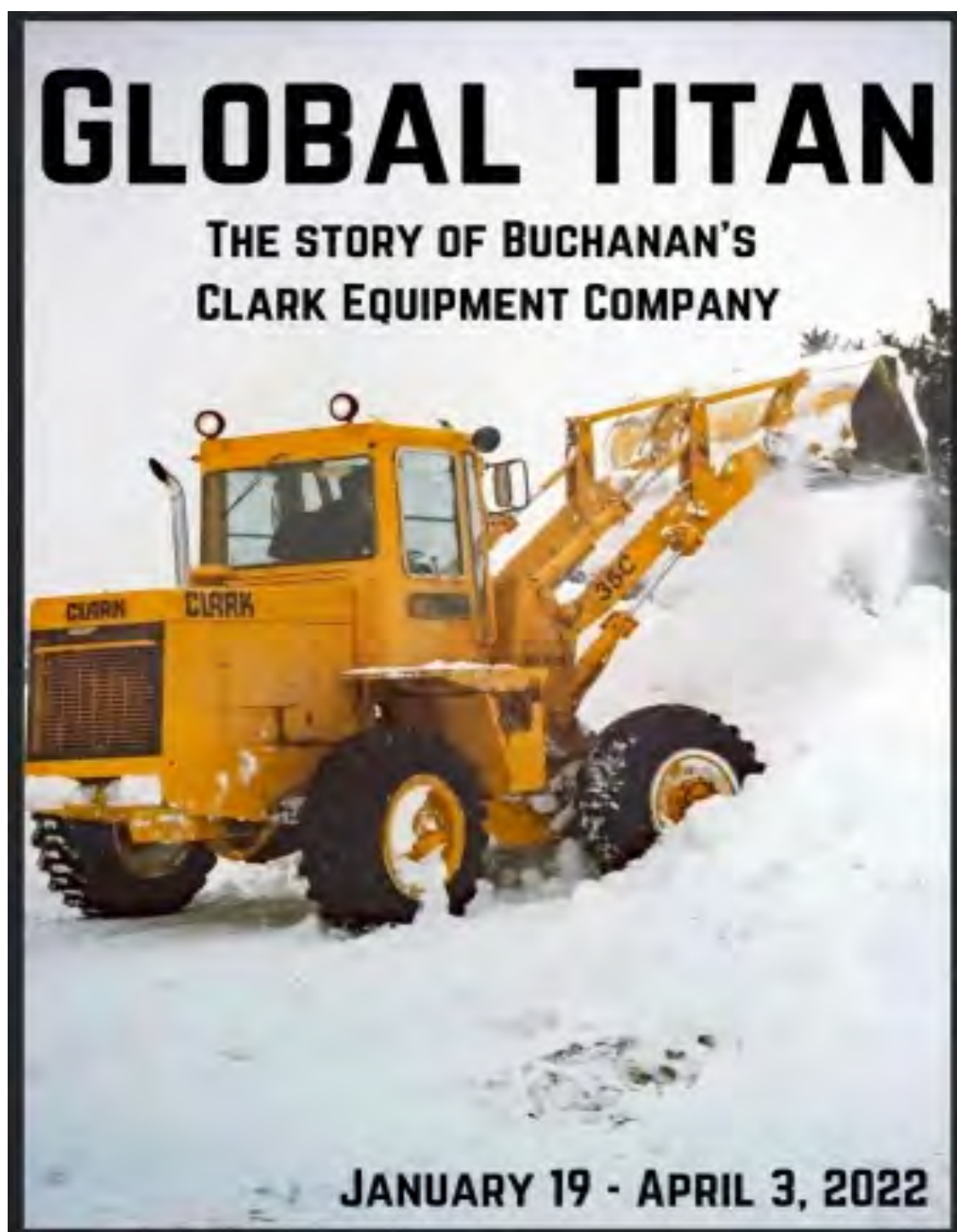
2) Andrews University students sharing their presentation with ideas for Buchanan's growth.

Last, but not least, it's been a highlight of mine to be able to share my love of nature and the outdoors through my Nature Notes column. My hope is that you, my readers, draw a greater appreciation for nature and a curiosity to further explore the great outdoors.

Thank you to you ~ our readers and sponsors ~ for enjoying and sharing our articles and posts! Thank you for believing in and supporting The Buchanan Chronicle! We greatly appreciate you all!

