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Birthday Celebration at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan Submitted by Martha Bolyard of Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan Earlier in July, Marie Remington celebrated her 80th birthday! Marie is Buchanan's...

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by Thomas Hoyt Let's face it, we all at some time or another have to do this thing called flatulence, or more commonly, fart, toot, or poo! 🤢 Some of us...

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Michiana Cruisers Annual Buchanan Car Show 2022 by Jen Garry, Publisher McCoy Creek Recreation Area, near Buchanan High School, hosted Buchanan's 17th Annual Michiana Cruisers Benefit Car Show Sunday, July...

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July BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap Submitted by Pastor Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church We had a good BAMA meeting this morning (Tuesday, July 12, 2022) at St. Paul Lutheran (thank...

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Upcoming Event – Thrill On The Hill 2022



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THRILL ON THE HILL '22

500 FT WATER SLIDE
Watch downtown Buchanan transform as the hill on E. Front St becomes a giant water slide!

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Bring Your Own Tube
All tubes must be approved to slide.
No sharp edges, jewelry or boogie boards.

AUG 4-6 2022
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FRIDAY NIGHT
P.S. DUMP YOUR BOYFRIEND
8:30PM | Concert - \$10
11:00PM | Adult Only Midnight Run

TICKETS
3 Day Pass | \$12
Thursday | \$5
Friday* | \$5
Saturday | \$5
*Concert Not Included

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THRILL ON THE HILL

Thrill On The Hill 2022 flyer

Buchanan's Annual Thrill On The Hill is Back

Submitted by Britni Wall, City of Buchanan Media Relations

- What: **Thrill On The Hill 2022**

- *Who:* City of Buchanan and so many vendors and activities (see below)
- *When:* **Thursday-Saturday, August 4-6, 2022**
- *Where:* Downtown Buchanan

Since 2012, the City of Buchanan has thrown the most distinctive block party for residents, locals, and visitors alike. The hill on Front St that leads directly into Downtown Buchanan is converted into a 500ft waterslide for children, families, and your local daredevil to launch themselves down before safely gliding into the landing pool.

There's something for everyone to enjoy. Little ones play in the "beach" of sand and obstacles while Friday night is reserved for the adult-only midnight run. Join the fun with all day sliding, games, food, vendors, contests, and more! Thursday night is Neon Night featuring a concert by The 1985! Come out in your 1980's flare and ride the slide in blacklights with glow in the dark fun. We're also bringing back the band P.S. Dump your Boyfriend for a concert Friday evening starting at 8:30 pm with an adult only midnight run down the hill. The hill will stay open late, and the music will be playing as we create a beach party with a beer tent and dance floor at the bottom of the run.

"We are hoping that Buchanan and surrounding communities will come together as they have in the past to make our come back better than any of our past events," says Ashley Regal, Executive Director of the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce.

You can learn more by visiting Buchanan's Thrill on the Hill Facebook page of the City of Buchanan website.

Events will kick off on Thursday, August 4th at 4:00 pm and last until 10:00 pm on Saturday, August 6th.

Join us for our event taking place at the intersection of Redbud and Front St right in the heart of Downtown Buchanan! After two years off due to covid, 2022's lineup is bigger and better than ever!

We are so excited to be able to offer this event again to residents and visitors alike this summer.

- Tickets will be for sale at the event:
 - All Day Hill Access: \$5/Person
 - Three-Day Fun Pass (Includes Hill Access for 3 Days): \$12/Person
 - "The 1985" – Concert: \$10/Person
 - "P.S. Dump Your Boyfriend"– Concert: \$10/Person
- **Thursday 4:00pm-10pm**
 - All Day: Sliding, Music, Beach, Bubbles, Food, Drinks, Activities and More!
 - 8:30pm: "The 1985" Concert – Neon Night!!
- **Friday 12pm-1am**
 - 8:30pm: "P.S. Dump Your Boyfriend" Concert
 - 11pm: Adult-Only Ride
- **Saturday 10am-10pm**
 - Special Appearances from surprise guests!
 - Vendors including:
 - The Icehouse
 - Nelson's Port-a-Pit
 - Rapha Roast
 - Sadler Hot Dogs
 - Woodstock and Grill
 - and More!



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BCS Superintendent's Note – July 2022



Superintendent of Schools

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Disconnecting From Daily Routines

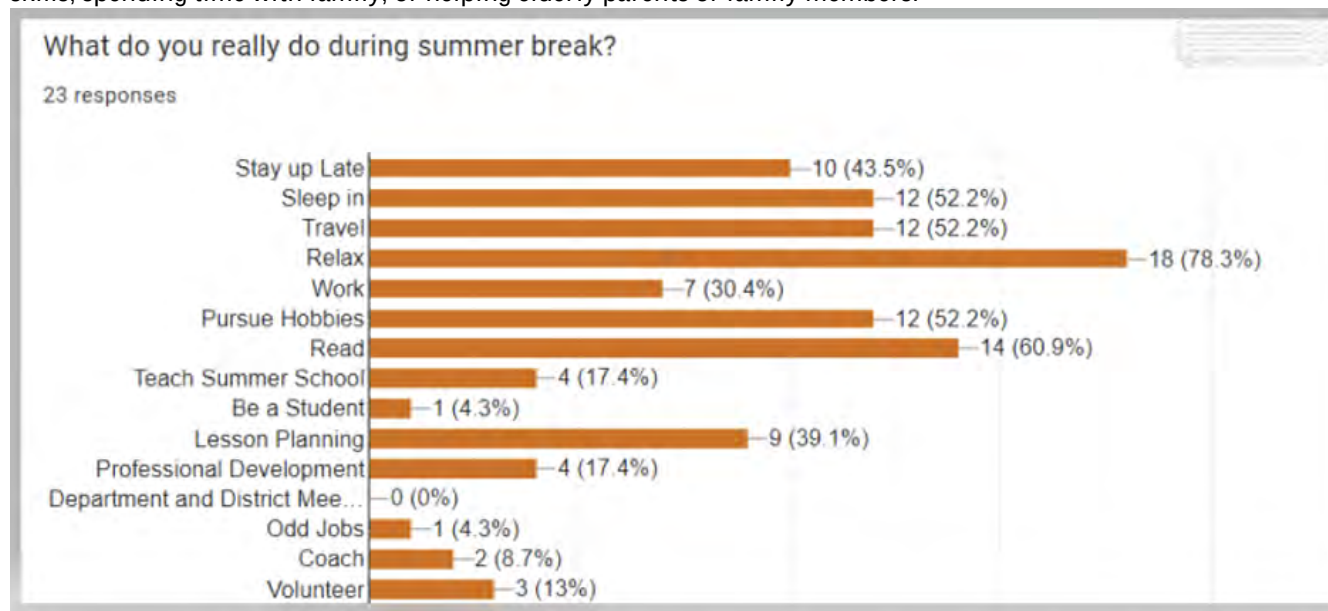
by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent

It's the middle of summer and soon teachers will begin readying their classroom spaces for the return of students, parents will begin working on purchasing school supplies, and students will once again get the anxious feeling of starting a new school year.

