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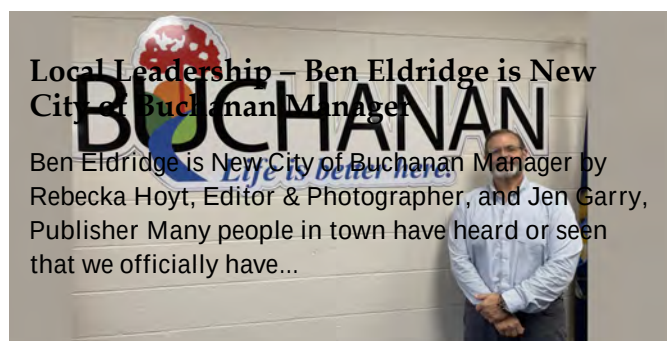
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Double Celebration Held at New Redbud Insurance Services Location with Retirement for Alice Kring by Rebecca Hoyt, Editor & Photographer Redbud Insurance Services is now in their new building on...



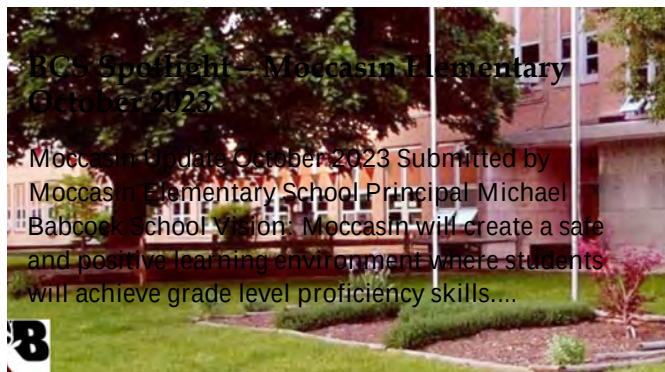
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BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics Fall Scores

Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 10/06 – 10/20
Scores Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher Below you can find some of Buchanan Athletics recent sports scores. Current sports include Boys Varsity Football,...



Local Roads – BCRD Pipestone Road Closure

Berrien County Road Department Pipestone Road Closure Berrien County, MI ~ October 16, 2023
Project Details:



Local Arts – Presentation on Remedios Varo at Roti Roti Art Center

Presentation on Remedios Varo by RoseAnna Mueller, Ph.D. Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan. RoseAnna Mueller, Ph.D. will present "Remedios Varo in Chicago: Magic and Science Fiction" which features...



Buchanan Area Senior Center – Early November 2023

A Few of Early November's Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator Upcoming Events: CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS Featuring Karen Quasny and Brian Murphy: Tuesday,...



Press Release – LMC Summer Dean's Lists 2023

Lake Michigan College Students Earn Spots on Summer Dean's Lists Submitted by Jeremy D. Bonfiglio, LMC Marketing Communications Specialist Benton Harbor, MI ~ October 11, 2023 Lake Michigan College has...



Press Release: Salvation Army Christmas is Coming

Christmas is Coming for Salvation Army 2023 Submitted by Timothy Douglas, Niles Corps of The Salvation Army Office Manager We will be accepting registrations for Christmas Assistance Monday, November 13



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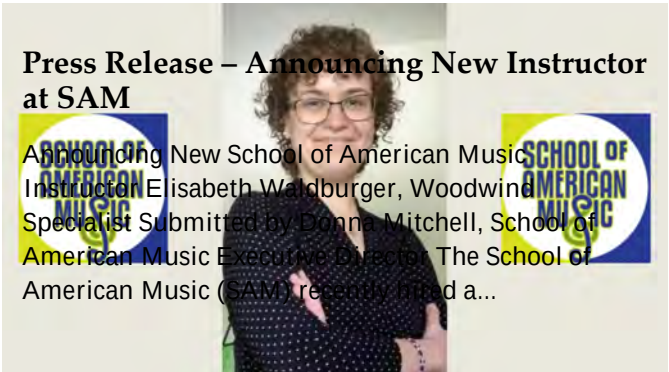


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Executive Administrative Assistant to the
Superintendent, Buchanan Community Schools All
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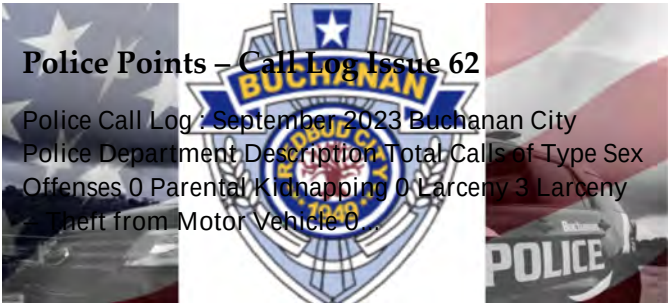
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Announcing New School of American Music
Instructor Elisabeth Waldburger, Woodwind
Specialist Submitted by Donna Mitchell, School of
American Music Executive Director The School of
American Music (SAM) recently had a...



Police Points – Call Log Issue 62

Police Call Log : September 2023 Buchanan City
Police Department Description Total Calls of Type Sex
Offenses 0 Parental Kidnapping 0 Larceny 3 Larceny
Theft from Motor Vehicle 0...



Remembering – Issue 62

Remembering – Issue 62 Buchanan Losses • 10/01 –
10/18 Name Age Born Died Robert Frederick “Bob”
Troike 83 October 14, 1940 October 18, 2023 Thomas
T. “Tom” Mooney 81...