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Local History – Clark Exhibit at BCHA



Poster for the Clark Exhibit at BCHA

Clark Exhibit at Berrien County Historical Association January 19 – April 3 2022

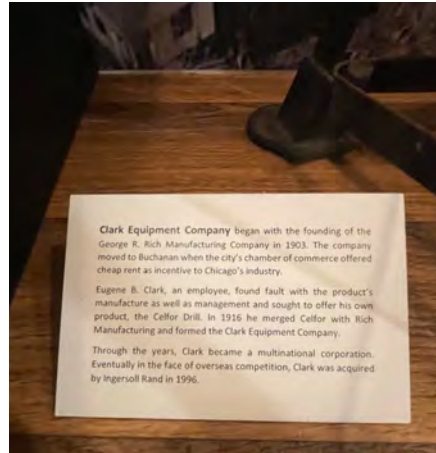
by The Buchanan Chronicle Team

Recently, Berrien County Historical Association showcased a Buchanan story in their newest temporary exhibit, Global Titan: The Story of Buchanan's Clark Equipment Company. Our team took a trip over to Berrien Springs to view this informative exhibit about Buchanan's industrial history. Go ahead and check it out (see info at

end of article) through April 3. Admission is free but they accept donations to keep running.



The Sheriff's House and Office at Courthouse Square, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



The Clark exhibit at BCHA, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt



Standing in judgement in the Courthouse are the Hoyts and Jen Garry, Photo taken by Dan Garry for Rebecka Hoyt



The
History
Center *at*
Courthouse Square

About Berrien County Historical Association: The BCHA was established in 1968 to preserve the 1839 County Courthouse and serve as the heart of Berrien County's past. Since then, the grounds have expanded to include four additional buildings and is now referred to as the History Center at Courthouse Square. Today the Square and its environs are owned by Berrien County and are under the care of the Berrien County Parks Department while the BCHA continues its mission as stewards to the history of the past.

The History Center at Courthouse Square, operated by the Berrien County Historical Association, is located in Berrien Spring, MI. The Square is home to the 1839 county courthouse, the oldest of its kind in Michigan.

[History Center at Courthouse Square Facebook Page Here](#)
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Community Press Release – BHS Building to Celebrate 100 Years



Buchanan High School

Centennial Celebration for Buchanan High School 1922-2022

Buchanan, MI – March 15, 2022

Buchanan Community Schools will be hosting a centennial celebration on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 1 p.m. recognizing the 100-year history of Buchanan High School. This public celebration will be held at Buchanan High School, located at 401 W. Chicago Street, and will feature special speakers, dedications, tours, historical displays and activities for children including a petting zoo. The celebration will also showcase the unveiling of two commemorative projects – a new electronic marquee for the high school and multiple trees planted alongside Buchanan High School on Phelps Street. Media is also encouraged to attend the event.



Buchanan High School 100 Years 1922-2022

- *Who:* Buchanan Community Schools – Buchanan High School
- *Where:* Buchanan High School, 401 W Chicago St
- *What:* **Centennial Celebration (1922-2022)**
- *When:* **Saturday, June 11, 2022 – 1pm**
- *Details:* Free public celebration, special speakers, dedications, tours, historical displays, activities for children including a petting zoo, unveiling of new electronic marquee and new trees along Phelps St.

History of Buchanan High School:

The original high school was built on a hill on Chicago Street in 1871 and could be seen from passing trains. In 1921, foundation work began for the new high schools and was completed in just a few days. On November 20, 1922, the new Buchanan High School officially opened. With 25 classrooms, a gymnasium, an auditorium, and two offices, the cost to build the school was approximately \$200,000. It became the envy of many districts across the state.

In 1922, the high school principal was Mr. Floyd L. Early and the Board of Education members were Mr. B. F. Eggert, Mr. Frank Habicht, Mr. M.L. Hanlin, Mr. William Keller, Mrs. Ida Rice, and Mr. J.A. White. Over time, student groups and the community raised funds to add special touches to the new high school. Projects included adding an intercom system with speakers to the building that were donated by the senior class of 1936, and in 1946, the community raised funds to build Memorial Field to honor those who had served in the military.

Additional renovations over the years at Buchanan High School included:

- 1953 – New gymnasium, locker rooms, and cafeteria.
- 1963 – Addition of the science and music rooms.
- 1982 – Window replacements.
- 1992-93 – Retrofit process began in October 1992 and was completed the following October. These modifications allowed for ADA compliance in addition to much-needed improvements to the 70-year-old building.
- 2004 – Addition with an auxiliary gymnasium, locker rooms, a weight room, and a renovated cafeteria area, due in part to Title IX changes.
- 2018 – Principal's office moved to the first floor with a more secure entrance.
- 2019 – Weight room renovations were completed.

Since 1922, Buchanan High School has delivered over 10,000 graduates to the Buchanan community and communities around the world. The district continues to push forward with its vision which is to, "Develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society."