The past few years have shown how important it is for all of us to disconnect from our daily routines so we can recover, re-energize, and ready ourselves for what lies ahead. In a recent article shared on [CNBC.com](https://www.cnbc.com), a survey showed that 54% of those who responded could not disconnect from their work and 73% of the teachers who responded were more likely unable to disconnect from work. There are many benefits of disconnecting including better work-life balance, improved clarity, and efficiency. An [American Psychological Association article](#) found that teachers experienced less burnout and more engagement after disconnecting.

Scrolling through social media platforms, I have seen pictures of our students and their families disconnecting while on vacations, participating in summer sports, and attending activities at the library, or around and about the community.

I checked in with our teachers to see how they have been disconnecting and I found our teachers are finding various ways to rejuvenate and recover based on the survey results shown below. Others are completing house projects, working at a migrant camp, enjoying nature, spending time with their children and teaching them life skills, spending time with family, or helping elderly parents or family members.



Graph provided by Patricia Robinson

Some staff gave details of their activities:

"I love going to my parents' cabin and looking for beach glass and Petoskey stones. Sleeping in is one of my favorite things to do. I also teach Vacation Bible School at my church for one week during the summer and my mom and I have an overnight lock-in with our mid-week and confirmation students from our church. We do lots of things such as tie-dye, games, water games, chalk the sidewalk in the middle of the night, and watch the sun come up."

"This summer I am doing a research program for teachers at the Kellogg Biological Station, which is a branch

of Michigan State University. I am working with a lab that is conducting a Long Term Ecological Research on Cropland. I am conducting my own research, writing curricula, and helping other researchers with their research. This has been a valuable experience because I have met so many new people with a wide range of backgrounds. It will help me when I go back to the classroom in the fall. I will be using my own research in my chemistry classes this year. I also have connections with 40 up-and-coming ecologists and soil scientists, which will help provide my students with real-world applications of chemistry."

"We enjoy the great outdoors as much as possible! Walking, parks, kayaking, and swimming – the more the better."

"Usually, I dogsit for some friends in the summer but they gave me a break this year ... I miss the dogs. 😊 Mostly I relax with Charlie and recharge for the next year."

"In the last ten years that I've taught, I've always worked extra jobs. I've been a waitress, worked at a golf course, taught summer school, and worked for a local florist. This is the first summer I've not held a second (or third) job. It's been wonderful to unwind! However, I find that no matter how much I try to rest, my summers always fill up so quickly. I took on coaching my niece's softball team and it's been great, but also extremely time-consuming. My husband and I have completed several projects around our home and I always use summer to catch up on things I put off throughout the school year. (Like Powerwashing the siding, repainting our deck, purging old clothes in our closet, etc.) We've gone on two vacations; Myrtle Beach with my in-laws and Gatlinburg with my family. Additionally, I've spent time looking up new and fresh ideas for my curriculum as well as searching for new books for my classroom library. Finally, I've spent some time assisting my grandparents with tasks and needs around their home. We mow their grass, organize, clean, and help with whatever needs they have. (They are 91 and 87.)"

"This summer we have been busy completing our school bus RV conversion. Just a few more things to finish and then we will be painting it and believe me painting something as big as a school bus is no easy task! After that, we will be traveling and camping in our RV bus to Indiana Beach and a few other places not too far away this year due to the high price of fuel."

Hooray for our students, families, teachers, and staff who are finding ways to disconnect, recharge, and be ready for an exciting school year.

Go Bucks and enjoy the remainder of your break!

Educationally yours,



Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools



BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021,
Photo from BCS

Local Business – Ribbon Cutting at GP Manufacturing, Inc.



L-R: Paul Brohman, Chris Holt, Erika Schmid, Amanda Funk, Matt Christy, and Patrick Swem; GP Manufacturing Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – GP Manufacturing, Inc.

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Thursday, July 14, 2022 was a bright and sunny day for the woman-owned business, GP Manufacturing, Inc., ribbon cutting ceremony put on by the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce. President of GP Manufacturing, Inc. Erika Schmid, has been the owner for the last 3 & ½ years. They have been named to the 2022 list of Michigan's 50 small businesses to watch by Michigan Celebrates Small Business, the most prestigious small business awards program in the state. GP was chosen for the honor from more than 900 nominees.



GP Manufacturing Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

GP Manufacturing, Inc. is a Buchanan, MI business located at 16689 Bakertown Road. They consist of mid – high production prototypes, wear components, manufacturing repair and overstock (MRO), commodity management and spline shafts. Erika Schmid, President stated, “We have grown 30% and have already beat last year by 26% already, and business is good. We are the source for customers who search for a partner anchored on LEAN principles and the delivery of continuous improvement in value. From industries as diverse as aerospace to R/V, and everything in between, we have built a solid reputation as a partner that dependably supplies complex quality parts, on time, every time.” A tour was offered afterwards with some refreshments.

State and local dignitaries came and celebrated with GP: State Senator Kim LaSata, Buchanan City Commissioner Patrick Swem, Buchanan City Development Director Rich Murphy, members of the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, and Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce.



About GP Manufacturing, Inc.: Our Mission is providing our customers with the best quality, delivery, and overall value possible.

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Past Event – The Resurrection Blues Band Review



Thursday Night Summer Concert Series – The Resurrection Blues Band

Review by Thomas Hoyt

I had the pleasure of listening to The Resurrection Blues Band at the Concert in the Common. This band is from Stevensville, MI, and is only a 3-person band. There is a drummer, a bass player, and the lead guitar and vocalist. The music they played was a mix of covers along with some original compositions.