The Clark Barker – Issue 62



It's Raining Leaves! We all know that it's leaf pick up time! However, when those leaves are wet, it's a pain and more and more comes down. How we long...

A Note from the Editor – Issue 62

A Note from the Editor – Issue 62 by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor Happy Fall everyone! I hope you are enjoying the ever-changing fall time colors this week. As I was...




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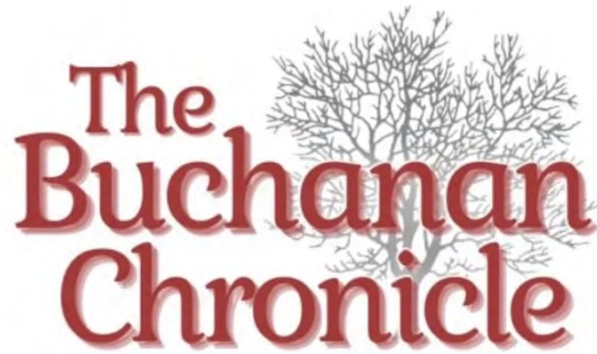
Scarecrow Invasion kicks off Fall 2023 in Buchanan, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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Local Roads – BCRD Snow Road Update



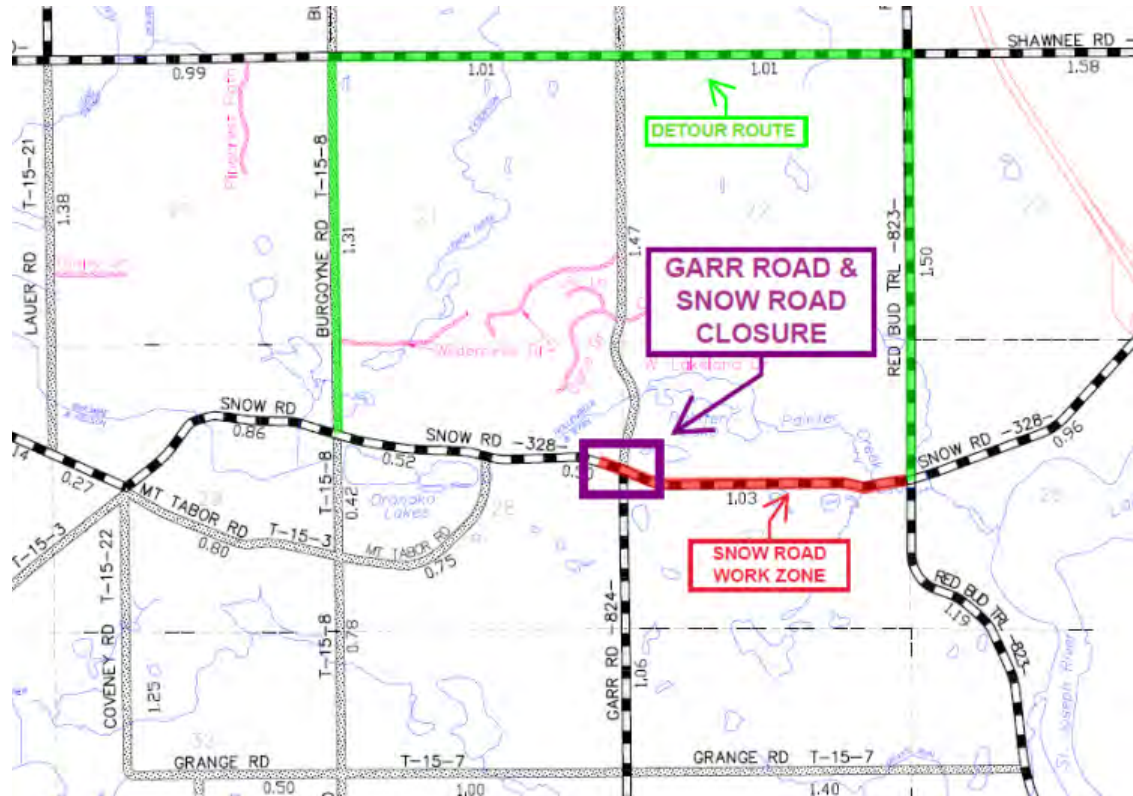
Berrien County Road Department Snow Road Update

Berrien County, MI ~ November 16, 2023

Project Details:

- **TOWNSHIP:** Oronoko Township
- **LOCATION:** Snow Road from the Garr Road intersection to Red Bud Trail
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Berrien Springs, Baroda
- **START DATE:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- **END DATE:** November 2023
- **PROJECT:** Snow Road will be experiencing a road reconstruction. Contractors will be working to lower two hills and straighten Snow Road where existing S-curve is located. Road reconstruction will include drainage upgrades, drainage relocation; and roadway being crushed, shaped, trenched and widened with an asphalt overlay.
- **Traffic Restrictions Update #1:** Snow Road will be closed to all thru traffic starting on 9/5/2023. Starting the week of 9/11/2023, the Garr Road intersection will be closed to all traffic. Work will be taking place on both sides of Snow Road and the Garr Road intersection to pulverize roadway surface, complete grading related work, and begin construction activities to lower a hill.
- **Traffic Restrictions Update #2:** Snow Road is anticipated (work permitting) to be reopened to thru traffic by the end of day on Friday, 11/17/2023. Work to finish paving occurred on Wednesday, 11/15/2023. Shoulder related work continues on Thursday, 11/16/2023 and Friday, 11/17/2023. Temporary lane marking is in place, until pavement paint stripping can be completed by the contractor.
- **DETOUR ROUTE:** Burgoyne Road to Shawnee Road to Red Bud Trail
 - Work schedule is weather and contractor permitting.
 - Local traffic is advised to reduce speeds when traveling through work zones.
 - Watch out for construction workers and equipment.
 - Thru traffic is expected to use the detour route or seek alternative routes until road is reopened.