The Centennial Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Celebration. For more information about the history of the district or for questions about the Centennial Celebration, please contact Superintendent Patricia Robinson at probinson@buchananschools.com.

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BCS Sports Highlight – Buchanan Floor Hockey 2022



2022 Buchanan Floor Hockey, Photo from Buchanan Floor Hockey Facebook

2022 Buchanan Floor Hockey League Champion and Runner-up Teams!

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Finals held March 4th and 5th, 2022; Results from Buchanan Floor Hockey Facebook Page.

Co-ed 1st – 2nd Grade

Champions: Buchanan Scarecrow Charities (grey t-shirt)

Runner-up: John DeVries Insurance (royal blue shirt)



Co-Ed 1st – 2nd grade champions Buchanan Scarecrow Charities



Co-ed 1st – 2nd grade runner-up: John DeVries Insurance

Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Girls 3rd – 5th Grade

Champions: Selge Construction (maroon shirt)

Runner-up: Wendorf Asphalt (green shirt)



Girls 3rd – 5th champions: Selge Construction



Girls 3rd – 5th grade runner-up: Wendorf Asphalt

Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Boys 3rd – 5th Grade

Champions: D. Mottl Realty (orange shirt)

Runner-up: Team Dawson (royal blue shirt – all standing)



Boys 3rd – 5th champions: D. Mottl Realty



Boys 3rd – 5th grade runner-up: Team Dawson

Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Girls 6th – 8th Grade

Champions: Masten Farms (Purple shirt)

Runner-up: Lean Factory America (yellow shirt)



Girls 6th – 8th champions: Masten Farms



Girls 6th – 8th runner-up: Lean Factory America

Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Boys 6th – 8th Grade

Champions: SHF Cattle (red shirt)

Runner-up: Karts Are Us (black shirt)



Boys 6th – 8th grade champions: SHF Cattle



Boys 6th – 8th grade runner-up: Karts Are Us

Photos by Rebecka Hoyt





GO BUCKS!

SPORTS



Police Points – Call Log Issue 24



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 2/21 – 3/06

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	0
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	2
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	1
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	0
Aggravated Assault	1
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	1
Family/Other	0
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	1
Intimidation/Stalking	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	0
Damage to Property	0
Liquor Violations	0
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	2
Disorderly Conduct	0
Weapons Offense	0
Public Peace / Other	7
OUIL	0
Driving Law Violations	1
Health and Safety	5
Trespass	0
Juvenile Complaints	3
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	5
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Property Checks	2
Alarms	7

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	5
Suspicious Situations	8
Lost/Found Property	6
Natural Death	0
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	13
General Assist	33
Ordinance Violations	8
Missing Person	0
VCSA	0

Total Calls 2/21 – 3/06 : 112



Police Points

Community Press Release – Office of Governor Whitmer



Investing in Michigan Communities

State of Michigan – March 18, 2022

Dear Michigander,

Michigan's economy is on the rise. Our unemployment numbers are decreasing faster than almost every other state, job growth has continued steadily increasing for nine months straight, and wages and home values are going up. This is something to celebrate.

But there is more work to do. I am committed to lowering costs for families, putting money in the pockets of Michiganders, and supporting our families and businesses. Over the last couple weeks, I've also signed several pieces of bipartisan legislation, proving that when we work together to put Michiganders first, we can achieve great things. I am so proud of the work we've done to make Michigan the best state to live, and I am excited for the work we have planned to make it even better.

Protecting Public Safety

As governor, keeping Michiganders safe is a top priority. Every family, in every community across Michigan, deserves to feel safe at home and in their town or city. Last week, I signed two bipartisan bills that center

victims and ensure groups of violent criminals are kept off the street. These bills allow the Michigan Parole Board to deny parole for violent incarcerated individuals for up to five years after a majority vote and written report. This ensures victims of horrific, violent crimes to do have to relieve traumatizing experiences each year at parole hearings.



Photo provided by Office of Gov. Whitmer, State of Michigan

I am grateful for the survivors and everyone else who worked to get this legislation passed. In my budget recommendation for next year, I proposed surging resources to local communities to help them retain and recruit more cops and first responders. I also proposed using federal funds to tackle our court backlog and increase resources available to law enforcement. I will never stop fighting to protect Michigan families.

Expanding STEM Programs in Schools

It is so important that we invest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education and careers. These careers are expected to grow at more than twice the rate of other occupations in the years ahead. This week, I invested in STEM programs in Michigan by awarding \$2.7 million to expand STEM in our schools. In my 2023 budget, I'm proposing the biggest per-student investment ever and \$1 billion for school construction and renovation projects – that means more funding to build more computer labs, classrooms, and science facilities to support our kids pursuing an education or career in STEM.