While I'm not a passionate follower of blues bands and their music, I do enjoy listening to blues music. It can really get your head bopping and toes tapping. In fact, at this concert there were a few couples who would get up and dance to some of the songs played. That's one of the really nice things about these Concert in the Common performances. It's a very relaxed atmosphere and people can come and go as they please. I myself came with a pizza from Milano's and enjoyed the music while eating my dinner. While I cannot remember all the song titles that were played, I would certainly encourage you all to go listen to this band. I have to remember the next time I go listen to a band at a Concert in the Common, I need to take notes to remember the song titles. I did find this on YouTube, which shows the band playing and gives you the song titles: https://youtu.be/_CqsgKiMpt0



About Buchanan Common: The Common is Buchanan's very own outdoor amphitheatre. Sitting in the heart of historic Buchanan, it sets us apart from other local communities as something unique and special. All summer long the Common plays host to many events: from our Saturday Morning Farmers' Market to Stop, Lunch, & Listen to our classic Thursday Night Town Concerts to our Last Saturdays on the Common Concert Series. In the future we look forward to expanding our offerings to live theater and outdoor movies. The best part of the Common, all of the events held here are FREE to the public and just another way we remind residents and show visitors how great Buchanan truly is. Hopefully you can grab a blanket, bring a picnic and enjoy some live entertainment in the warm summer air.

Buchanan Common

www.buchanancommon.wordpress.com

Midblock Park Space

Bordered by S Oak St, Roe St, and Days Ave

Behind Buchanan District Library

Buchanan, MI 49107

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Upcoming Event – Scentsy Bingo at Stella Mae's Meeting House



Scentsy Bingo at Stella Mae's Meeting House flyer

Scentsy Bingo at Stella Mae's Meeting House Sunday, July 31, 2022

- **What:** Scentsy Bingo Night
- **Who:** Paige Faulkner and Autumn Michelin
- **When:** **Sunday, July 31, 2022 6pm-11pm**
- **Where:** Stella Mae's Meeting House
 - 111 Main St, Buchanan MI, 49107

- *Details:*

- This event is completely FREE! We will have refreshments, giveaways and more!
- You can call/text Paige with any questions: 920-505-0767
- <https://shopgigi.scentsy.us/.../scentsy-bingo-night-730>



Scentsy Bingo, Photo provided by Paige Faulkner

- *About Scentsy:*

- Scentsy's mission is to bring value to the world by providing an industry-leading, family-friendly business opportunity selling creative, artistic, high-quality products that Warm the Heart, Enliven the Senses, and Inspire the Soul.
- Scentsy is sold through independent Consultants who invite hosts to gather friends together to share Scentsy in their homes, a coffee shop, a Facebook event or even a quick-and-easy basket party.
- We are proud members of the Direct Selling Association (DSA) and our executives serve on several DSA committees. We passionately advocate for direct selling as a path to business.



Scentsy Display, Photo provided by Paige Faulkner



About Stella Mae's Meeting House: Stella Mae's is located in the heart of Buchanan MI and offers a rustic event space for up to 60 people to host your most special moments. Creativity begins with you and having the freedom to design and add your special touches to your event.

Stella Mae's Meeting House Facebook Page
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Local Arts – Elkhart ArtWalk Goes “Around the World”



Elkhart ArtWalk 2022 flyer

Elkhart ArtWalk Goes “Around the World”

Elkhart, IN – Submitted by Stephanie Krol

Global theme for event happenings throughout Downtown Elkhart on July 28th.

ArtWalk, a free, self-guided, public event in Downtown Elkhart, with this month's theme of “Around the World” will be held Thursday, July 28th from 5-8 p.m. In July, Premier Arts is hosting a multicultural celebration highlighting our vibrant and colorful community at this month's ArtWalk! Come to Downtown Elkhart to enjoy art, food, and music from across the globe.

Civic Plaza will host a Well Crafted market that will include artisans and performers. The Elkhart Education Foundation sponsors the children's activity table along with The Art Depot's free monthly craft. In addition, there will be informative booths from our nonprofit partners including event sponsor Radio Horizonte 104.23 FM that will broadcast from Civic Plaza, Teach Elkhart County, Minority Health Coalition, the Elkhart Health Department, City of Elkhart Parks & Recreation, and Premier Arts.

Every month, families are encouraged to submit their children's artwork at the Elkhart Public Library Downtown from 3-5 p.m. prior to ArtWalk. The artwork will be matted and displayed for all to enjoy!

The Lerner on The Lawn series, presented by Friends of The Lerner and the Rex & Alice A. Martin Foundation partners with ArtWalk in Downtown Elkhart for a live outdoor music concert series. The FREE concerts will be held on The Central Park Green starting at 6 p.m. in conjunction with Elkhart ArtWalk. No tickets are required. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy the evening under the stars. In addition, Vanilla Bean Creamery, Five Star Bar, and Dutch Kernel will be at the event along with specialty food trucks.

This month's Lerner on the Lawn performance is Lalo Cura. A Latin-Soul Fusion band, Lalo Cura has developed a unique sound that stems from its powerful rhythm section, Santana-inspired guitar solos, culturally progressive lyrics, and synchronized guitar and horn lines. Although Lalo Cura sings primarily in Spanish, the language has not been a barrier for the band to connect with its diverse audience. From love to social issues, Lalo Cura describes experiences lived by many in the US, Latin America, and throughout the world.

Lalo Cura has shared the stage with various national acts, including Los Lonely Boys, The Main Squeeze, and Kansas Bible Company. In 2015, Lalo Cura was featured on Alt. Latino, an NPR program for Latin alternative & rock music. Chosen among thousands of songs submitted to the contest, Lalo Cura was one of the program's favorite Latin music submissions to NPR's Tiny Desk Concert Contest.

The Tutu School is providing dancers from their company, the Aurinko Ballet. They will be performing dances from around the world. Dances are inspired by Spain, Turkey, India, Africa, China, and more! They are performing international ballet numbers between five and six on the plaza.

"July ArtWalk will have something for everyone: dance, music, and visual artists sharing their work all with an international flair!" said Ashley Molyneaux, Premier Arts.