- [Link to two page PDF with location map HERE](#)



BCRD Snow Road Closure and Detour Map



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Local Leadership – Ben Eldridge is New City of Buchanan Manager



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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer, and Jen Garry, Publisher

Many people in town have heard or seen that we officially have a new City Manager for the City of Buchanan, but for anyone who yet has not: ladies and gentlemen, may we introduce to you, Buchanan City Manager, Ben Eldridge!



Buchanan's New City Manager Ben Eldridge, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Mr. Ben Eldridge started his new position as City Manager on June 26, 2023. In his previous job in the small town (900 people) of Millersburg, Indiana, he had accomplished what he wanted to, explored all his interests, and felt there was no more room for him to grow professionally. Since his beginnings in the street department, he has gained experience with small town properties, has had water and wastewater certificates and licenses for several years, learned how to leverage the grants process, and worked to bring in Indiana's Main Street Program to help with streetscapes, design, business vitality, and economic growth in the downtown area. He also took on their parks and with the services and upgrades of the last two years, little leagues and a semi-pro football team now utilize them regularly. When looking for his next steps, he wasn't looking for a city the size of a Kalamazoo or a South Bend. City Manager Ben states, "This position (in Buchanan) so far has been a challenge in the best way, and it will allow me to grow professionally and personally."

When he first saw Buchanan was hiring, he applied and was pleased to be chosen for interviews. During this time, he hung around Buchanan for a couple of days to get a good feel for the downtown area without telling others who he was, scoping out Buchanan's potential. Happily Ben mentioned, "I was impressed by how many historic buildings are being put to use, the nice layout of the downtown, and as I would talk with business owners they gave me a good impression. I also went to City Hall and asked to see copies of the city's budget and available documents so I could get a sense of where things were currently." Pat yourselves on the back, Buchanan, he was enticed! Another thing that drew Ben to Buchanan is the sheer volume of volunteerism. "Sometimes you get three or four of the same people getting involved, but here you get such widespread community engagement," said Ben.

Ben stated that he has a few items at the top of his starting list of things to do as City Manager in Buchanan: "Number one: finances. Two: definitely finances. And three: streamline and clarify our city services. For instance, are there additional services we can offer? Can we streamline our processes and have more clarity? Are the buildings we own utilized as efficiently as possible? We want to be good stewards with everyone's tax dollars. A current 'hot topic' for Buchanan is the city's budget, and we are trying to be as frugal as we can, while attempting to maintain crumbling infrastructure, like with recent improvements, such as the needed wastewater treatment facility and DPW's new building. Bids are finally being received for our Front Street Improvement Plans, with the first phase bid coming in this month at \$5.5M, which is less than the second part of the project that is expected to bid at more like \$7-10M, we should find out mid-November on that part. As the costs of everything has gone up, between inflation and supply issues, we're seeing bids at 30% over what had been the estimated costs."

He has begun to frequent many of our city and board meetings, to familiarize himself with the community and area; like Buchanan Area Recreation Board, Planning Commission Meetings, Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Water/Sewer Board, so far. His top favorite things to do in Buchanan this summer were stopping by Munchie Mondays to try a different local food vendor each week, and visiting Buchanan Farmers' Market for the produce and all the different booths. He has been enjoying walking over to Lehman's Farmhouse for a sandwich across the road from the office, or heading over the river to eat at River Saint Joe, and is looking forward to trying all of our food options around town.

Ben was born a "yooper" as his dad was in the Air Force in the Sault Ste. Marie area at the time, then the family moved to Goshen, IN where he still lives today with his wife, Michelle, of 30 years. They have two grown children, a son and a daughter, and one grandson. He is enjoying the life of a grandpa! During the summer he likes to go scuba diving at least once a week, as he gets a thrill out of breathing in an environment you normally can't breathe in.

City Manager Ben Eldridge wants everyone to know his door is open to the public for any questions/ comments that you may have. In his office you'll see some of his photo travel journal, in the form of framed photos he has taken of manhole covers from different cities he has lived in or traveled to, along with family photos and some Star Wars gear too. A good reminder for everyone that City Commission Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00pm, and you are welcome to come late and/or leave early as needed.

Welcome to Buchanan, Manager Ben Eldridge! We're glad to have you here and are looking forward to seeing what we can all accomplish together!