These investments are critical to ensure our schools have the funds to help each and every Michigander reach their full potential. We want to make sure every young Michigander is prepared for high-tech, high-skill careers that will serve as the backbone of Michigan's economy in the future. I will continue to invest in STEM to keep Michigan at the forefront of scientific advancement and lay the groundwork for economic prosperity for years to come.

Update: Fixing the Damn Roads

Since I took office in January 2019, Michigan has rebuilt, replaced, or repaired over 13,000 lane miles of road and over 900 bridges while supporting 82,000 jobs. This is incredible progress, but it does not mean our work is over. I will keep working hard to jump start more projects to fix the damn roads with the right mix and material so they stay fixed.



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Just this week, I announced that we are moving forward with plans to replace the outdated I-375 freeway with an urban boulevard to boost economic development and provide easier access between adjacent areas of Detroit. Decades ago, I-375 paved through two prosperous Black neighborhoods, displacing 130,000 people, hundreds of small businesses, churches, and more. While we cannot change the past, we must work harder to build a more just future with equity at the core of our infrastructure. That starts with engaging with and listening to the community and taking deliberate steps to make sure we get this done the right way.

We are also tackling infrastructure projects throughout the state. Some of our latest projects include:

- **Rebuilding eastbound and westbound I-96 between Kent Lake Road and the I-275/M-5/I-696 interchange in Oakland County**
- **Rebuilding 4.5 miles of M-59 between Elizabeth Road and I-94 in Macomb County**
- **Replacing beams and decks on 7 local bridges in Clinton, Lapeer, Jackson, Ottawa, Macomb, and St. Clair counties**

For more information or to check on projects near you, please visit michigan.gov/mdot.

Clean Water Grants

As the Great Lakes state, we know how important it is to have access to clean water. The MI Clean Water Plan invests in Michigan communities by helping local municipalities improve their drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. This week, I awarded more than \$2.8 million in grants issued under the MI Clean Water Plan to help six Michigan communities ensure residents have access to clean, safe water. This plan creates jobs, protects public health, and lowers costs for Michigan families. This week, we invested in these communities:

- **City of Southgate:** \$599,219
- **City of Lincoln Park:** \$562,637
- **City of Mount Pleasant:** \$492,231
- **Berlin Township in Monroe County:** \$489,552
- **City of Woodhaven:** \$418,544
- **City of Bad Axe:** \$260,058



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I am proud to continue investing in Michigan's water infrastructure under my MI Clean Water Plan. The grants I've awarded will help local communities across our state upgrade their water infrastructure, protect systems from toxic contaminants, and boost access to clean water for local residents. I am committed to keep investing in communities throughout Michigan. We will keep getting things done on the issues that matter most to people's lives like clean water, safe roads, great schools, and lower costs.

Don't Forget! MIHAF Offers Homeowners Assistance

On February 13th, the Michigan State Housing and Development Agency (MSHDA) launched the Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund (MIHAF). This program helps Michiganders who experienced housing-related hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I strongly encourage anyone homeowner looking for some assistance to apply for the program. The MIHAF program can provide up to \$25,000 to help with:

- Mortgage/housing expenses and escrow shortages
- Land contracts, mobile home consumer loans, park lot fees
- Property taxes
- Condominium/homeowner's association fees
- Homeowner's property insurances, hazard, flood, or mortgage insurance
- Utilities, gas, electric, water, sewer
- Internet broadband services

I am committed to making a difference in the lives of Michiganders and helping families have a safe, reliable place to live. If you or a loved one may be eligible, please apply for this assistance by either visiting [Mi.Gov/MIHAF](https://mi.gov/mihaf) or by calling 844-756-4423.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • February 28 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, February 28th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, February 28, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Approve Agenda

VI. Public Comment

Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VII.A. Consider Approving Regular Meeting Minutes for February 14th, 2022.

VII.B. Consider Approving Expenditures for February 28th, 2022, in the amount of \$300,459.18.

VII.C. Consider Accepting Staff Activity Reports.

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

VIII.A. Audit Presentation by Kruggel-Lawton.

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

IX.A. Community Development Report – Richard Murphy.

IX.A.1. Consider Local Unit of Government Approval for Off-Premises Tasting Room for Buchanan Craft LLC.

IX.A.2. Consider Local Unit of Government Approval for Social District for Buchanan Craft LLC.

IX.A.3. Consider application submitted by Sardor Vakhidov, Blackbirds LLC, and Elkhorn LLC to operate an Adult Use Marihuana Process Facility at 402-404 S. Oak St. approved by the Planning Commission on February 8, 2022.