Downtown Elkhart merchants and restaurants will have ArtWalk specials that include:

- Stash Boutique – 118 S. Main St: 5% off your purchase and wet your whistle with some vino.
- The Awakening Realm – 130 S. Main: Enter a raffle to win a free 2-piece canvas painting as well as a free month's membership, a free private yoga session, and a free reiki session! Stop by for a tarot card reading and other holistic vendors!
- Servant's Heart Community Church – 204 S. Main St: Kids' craft and the SHCC house band will play. Fundraising items will be for sale.
- The Twisted String – 203 S. Main St: Bob Lichty will be playing guitar and singing, and Kimberley Hawk Lichty will be bringing some of her art.
- Juxtapose – 208 S. Main Street: Featuring the artist Jacqueline Martinez – Photography
- The Vine – 214 S. Main St: Two Vines Wines (Cabernet, Merlot, Chardonnay, Reisling) \$5/glass, \$14/bottle
- DAI Pyramid Show – 224 S. Main St. (Upper Floor): Exhibiting music & variety entertainment from the performers of the DAI Network
- Midwest Museum of American Art – 429 S. Main St: Open for FREE to the public.
- The Corner Bar – Hotel Elkhart – 502 S. Main St: We will be giving away \$5 bounce-back vouchers to every guest who dines at The Corner Bar during ArtWalk hours! We'll also be featuring drink specials inspired by famous paintings!
- Relish Cafe – Hotel Elkhart – 504 S. Main St: We'll be giving away \$5 bounce-back vouchers to every guest who dines at Relish Café during ArtWalk hours! We're also hosting Family Board Game Night!
- Redefine Aesthetics – 122 W. Lexington Ave: Mari Macrame will pop in as our artist and Redefine Aesthetics has 10% off Jewelry.
- Elkhart Public Library – 300 S. 2nd St: Check out the vast array of art created by local students of all ages!

ArtWalk would not be possible without our sponsors including the City of Elkhart, Premier Arts, Community Foundation of Elkhart County, Elkhart Education Foundation, The Lerner Theatre, Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Radio Horizonte 104.23 FM.

For more information on ArtWalk or to get involved, please visit www.elkhartartwalk.com or on social media www.facebook.com/elkhartartwalk or www.instagram.com/elkhartartwalk.

About [Elkhart ArtWalk](http://ElkhartArtWalk.com): Elkhart ArtWalk is a celebration of all-things art. The last Thursday of each month, April to October from 5 to 8 p.m., local artists and vendors are stationed at the Civic Plaza. For more information, please visit ElkhartArtWalk.com.

This event is powered by Premier Arts, a non-profit organization invested in bringing arts to downtown Elkhart. Premier Arts inspires the imagination and develops the creative spirit of our community. Its focus is on youth, family and lifelong learning. Premier Arts, the resident theatre of The Lerner Theatre, is composed of professional staff guided by engaged community leaders serving as the board of Directors. For more information, please visit PremierArts.org.

Past Event – Birthday Celebration at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan



A happy and grateful Marie Remington at the Art Center's special celebration of her 80th birthday. Photo submitted by Martha Bolyard.

Birthday Celebration at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Submitted by Martha Bolyard of Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Earlier in July, Marie Remington celebrated her 80th birthday! Marie is Buchanan's well known art and pottery teacher for her years of leadership and service at both Buchanan High School and, in retirement, at the Buchanan Art Center—newly renamed the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan.

Marie was honored by local friends, artists and family with a punch and cookies celebration at the Center on July 7. She was delighted and grateful to learn that a secret campaign had taken place, raising several thousand dollars for the Center's pottery studio upkeep. Marie was especially surprised when fellow Art Center pottery instructor, Cathy Tapia, announced that the pottery studio had been renamed and will now be known as the "Marie Remington Pottery Studio."

Marie is another special Buchanan native and retiree whose grit, determination, and love of pottery continues to help provide amazing creative arts opportunities and services in the "Nicest Place in America."





About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The mission of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan is to provide a place in our community dedicated to nurturing the arts by providing a quality educational program for all ages, as well as gallery exhibits, sales opportunities, and a gift shop that are supportive of class offerings and local artists, thereby enabling the Center to creatively enlist the power of the arts in promoting positive social change.

www.buchananartcenter.com

• Hours:

- Wed-Sun ~ Noon-6
- Mon-Tue ~ Closed (Classes Only)

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Community Press Release – DAR Chapter Offers 5k In and Out Run/Walk



DAR Chapter Offers 5k In and Out Run/Walk

Three Oaks, MI – July 16, 2022

Rebecca Dewey Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, is partnering with the Miss

River Valley of Three Oaks Committee to bring together a 5k Run/Walk. The "Rosie The Riveter": Yes, We Can!

The Race will start and end at the Spring Creek School in Three Oaks Township at the corner of Three Oaks Road and Donner Road on Saturday, October 1st at 9:00am. Fifty-percent of the proceeds from the race will support the chapter's efforts to provide Evergreen Wreaths at Forest Lawn Cemetery for the Wreaths Across America event in December, community classroom supplies, and Good Citizen's scholarship. The other half will be given to the Miss River Valley/Three Oaks Committee to assist in providing scholarships as well as leadership and confidence boosting programs for community youth.

The sign up for the race can be found at www.runsignup.com. Contact the Rebecca Dewey Chapter at rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com



About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter: The Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR, Three Oaks, Michigan, was organized July 9, 1909, with a membership of seventeen. It was chartered December 21, 1909, with fourteen members. Since Three Oaks had secured the Dewey Cannon at the close of the Spanish-American War, it was decided to name the Chapter after Admiral Dewey's great grandmother. Rebecca Dewey Chapter NSDAR currently has 30 Members.