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- City Commission Meetings:

- Meetings are held at City Hall on the **second** and **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless it is a holiday and then the meeting is the next business day. Residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- The Agenda is posted in the cabinet by the entrance to City Hall the Friday before a Monday Meeting.
- Recorded meeting sessions can be viewed on the City's YouTube Channel:
 - Current meetings: **Buchanan City**
 - Meetings prior to October 2021: **City of Buchanan, MI.**

www.cityofbuchanan.com/citycommission

- Typical Hours at City Hall:

- Monday – Thursday : 9am-4pm
- Friday : 9am-1pm

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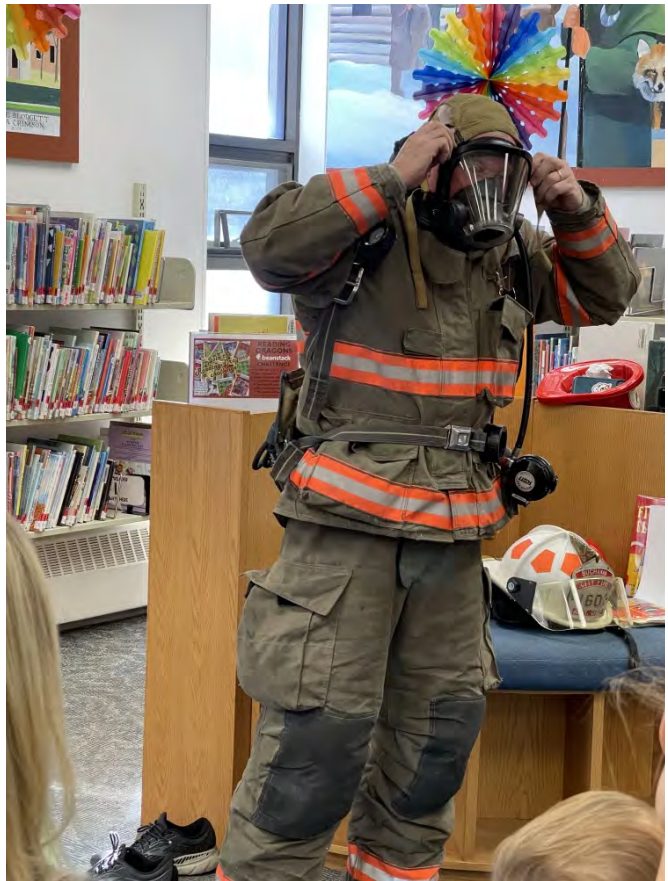
by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan City Fire Department Assistant Chief Bobby Blaylock, aka “Firefighter Bobby” has been doing “firefighter demonstrations” to kids for over 30 years during fire prevention week! Last week Wednesday, October 11 2023 at Buchanan District Library’s Storytime hour he brought his fire gear, some firefighting books to read to the young toddler – kindergarten aged kids with the help of the fire truck.



Fire Dept. Storytime Tradition at BDL, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Storytime leader, Julie Blaylock who is also Firefighter Bobby's wife, started storytime with a song and then introduced him to the kids. His gear set to the side as he read a book called *I want to be a Firefighter* and *The Fire Engine Book* which is Firefighter Bobby's favorite. As he read each book, he helped the kids understand why they have ladders on them and asked if they knew what a fire hydrant was. He told the kids, "The library is the second tallest building in town and our truck with the ladder can go all the way to the top of the building and there are 350 fire hydrants in the city! Also, the brass pole I have always enjoyed, so every opportunity I get, I go down it."



Fire Dept. Storytime Tradition at BDL, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

After the reading of the stories was done, Firefighter Bobby showed how to put on his gear and in a certain order of course. Storytime leader, Miss Julie reminded the kids that "It's still Firefighter Bobby," as some of the kids might have looked a little unsure of how he looked. When he was all suited up, he knelt down and let the kids feel his coat, hat and noticed how he sounded when he had his air pack on. He then let them try on his coat and hat as well. The kids did get a chance to take home a special Firefighter hat and sticker. They were also reminded about fire safety: no matches, no lighters and do not play around fires.



Fire Dept. Storytime Tradition at BDL, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

A visit would not be complete as they ventured out to the fire truck in the parking lot as it was a nice and shiny day. Each kid climbed up into the truck and sat in the driver's seat and for their picture to be taken by their parents or grandparents. Of course, Firefighter Bobby put on the flashing lights and siren for a very short time as it is very loud from a distance. After a group photo was done with all the kids, Miss Julie and Firefighter Bobby, they

went back inside and colored "Thank You" cards that would be taken to the fire station for the rest of the fire department to enjoy. Miss Julie did tell me, "that we would tell our kids a firefighter is a good stranger in the house when it's on fire."



About Buchanan District Library: Our mission is to provide quality material, superior programming and exceptional services delivered with care and integrity to meet the needs of our diverse community.

Current Leadership: Director Meg Paulette

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About Buchanan City Fire Department: Buchanan City Fire Department is located in the Southwest corner of lower Michigan. Our department is limited to 22 paid on call members at the present time. We cover the City of Buchanan, which is 5 square miles and the population of 4,681 residents. The Buchanan City Fire Department members dedicate their efforts of emergency response to protecting the citizens of Buchanan, their property and preserving the environment. The mitigation of these emergencies, whether they are small or large is accomplished through training, experience and the overall desire to help others.

Current Leadership: Fire Chief Mike Adams, Assistant Chief Bobby Blaylock

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 Registration required. Space is limited.

Empowering The Community Through Art: Cultural Arts Everywhere

by Dr. Greta Pope, Cultural Arts Everywhere

Unlocking Potential, Enriching Lives

A vibrant and inspiring movement is taking root – one that celebrates the transformative power of the arts. Cultural Arts Everywhere, a beacon of creativity and connection, has arrived on the scene, dedicated to fostering a love for the arts that transcends boundaries and enriches lives.

Cultural Arts Everywhere stands on the firm belief that art has the remarkable ability to empower, uplift, and unify. Their mission is simple yet profound: to showcase, educate, and advocate for the arts, unlocking the boundless potential within each individual and affirming their capabilities through discipline and self-trust.