IX.B. Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Powers will provide the Commission with a brief update.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

XI.A. Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2022.02/428- Ordinance for Land Development Policy.

XI.B. Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2022.02/429- Food Truck Ordinance.

XVII. Communications

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

XVII.A. Berrien County Trail Master Plan Information

XVII.B. Review of Initial Draft of 2021 IPMC. First Reading of Ordinance to be on Next Agenda

XIII. Public Comment

Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

XIV. Executive Comments

XIV.A. City Manager Comments

XIV.B. Commissioner Comments

XIV.C. Mayor Comments

XV. Adjourn

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MONDAY, March 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Approve Agenda

VI. Open Public Hearing

VI.A. The purpose of the Public Hearing is for the City Commission to receive public comment regarding the submittal of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant application to fund the McCoy's Creek Trail Extension Project in Buchanan.

VII. Close Public Hearing

VIII. Public Comment

Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

IX. Consent Agenda

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

IX.A. Consider Approving Expenditures for March 14, 2022, in the amount of \$231,691.03.

IX.B. Consider Approving Regular Meeting Minutes for February 28th, 2022.

IX.C. Consider Accepting Staff Activity Reports.

X. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

X.A. Prein & Newhof update on Downtown Reconstruction and Wellhouse and Treatment Facility Projects.

X.B. Mike Summers would like to propose the use of Golf Carts in the City of Buchanan.

XI. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

XI.A. Community Development Report – Richard Murphy.

XI.A.1. Consider Resolution No. 2022.03/425 of Support for Local Match for DNR MNRTF Grant for the McCoy's Creek Trail Extension.

XI.B. Chamber Executive Director / Main Street Manager, Ashley Regal.

XI.B.1. Consider Michigan Main Street Board of Directors Applications recommended by the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Tracy Dippo (BACC Board Representative; position to be filled upon a vacancy), Jennifer Garry, Randy Hendrixson, Anthony "Tony" Houser, April Jonatzke, Amanda Miller Kelley, Ulrike McCarty, Elizabeth Martin, Meg Paulette, John Shaver, Ann Tuite, Kathy Virgil, Mark Weedon.

XI.B.2. Common Rental Draft Policy.

XI.C. Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Powers will provide the Commission with a brief update.

XI.D. Board Appointments – Consider an appointment of John Shaver to The Buchanan Tree Friends, who was recommended and approved by the Buchanan Tree Friends on February 9th.

XII. Unfinished Business

XII.A. Seconded reading and consideration of Ordinance 2022.02/428 – Ordinance for Land Development Policy.

XII.B. Second reading and consideration of Ordinance 2022.02/429 – Food Truck Ordinance.

XII.C. Berrien County Trail Master Plan.

XIII. New Business

XIII.A. First reading of ordinance 2022.03/430 – IPMC Adoption Ordinance, Property Maintenance Code.

XIII.B. USDA bond work contract for legal services.

XIII.C. Closed Session – matters subject to attorney-client privilege and to discuss the potential purchase of real property.

XIII.D. Consider taking action based on Closed Session Discussions.

XIV. Communications

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

XIV.A. 2022 Oakridge Cemetery Clean Up – Remove all decorations by April 1; Maintenance clean-up: April 4 thru April 14; New Decorations: April 15th. If you have a loved one interned at the Veteran's Circle, were asking you to please read the Rules and Regulations Regarding the Veteran's Circle that is available on the City Website.

XV. Public Comment

Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

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Name	Age	Born	Died
Barbara Draper	81	March 18, 1940	March 12, 2022
Steven Van Kirk	59	February 15, 1963	March 12, 2022
Robert "Bob" L. Chase	92	March 20, 1929	March 8, 2022
Deloris Mae Brady	80	August 3, 1941	March 6, 2022
Nila Mae Lowrance	85	January 16, 1937	March 5, 2022
Chad Derik Fechner	48	January 18, 1974	March 3, 2022
Lawrence Leo Woerdehoff	83	December 27, 1938	March 3, 2022
Sharon Sue Weberling	72	December 11, 1949	February 26, 2022
Dontrell Ray Thomas	33	March 11, 1988	February 23, 2022
Erwin Roy Benjamin	91	June 8, 1930	February 16, 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.

Hoven Funeral Home <http://www.hovenfunerals.com> info@hovenfunerals.com
[269-695-2363](tel:269-695-2363)
[414 E Front St](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
[USA](#)

Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem Chapel <http://www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel>
[269-695-6881](tel:269-695-6881)
[301 W Front St](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
[USA](#)