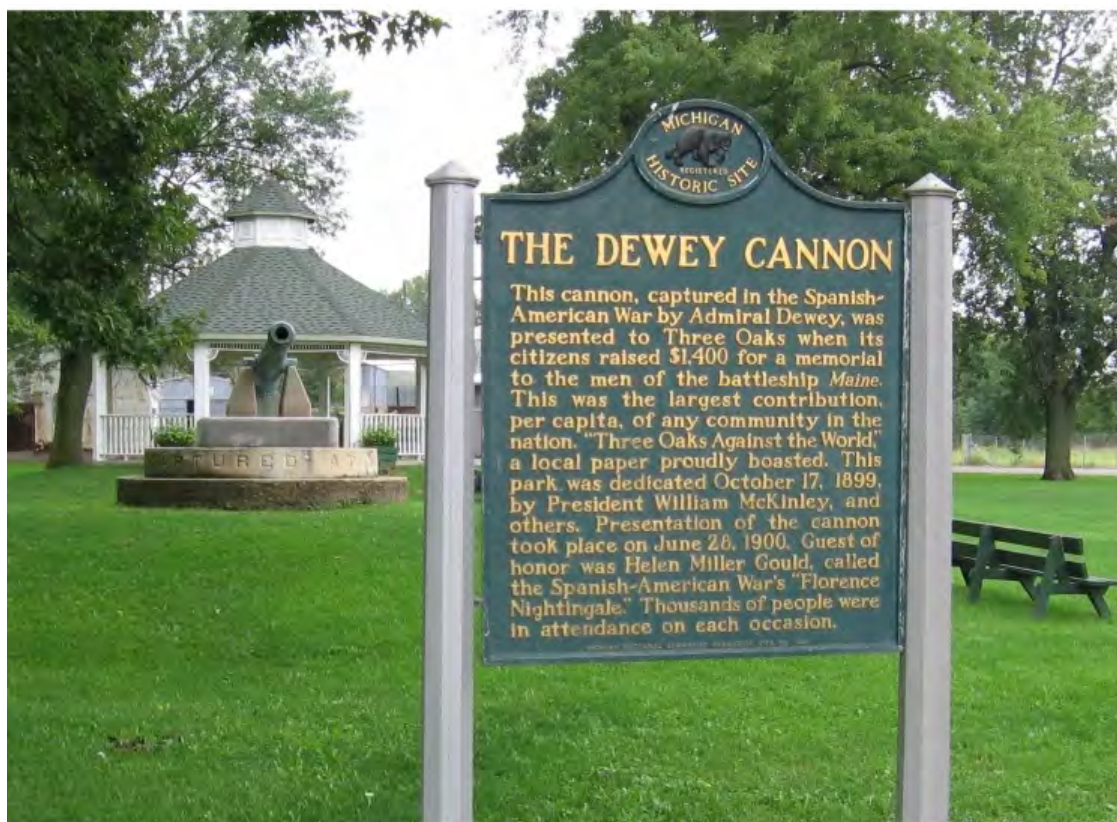
Contact: Kathleen Avery Alton, Chapter Regent

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[Three Oaks, MI 49128](#)



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

Now That's Funny! – Issue 32





by Thomas Hoyt

Let's face it, we all at some time or another have to do this thing called flatulence, or more commonly, fart, toot, or poo! 🤢 Some of us do it very quietly, and some aren't very quiet about it at all. And when it does happen, the response is either a giggle or laugh, or "that's disgusting!" 🤢 Either way, it's all part of being human.

The other day I had an experience that left me rolling on the floor laughing. 🤢🤢 I went to bend over to pick something up off the floor. I was behind someone else. Just as I was bending over, this other person announced that a "toot" was imminent. Before I know it, I hear it come out...toot toot toot! 🤢🤢🤢 I was right in the line of fire too! I hear much laughter come out of this other person as if to say, "Gotcha!" Oh well, when you gotta...you gotta.

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Past Event – Michiana Cruisers Annual Buchanan Car Show 2022



Cars on display at the 17th Annual Michiana Cruisers Car Show, Panorama by Jen Garry.

Michiana Cruisers Annual Buchanan Car Show 2022

by Jen Garry, Publisher

McCoy Creek Recreation Area, near Buchanan High School, hosted Buchanan's 17th Annual Michiana Cruisers Benefit Car Show Sunday, July 17, 2022. The weather actually managed to hold off throughout the 9am-2pm car, truck, and motorcycle show, allowing many in the community to show their car and/or to see in person all the amazing vehicles showcased.

R/Vets served breakfast (8:30 to 10:30) and lunch (11 to 1:30). Lunch featured their famous Steamed Sweet Corn!

Food was all for a donation. All proceeds go to help our Veterans at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center, so thank you for your generosity!!



Cars on display at the 17th Annual Michiana Cruisers Car Show, Photos by Jen Garry.

Please visit our FB page, [Mil/Vetssupportpage](#).

#R/Vets

#battlecreekvamedicalcenter

#michianacruisers
#americanlegion
#americanlegionriders



About R/VETS: Our goal is to respect and serve all of our Nation's Veterans and Troops by honoring them with support and camaraderie. Share important news that may help local Veterans and Military personnel.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ourvets

[Buchanan, MI 49107USA](#)