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Throughout this last year, Cultural Arts Everywhere has made a splash in Buchanan, Michigan with

interactive and engaging activities, including:

- Sing! Sing! Sing! for Kids at The Buchanan Library: A delightful and interactive musical experience designed to ignite the passion for singing in our youngest community members.
- Sing! Sing! Sing! for Seniors at The Buchanan Area Senior Center: An inclusive program that bridges generations through the joy of song, bringing smiles and harmony to our cherished seniors.
- The Many Health Benefits of Singing Masterclass at The Buchanan Area Senior Center: Exploring the physical, mental, and emotional wellness that singing can bring into the community.
- MOTOWN Pride of the Motor City Concert at The Buchanan Common: Where audiences enjoy the soulful melodies of Motown as they pay tribute to the Motor City's musical legacy.
- Christmas in Buchanan Song: A heartwarming celebration of the holiday spirit, uniting the Buchanan community through the joy of song.
- Holiday Sing! at The Buchanan Area Senior Center (December 5, 6, 7): Celebrate the magic of the holiday season through song, spreading warmth and cheer to all.

This exciting lineup of events represents just a glimpse of how Cultural Arts Everywhere supports the community at large. The arts are not just a form of expression; they are a pathway to opportunity, respect, and human connection. By fostering creativity at a local level, we empower individuals to envision a future filled with purpose and possibility.

Cultural Arts Everywhere is proudly led by a group of dedicated board members, each of whom brings their unique expertise and passion for the arts to our organization. Dr. Greta Pope, Edward Wimp, Esq., Kimberly A. Mann, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., Everett Spruill, and Carolyn Shelton are established figures in the arts community across the United States. They understand the transformative impact of the arts and are committed to bringing the beauty of art education and programming to the heart of south Berrien and Cass Counties.

This Fall, Cultural Arts Everywhere has received a grant from The Michigan Gateway Community Foundation to support their work with youth and seniors in south Berrien and Cass Counties. The grant has been awarded by the Sullivan, George, and LaVonne Endowment Fund. Many thanks to the Michigan Gateway Foundation and the Sullivan, George and LaVonne Endowment Fund for their generous support of Cultural Arts Everywhere. With the invaluable support of The Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, Cultural Arts Everywhere aims to expand its reach, enrich lives, and foster a deep appreciation for the arts among youth and seniors in south Berrien and Cass Counties.

"This grant is a testament to our shared commitment to the arts and our community's well-being," said Dr. Greta Pope, Executive Director in the organization. "We are excited to leverage this support to continue making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve."

Let's celebrate the arts, embracing creativity, and building a brighter future for all through Cultural Arts Everywhere. Together, we can unlock potential, affirm capabilities, and create a world enriched by the power of the arts.

For more information and to stay updated on Cultural Arts Everywhere upcoming events, visit www.culturalartseverywhere.org and follow them on social media.



About Dr. Greta Pope: Greta Pope is an award-winning internationally acclaimed entertainer. Greta has performed an array of styles from Jazz to Opera throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, the Far East, South Africa, and the Caribbean. Along with performing, she teaches voice lessons to students of all ages, educates aspiring singers and musicians on how to grow their profession in the music industry, hosts The Business Savvy Singer Podcast, author of Music, Money, And You...Managing the Business, and more!

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Upcoming Event – Info on Both Trek & Trick -or-Treat 2023



18th Annual Trek-or-Treat 2023

Shared by Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail

The 18th Annual TREK-OR TREAT will be Saturday, October 28, 2022 from 12-2pm! Thanks to Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail for putting on this Halloween tradition. 🍬🎃

Join us in the E.B. Clark woods at the McCoy Creek Trail for some fun daytime trick or treating with costumed characters and plenty of candy! Trek-or-Treat is perfect for kids of all ages.



Trek-or-Treat 2023 graphic

Trek-or-Treat is funded by donations and always needs candy! Unopened candy donations can be made at Buchanan City Hall, River St. Joe, Redbud Insurance, Buchanan Senior Center and Redbud Fitness.

Event Info:

- *Who:* Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail
- *What:* Trek-or-Treat 2023
- *When:* **Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 12-2pm**
- *Where:*
 - E.B. Clark Woods Trailhead of McCoy Creek Trail
 - 209 Schirmer Pkwy, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Candy Donation Details:*
 - Please support McCoy's Creek Trail with their annual Trek-or-Treat by donating candy!!
 - Candy Donation drop-off locations are: City Hall, Buchanan Area Senior Center, Edward Jones, Honor Credit Union, United Federal Credit Union, Country Heritage Credit Union, and at Fork in the Road Family Restaurant!

Buchanan's Trick-or-Treat 2023

Shared by City of Buchanan MI

City of Buchanan's city-wide Trick or Treat times will be Tuesday, October 31st from 6pm-8pm. We can't wait to see your costumes!



Trick-or-Treat 2023 graphic

Event Info:

- *Who:* City of Buchanan MI
- *What:* [Trick-or-Treat 2023](#)
- *When:* **Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 6-8pm**
- *Where:* Throughout Buchanan MI
- *Details:* Wear your costume to neighbors houses to collect some treats (hopefully no tricks). Remember if the porch light is out then likely that house isn't giving out candy.



About Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail: The Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail was established by Resolution of the City of Buchanan in April 2004 as a subcommittee of the Buchanan Area Recreation Board. Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail have gathered in unity to develop and pursue a trail through the City of Buchanan. They have developed pathways through E. B. Clark Woods on the south side of McCoy Creek and have continued the trail to downtown Buchanan along the Creek. They host events such as a 5k Extreme held in August and Trek-or-Treat for Halloween. Public can walk, run or just enjoy a stroll through the woods.

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Homecoming Parade Goes on Despite the Rain

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Last Friday evening October 13, 2023 at 6pm, Buchanan Community Schools held their Homecoming Parade despite the rain. A very special Miss and BHS class of 2019 alumni, Miss Michigan Maya Schuhknecht led the parade as she wore her old varsity jacket with her crown while being escorted by family and friends.

Behind Miss Michigan were the BHS cheerleaders, then the class floats of BHS and rocket football. The one that was missing from the parade was the band. Due to the weather and possible thunderstorms, they decided along with administration to not have the band out in the weather as it could lead to instrument repairs. However, the community of Buchanan – even if it was a smaller amount due to the rain, showed up to cheer on everyone in the parade and show their support.

The Bucks Varsity football team played Dowagiac Union High School and won 7-0! Go Bucks!





About Buchanan Community Schools: Public School system for Buchanan, Michigan area.

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BCS Spotlight – Moccasin Elementary October 2023



Moccasin Update October 2023

Submitted by Moccasin Elementary School Principal Michael Babcock

School Vision: Moccasin will create a safe and positive learning environment where students will achieve grade level proficiency skills.



October at Moccasin Elementary, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Respectful Responsible Safe

Every week we recognize students who are being respectful, responsible, and safe throughout the school day. Congratulations to these students for displaying and modeling positive behaviors at Moccasin.



October at Moccasin Elementary, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Constitution Day Celebration

During the week of September 18th, Moccasin students learned a lot about the Constitution, or the law of the land. They also learned about the important people who framed the Constitution.



October at Moccasin Elementary, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

PTM Bake Sale – Sep 30, 2023

Thank you to the Moccasin community for a successful Bake Sale as we sold over \$1000 worth of chocolate, cookies, brownies, etc. We appreciate your support!



October at Moccasin Elementary, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal



About Moccasin Elementary School: Welcome to Moccasin! Our Vision is to create a safe and positive learning environment where students will achieve grade level proficiency skills. We serve students in grades 2 through 4. Please contact the school office at 269-695-8408 for any of your questions or needs.

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Local Business – October Events at RSJ



Late October Events at River Saint Joe

Submitted by Kat Amundson, River Saint Joe Social Media, Marketing, & Events

River Saint Joe Halloween Spooktacular Family Fun Day:

When: Sunday, October 22nd, 12-4pm

Where: River Saint Joe Brewery, 15475 Walton Rd Buchanan, MI 49107



Details: Bring the whole family down to River Saint Joe Brewery for an afternoon of outdoor fall fun that's sure to spook and delight! Sunday, October 22nd from 12-4pm we'll be hosting our Halloween Spooktacular—a day of fun for kids of all ages full of Halloween themed games, activities, crafts and more! Kids Costume Parade will take place at 2pm and Flatwater Farms will have pumpkins for sale for \$5-\$10. Event is FREE to enter. Hope to see you soon on the farm!

Fright Night on the Farm:

When: Friday, October 27th, 5-9pm

Where: River Saint Joe Brewery, 15475 Walton Rd Buchanan, MI 49107



Details: Come on out to River Saint Joe for an eerie evening full of great beer, fun, and spooky tunes. We'll be serving up your favorite organic beers and food while bringing down the haunted house! \$5 Oktoberfest pints all night, a specialty Firkin Tapping, and a Costume Contest at 7pm. A frightful night on the farm awaits you, full of beer specials terrifying tunes and more! Free to enter, with all of your favorite RSJ beer and foods on offer all night. Hope to see you soon on the farm!

River Saint Joe's 4th Annual Dog Halloween Costume Contest:

When: Sunday, October 29th, 2-3pm

Where: River Saint Joe Brewery, 15475 Walton Rd Buchanan, MI 49107



Details: Join us for our 4th Annual Dog Halloween Costume Contest in support of Homeward Bound, a Michiana animal shelter. Bring your pet all kitted out in this contest of canine proportions! Entry fee is \$5 and donations welcome—all go to Homeward Bound's mission. Don't have a furry friend to dress up? Come on down and watch these pups strut their stuff and duke it out for Best Costume! Free and fun for all ages! Awards for Best Dog Costume and Best Owner & Dog Costume.



About River Saint Joe: Located on the beautiful certified organic Flatwater Farms, River Saint Joe is a farmstead brewery destination. We are committed to sustainable organic practices and offer a scenic setting to enjoy food and drink made from ingredients grown on the farm or down the road. River Saint Joe is a unique and expansive venue for events and memorable experiences. Through connections to the land and its bounty, we aim to cultivate well-being for our community.