Community Press Release – Walton Road Bridge Closure Resumes

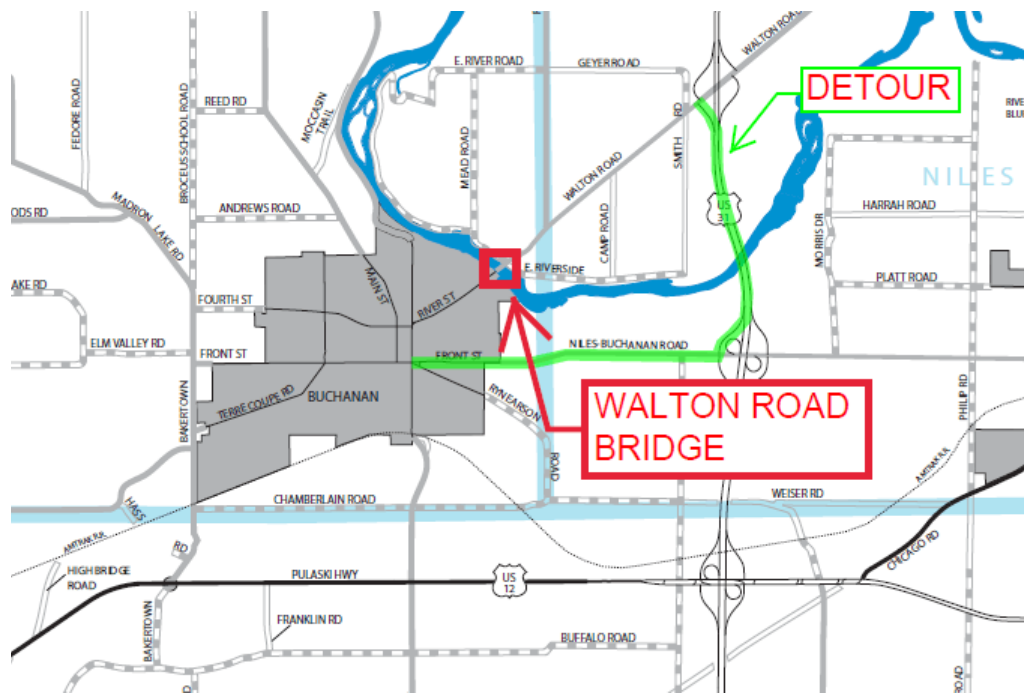


BCRD Graphic – Road Closure Information

BCRD : Walton Road Bridge Closure Resumes

Berrien County, MI – July 20, 2022

- **TOWNSHIP:** Buchanan Township
- **LOCATION:** Walton Road Bridge over the St Joseph River
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Buchanan, Niles
- **BRIDGE CLOSURE RESUMES:** Wednesday, July 27, 2022
 - (schedule is weather and contractor dependent)*
- **PROJECT END DATE:** Mid-September 2022
- **PROJECT:** Walton Road Bridge 2022 rehabilitation project will continue with bridge deck maintenance. The bridge rehabilitation related activities will provide continued life and use of the Walton Road Bridge over the St Joseph River. For the safety of crews and the traveling public, the bridge will be closed for construction. The public is requested to seek alternative routes or utilize the official detour route during road closure/construction.
- **Traffic Restrictions:** Walton Road Bridge will resume being closed to all thru traffic over the St Joseph River on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Work is anticipated to be completed by the mid-September 2022 (weather and work dependent).
- **Detour Route During Closure:** *Walton Road to US-31 to Niles-Buchanan Road.*
 - Please seek alternative routes or utilize the signed detour route until the bridge has been reopened to traffic.
- **CONTACT:** Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
 - aboone@bcroad.org – 269-925-1196 ext. 4410



BCRD Image – Walton Road Bridge Closure Resumes

[Link to BCRD Alert HERE](#)



About Berrien County Road Department: Our mission since 1882 is to maintain a county road system that is safe and convenient for public travel. This mission is carried out by a skilled, hard working staff.

Berrien County Road Department

bcroad.org

269-925-1196

2860 E. Napier Ave.

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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A Note from the Editor – Issue 32



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

We are halfway through the summer and I hope that all of you have enjoyed it while staying hydrated with that good-quality-H2O! Remember that the library, our senior center, grocery stores and movie theaters are all good places to go to when you may not have a/c. Of course if you know someone that has a pool that helps or even a day at the beach is fun (just obey the flags and signs that are posted).

I would like to remind you that our Buchanan Chronicle team is having a bake sale TODAY, from 8am – 1pm down at the Buchanan Farmers' Market. We have some really good chocolate chip cookies without nuts and perhaps some other sweets. You will also have the chance to purchase merch like our coffee mugs to dunk your cookies in, scarfs, stickers, and order some shirts/sweatshirts, etc.... So, stop by, make a donation for future printed issues of The Buchanan Chronicle, buy some cookies/merch, and chat with us. We would like to hear about what you think our readers would like to read.

Thank you to those who came to our yard sale. We raised \$83.25 for our future printed issues! A new school year is coming up and we would like to have others volunteer while they are watching a game here at Buchanan High/Middle Schools. If you would like to be a part of a fun team and gather some scores/photos (can be from your phone, no fancy camera needed) of Buchanan home or away games in the fall, send us an email to: buchananchronicle@att.net for more information.

Enjoy the issue and we will see you at the Farmers' Market today!

Happy Reading,

Rebecka Hoyt



Local Faith – LifePlan Hope Awards



LifePlan Hope Awards 2022

Submitted by Ashley Blematl, LifePlan Communications Manager

LifePlan is nominated as one of the Final Four organizations for the 2022 Hope Awards with World News Group Magazine! We are ecstatic!! But the excitement doesn't stop here! We have an opportunity to be the overall winner of the Hope Award this year and YOU can help! If you click on the link below and select Vote Now, you can cast your vote for LifePlan!!

👉👉👉 VOTE HERE: <https://wng.org/2022-hope-awards>

This is a HUGE opportunity we have been blessed with! We ask that you share this with your friends, your family, your church, and anyone you know! Check out our article below and see why we deserve your vote! A huge thank you to wng.org for the beautifully written article! [World News Group Article HERE](#)

About the 2022 Hope Awards “For Effective Compassion” from World News Group:

2022 HOPE AWARDS FOR EFFECTIVE COMPASSION

Every year, WORLD seeks ministries that offer challenging, personal, spiritual help—not groups that hand people money or a meal but do nothing to change counterproductive or even dangerous habits. We look for groups that are unashamed of the gospel and its life-changing power and make it the heart of their work.

This year, WORLD’s Addie Offereins traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., to report on a ministry that uses discipleship to help men coming out of rehab or prison find employment and housing; to Niles, Mich., to report on a pregnancy care center that focuses on holistic Biblical sexuality in addition to providing services to women; to Huntsville, Ala., to report on a Christian recovery program that holds men battling addiction accountable in a structured environment; and to Post Falls, Idaho, to report on a Christian recovery program that creates a gospel-centered family to provide loving accountability.

Click the links below to read about these groups and the good work they’re doing. Then [vote for the finalist](#) you think deserves this year’s grand prize. Voting ends on Aug. 12, and the winner will receive \$10,000.

Bad news isn’t hard to find nowadays, but God is always building His kingdom. Scroll down to see some of what He’s doing through these four compassionate groups.



About LifePlan: Caring, confidential support to people facing pregnancy and family related issues is the focus of LifePlan of Niles, Michigan. All our services are offered without any discrimination, and often extend to the family or significant others related to the woman. Many of our clients come for a confidential pregnancy test, but also receive maternity and baby clothing or other supplies. We strive to graciously provide an opportunity for each client to hear the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is our ongoing support from our partners, sponsors and volunteers that allows LifePlan to continue serving those in need in our community.

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Local Faith – BAMA Meeting July 2022



July BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap

Submitted by Pastor Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church

We had a good BAMA meeting this morning (Tuesday, July 12, 2022) at St. Paul Lutheran (thank you Dan for your hospitality and Dan's wife for the coffee cake).

Those present were: Lyndon Azcuna, Rachel Ernsperger, Kevin Haislip, Dave Mitchell, Jann Mitchell, Dan Barz, Alice Kring, David Habicht, Patty Mitchell, Father Leo, Nate Babcock, Tim Douglas, Bill Walters, and Rebecka Hoyt.

Updates are below:



Faith and **Family Day**

Sunday, August 28th, 2022

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

Buchanan Common

Free snacks & water provided by the Salvation Army

Christian Concerts

****Backpack Giveaway 4-6 p.m.**

Free Eye Screening

Bounce Houses & Free Snow Cones

**Pre-registration for
backpacks required.**

**Backpack
Registration and
General Information
about event call
695-6621**



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Faith and Family Day 2022 flyer

Upcoming Events:

- **What:** Faith & Family Day
- **When:** Sunday, August 28, 4-6pm
- **Where:** Buchanan Common
- **What:** Patriot Day Service
- **When:** Sunday, September 11
- **Where:** Buchanan Common

- *Details:*
 - This will be Dave Mitchell's last year for organizing this event.
 - Dave Spurlock will be taking over for next year.
- *What:* **Faith & Blue Weekend**
- *When:* Friday-Sunday, October 7-9
- *What:* **Community Christmas Concert**
- *Details:* Dan Barz is taking the lead in organizing this event for this year.
- *Prayer needs:*
 - The Salvation Army is dealing with a significant financial shortfall.
 - Life Plan is looking for a new administrative building and also for a location for their South Bend branch.
- Welcome Bill Walters as the new pastor at Buchanan First United Methodist!
- *Next meeting:*
 - *When:* Tuesday, August 2nd, 9:00 am
 - *Where:* Buchanan Christian Church

*If your church or club would like to highlight your meetings/events, please email us at:
buchananchronicle@att.net

The Clark Barker – Issue 32



What is Going on?

My humans got wind that the nice wooden swing people who frequent McCoy Creek Trail use, was damaged, nearby the Fireman's Park. A police report was filed. What happened to people respecting things when they are out and about? I hear my humans say to their child, "Treat others and things the way you would want to be treated. It's the Golden Rule." A few issues ago, I had barked about how other things on the trail had been damaged as well.

So, it takes all of you humans to stand up, come together so things like this do not happen. There is no identification of who is doing this. So, please reiterate to your children, neighbors, friends and family about keeping our nice trail nice. Imagine if you were to be on a part of it and saw damage to something that was shocking. I don't think that you would like that and if you had a friend/relative with you from out of town, I bet you would feel embarrassed. Remember that if you see something, say something (to the police).

Woof-Woof!

Remembering – Issue 32

Remembering

Buchanan Losses • 07/07-07/19

Name	Age	Born	Died
Barbara Ellen Johnson	89	January 30, 1933	July 19, 2022
Roger Darwin Lawson	73	February 10, 1949	July 18, 2022
Martha J. (Huff) Vaughn	87	April 8, 1935	July 14, 2022
Darlean R. Kimble	56	October 16, 1965	July 14, 2022
Steven Lee Waldo	65	February 24, 1957	July 14, 2022
Donald Eugene Cornwell	92	April 5, 1930	July 14, 2022
Helen Josephine Muff	87	March 4, 1935	July 13, 2022
Frances M. Quint	100	August 24, 1921	July 12, 2022
Terry L. Walsh	68	March 21, 1954	July 11, 2022
George Klingspon	91	August 31, 1930	July 9, 2022
Murray A. Miller	89	December 10, 1932	July 8, 2022
Gregg J. Miller	75	May 1, 1947	July 7, 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
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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City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • July 11 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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

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

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

The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, July 11th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, July 11, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

– Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. Recognition

– None.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

– Mayor Pro Tem Weedon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

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

– Absent: Mayor Sean Denison

– City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; City Treasurer, Deborah Perez; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Chamber Executive Director/Main Street Manager, Ashley Regal; Chief of Police Harvey Burnett

V. Approve Agenda

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money to approve the agenda as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VI. Public Comment

Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

– None.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VII.A. Consider the re-appointment of Molly Thornton to the Board of Trustees for the Buchanan District Library.

VII.B. Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2022.

VII.C. Consider approving the expenditures for July 11, 2022, in the amount of \$85,353.76

– Motion made by Downey, seconded by Swem to approve the consent agenda as presented. – Roll call vote

carries unanimously.

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

VIII.A. Intent to Establish SAD (Special Assessment District) under Act 33 of 1951 for Ambulance Services.

– Consider approving Resolution 2022.07/437 and set a public hearing for Monday, July 25th, 2022, at 7:00 PM 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 Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service.

– Motion made by Money, seconded by Swem to approve Resolution # 2022.07/437, establishing a Special Assessment District for SMACAS, and setting a Public Hearing for July 25th, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VIII.B. DPW Schedule Update

– Daniel of AVB, and Amelia and Gary of Barton Group, will be available via Zoom to review an update regarding the schedule for the PW building construction project.

– Daniel from AVB provided a soft schedule with a 3-month delay to the end of the project. Long lead times are still a factor with a 26-week lead time on the building. End of construction would be in February 2024 with the design schedule. The focus of why they are talking is that there is another option of doing an early bid package, there a lot of risk with the early bid project but would get them in on schedule in November 2023. There could be hybrid approach, but it could scare bidders away from the bid with language of cancellation.

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money, to stick with the Bergmann Design Schedule' and not issue an early PEMB Bid Package.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

IX.A. Treasurer's Report – Debroah Perez will provide a brief update for the finance department.

– Treasurer Perez gave the Commission an expenditure and revenue report for their review. This is a very preliminary report as of June 30 for year end. There will be a lot of adjustments that will be needed and reallocation of expenses. Most were clerical errors that were coded to the wrong departments. Perez has some work ahead of her, with getting it revised.

– Audit Field work is scheduled for August 31, September 1, September 2. Auditors would like a meeting with the Commission to explain the process.

– Grace complimented Perez on the amazing job she's doing, since she started this is the first month they have had timely bank reconciliation that balanced correctly as well.

IX. B. Thrill on the Hill

IX.B.1. Road Closure from 6 AM August 2, 2022, to 6 AM August 7, 2022.

Regal and Burnett presented the road closure maps in the packet for the Commission.

Discussion about closing any other roads. The Commission went with what was presented.

– Motion made by Money, seconded by Downey, to approve the Thrill on the Hill Road Closure as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX.B.2. Consider the noise ordinance being delayed till 1 AM on Saturday Morning on August 6th, due to a concert on Friday, August 5th.

– Regal said the concert should be over by 11 but wanted to cover her bases.

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money, to approve the requested Noise Ordinance Waiver for Thrill on the Hill, as presented.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2022.06.433 – Parks Ordinance.