River Saint Joe Brewery on Flatwater Farms

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• Typical Hours:

- Monday, Friday, Saturday ~ 12pm-9pm
- Tuesday, Thursday ~ 4pm-9pm
- Wednesday ~ Closed
- Sunday ~ 12pm-8pm

Past Event – Redbud Insurance Grand Re-Opening



Double Celebration Held at New Redbud Insurance Services Location with Retirement for Alice Kring

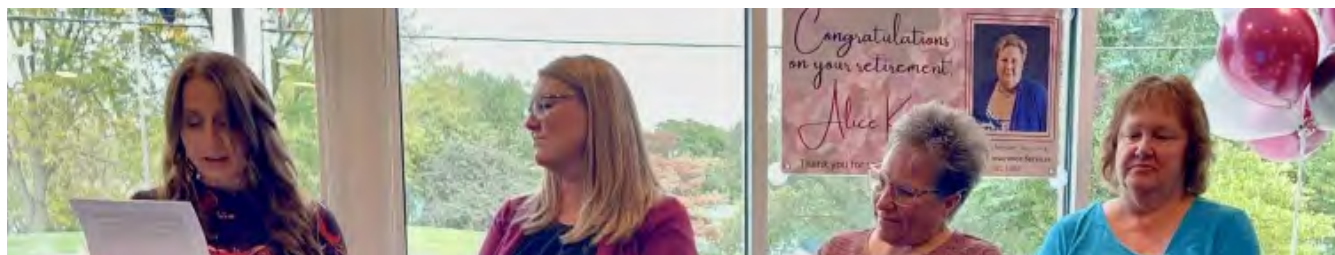
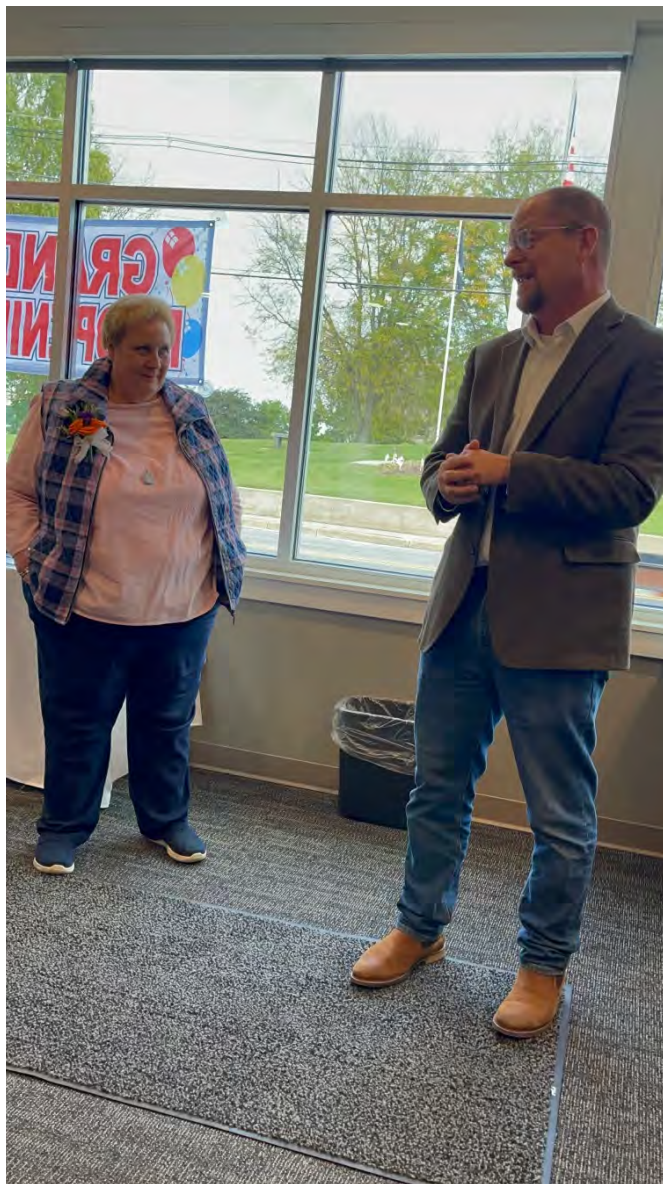
by, Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Redbud Insurance Services is now in their new building on 117 N. Redbud Trail in downtown Buchanan, MI of the former Honor Credit Union location, as they celebrated with a red ribbon-cutting ceremony along with owner Alice Kring's retirement celebration on the evening of Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 4:30pm – 7pm. A nice offering of subs, fruit salad, veggies, cheese and cracker platters and beautiful flower-designed cupcakes and cookies that were made by owner of With Love and Cupcakes – Jessica Paskiet. Redbud Insurance Services also handed out some of their logo swag like calendars, a small gift of redbud tree seeds, a pen, and a magnet.



Redbud Insurance Grand Re-Opening, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Many friends, family, and co-workers were present to congratulate Alice on her retirement from Redbud Insurance Services. Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Brandon DeJaynes, welcomed everyone to the event and then turned it over to Scott McFarland. Scott started with, "Alice is there to make people's lives better, and invest in the community and I am truly blessed to have known her for many years just as many others have. She's our friend, our neighbor, and even though she's done working she'll probably still be doing things around here."



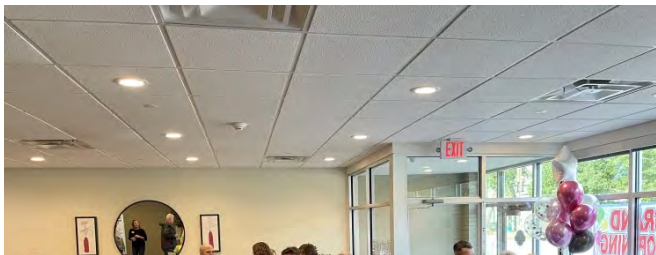
Alice gave a touching speech as she thanked many people who have helped her along the way in all of her endeavors. "It's been 41 years doing insurance from other places and so many people have been by my side. God, my parents instilled a good work ethic while growing up, my husband Joe of 43 years, my sister Janet helping with my books giving me advice and encouragement. My mother was a business teacher at the high school here, my

surrogate daughter Katie helped decorate and plant the garden over there (previous office building).” You will still see Alice around town as she gets involved with Buchanan Scarecrow Charities, Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, The Buchanan Garden Club and is still with the Tin Shop Theatre and Buchanan College Club.