– Motion made by Downey, seconded by Swem to approve the 2nd reading of ordinance 2022.06/433 to regulate City Parks.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

– (See attachment A)

XI. New Business

XI.A. Closed Session to Discuss Real Property- Consider going into Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8 (1)(d) to consider the potential purchase or lease of real property.

- Motion made by Money, seconded by Swem to enter in closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8 (1)(d) to consider the potential purchase or lease of real property.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.
- Motion made by Money, seconded by Downey to re-enter open session at 8:14 PM.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.
- Motion made by Downey, seconded by Swem to authorize the City Manager to take action pursuant to discussions held in closed session.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

XII. Communications

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

XII.A. City of Buchanan Summer 2022 Newsletter – An informational Newsletter is being mailed to each Buchanan City resident.

– Newsletter will be in with the SMCAS Public Hearing. The road closures for Thrill on the Hill will coincide with Election Day on August 2. There is a detailed detour map on the newsletter for the short detour.

XII.B. Public Accuracy Testing for August 2, 2022, Primary Election to be scheduled for Wednesday, July 20th, 2022, at 11:00 AM.

XIII. Public Comment

Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

- Norma Ferris – asking for consideration for Oak St to be a fire lane.
- Rick Paniagua – Gave update on the Buchanna fest. Thanked everyone for making it happen in such a short period of time. Raised 13,500.00 for the non-profit organization, Lyla-Grace. Community seemed to really appreciate it; the music was fantastic. Happy that there was something else going in town. The hard work of the folks at River St. Joe and his team went a long way.

XIV. Executive Comments

XIV.A. City Manager Comments

– Thanked Rick for his comments and expressed her gratitude to Rick, Tony, and Monroe for the dedication they showed to bring the event to Buchanan. Excellent that they were able to raise funds for their charity. Thanking the rest of the community for being engaged in the local elections and thanked our dedicated Clerk. Langston is more humble than she should be, if not the best one of the best in Berrien County, she is extremely professional, knows her stuff, and is as dedicated as you can possible be to ensuring a fair and transparent process.

XIV.B. Commissioner Comments

- Swem, thanked Rick for the event he put on, looking forward to seeing where the funds go and continuing to hear the updates on the impact it has on the community.
- Money, thanked Rick, it was a good event and everything went smoothly. People had a good time. As always Money thanked the Commission for what they do, they have some hard tasks and will continue to take in stride.
- Downey thanked Rick; it's always nice to have any new event in Buchanan.

XIV.C. Mayor Pro Tem Comments

- Weedon wanted to mirror everyone's comments. Thanks to Rick and his team, there was a lot to accomplish. Jen Tabor had done well; it was impressive to see. Thanks to Ralph, you can't say enough good things about what's happening downtown. Thanks to Baker and his team everyday they are out there picking up something or organizing something he really appreciates that. Langston can't say enough great things about you. From what I hear from everyone else, Grace's statements ring true. Perez, welcome I know you have a big task, but you seem sharp, and I don't doubt you're going to be digging in and giving us everything we need.
- Thank you to everyone who showed up tonight.

XV. Adjourn

- Motion made by Money, seconded by Swem to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 P.M.

You may view this complete [Agenda for this meeting July 11, 2022 here.](#)

View the video link [HERE.](#)

You may view all completed City Commission Meeting Minutes on [the City of Buchanan Website.](#)



Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • May 31 2022





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

Please note that the Board of Education Meeting Agenda is posted below. At the end of the agenda, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of the meeting. Also, the meeting minutes will not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they are available.

- **Regular Meeting**
- **5/31/2022 6:00 PM**
- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
- **401 W. Chicago Street**
- **Buchanan, MI 49107**

Begin Agenda:

A. Call to Order – Opening of Meeting by President

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

- Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. 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, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting

D. Adoption of Agenda

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson the agenda for the board meeting of May 31, 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

E. Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

- Mrs. Robinson read a memo from Business Manager, Mr. Brian Brown on the property taxes.

F. Public Comment for Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

- None.

G. Recognition of Visitors (All visitors, please sign the sign-in sheet.)

- Mrs. Robinson welcomed all guests.
- J. Brackett, D. Russell

H. Presentations

- Curriculum Presentation:
 - Mr. Mark Kurland, Assistant Superintendent, presented to the board. Mr. Kurland spoke of and had available for review curriculum from Foundations and Writing Revolution for grades K-4th.

I. Information / Reports & New Business

- MASB Communications & Marketing Conference:
 - Mrs. Laesch reported to the board of the two day conference she had attended. She shared the training videos and handouts with board members.

J. Public Comment

- None.

K. Adoption of Consent Agenda

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of May 31st, 2022 be adopted as written:
 1. Minutes:
 - 5-16-2022 Regular Meeting
 - 5-24-2022 Work Session/Retreat
 2. MHSAA 2022-23 Membership Resolution
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

L. Buchanan Virtual Academy Graduation Certification

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of Education hereby approves:
 - Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

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

M. L-4029 Resolution to Levy Taxes

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the attached tax rates as authorized for levy on the 2022 tax roll per the 2022 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

N. Curriculum Adoptions

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following curriculum adoptions:
 - Foundations for grades K-4
 - Writing Revolution for grades K-4
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

O. 2022 Athletic Events – Overnight Field Trips

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following athletic events in accordance with board policy #2340:
 - State Regional Final/Quarterfinal/State – The boys baseball team is expected to tentatively depart on June 10th and return on June 11th. They are also expected to tentatively depart on June 16th and return on June 18th. This trip will be under the supervision of Coach Jim Brawley.
 - State Competition – The girls softball team is expected to tentatively depart on June 16th and return on June 18th, 2022. This trip will be under the supervision of Coach Rachel Carlson.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

P. Set 2022-2023 Budget Public Hearing Date

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education adopts the following resolution:
 - WHEREAS:
 - The Uniform Budget Act requires the 2022-2023 Budget be adopted prior to July 1, 2022.
 - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
 - The public hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget will be held at 6:00pm on June 20, 2022 at Buchanan High School.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Q. Closed Session – Superintendent Evaluation

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session per section 8(A) of the Open Meetings Act, to conduct an evaluation of the Superintendent. Time 6:34pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

R. Return to Open Session

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session. Time 7:18pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

S. Superintendent Evaluation

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education adopts the completed year-end evaluation for Superintendent, Mrs. Patricia Robinson.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

T. Questions & Comments from Board Members

- None.

U. Next Board Meeting

- Monday, June 20th at 6pm.

V. Adjournment

- 7:21 pm

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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
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