Redbud Insurance Grand Re-Opening, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Libby Hein, President of Redbud Insurance spoke after Alice and thanked her for everything that has prepared herself for this role. She then introduced her team: Renee (is the first person you see when you come in here), Kathy (commercial and personal insurance), and Gretchen (newest agent in the office and office manager & agent, graduated from BHS). Libby didn't choose to study insurance in college, but her careers have led her here, and she also graduated from Buchanan High School.



The Buchanan Chronicle would like to congratulate Alice Kring on her retirement and thank you for the article suggestions you have given us and also the one we did last Christmas on your winter village that was in your office. If you missed that article you can check it out [here](#).



Ribbon Cutting
GRAND RE-OPENING
Retirement Celebration

Please Join Us!

OPEN - HOUSE

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
 {Wednesday} October 11th, 2023
 117 N Red Bud Trail {Buchanan, MI}

Light appetizers and refreshments served



**Congratulations, Alice Kring,
on your retirement!**

Event graphic

PAST Event Info:

- *Who:* Redbud Insurance Services
- *What:* Grand Re-Opening, Ribbon Cutting, & Retirement Celebration
- *When:* **Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 4:30-7pm**
- *Where:* Redbud Insurance Services
 - 117 N Red Bud Trail, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:* Please join us for a ribbon cutting and grand re-opening of our new location, and retirement celebration for Alice Kring. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served.

Redbud Insurance Services, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Honor Credit Union. Honor Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution servicing over 100,000 members throughout Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities we serve remain the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union. For more information, call 800.442.2800, or visit www.honorcu.com.

Redbud Insurance Services, LLC is located at 110 Main Street in Buchanan, and is open Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm. Additional information is available at www.redbudinsurance.com, by email at info@redbudinsurance.com, or by calling 269.695.3000. We look forward to assisting you with your insurance needs!



About Redbud Insurance Services: What makes us different from other agencies is our people — plain and simple. We've built our team with individuals who truly care about our clients well being. With Redbud Insurance Services, you're dealing with real humans who care. We're constantly looking for ways to improve coverage while reducing cost. When you purchase your insurance with us, it's never just a transaction. You're getting a life-long advisor who is there for you when you need them most. At Redbud Insurance Services, we represent multiple insurance carriers, allowing us to shop the market for the best possible coverage package at the best cost. The proof is in the pudding — we routinely find better rates than many of the “big brand” insurance companies you see on TV, and not just by a few dollars.

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• Hours:

• Monday – Friday ~ 8:30am – 5pm



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution serving over 100,000 members in 27 member center communities throughout western and northern Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities we serve remain the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – Early November 2023



A Few of Early November's Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

GIVING THANKS 2023:

Giving Thanks comes in many forms and The Buchanan Area Senior Center are asking you to participate and help by supporting local organizations, by donating what you can to help others in our community.

Please feel free to drop off items at the BASC, 810 Ryneerson St., Buchanan, MI from November 1 – November 22, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

- Redbud Area Ministries – Non-perishable food items
- Gene Wesner Automotive Annual Toy Drive
- Little Free Pantry of Buchanan – Non-perishable food items
- Buchanan-Galien Lions Club – Used eyeglasses
- Ronald McDonald House Charities – Pop can tabs
- The Buchanan Area Senior Center – Our Family UPC labels, Designate the BASC for Non-Profit Organization Harding's Community Rewards, and please donate to any of our many funds.

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LEGACY INVESTING

Thank you for all for your support, kindness, and giving back to the BASC and to our community! Blessings! ~ Your BASC Family





CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS Featuring Karen Quasny and Brian Murphy:

Tuesday, November 28, 2:00 pm

Registration Required. Call 695-7119

Karen and Brian believe in giving back to our community. They both have a wealth of information as well as have a big heart to contribute to the community, including the BASC. Please join us to get to know them and learn how they are giving back to our community.

VETERANS' GIVING THANKS PROGRAM:

Giving Thanks to our Veterans Program, Certificate of Appreciation, and Social on Friday, November 3, 1:00—3:00 p.m.

We invite Veterans and the public to the Veterans program. Please call 695-7119 to register.

The Veterans program will begin with How the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency helps Veterans, presented by Dr. Rich Hansen, PhD, CPC, MVAA and followed by A Certificate of Appreciation Ceremony presented by Stephanie Kostizen, LMSW, ACHP-SW, Veteran Support Services, Corewell Health. Afterwards, we will enjoy a Veterans' Social and share time with other Veterans and Friends in our community.

With gratitude for your service to America on Veterans Day and always, we honor you for your sacrifice and service. Thank you.



Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!



About Buchanan Area Senior Center: Buchanan Area Senior Center provides a complete facility, a friendly and efficient staff, and active volunteers that enhance the quality of life of seniors in our community. We offer programs and services designed to promote physical, social, and mental well-being, including exercise, recreation, and crafts, as well as Senior Nutrition Services, food commodities, and a Senior Community Garden.

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Local Events – Upcoming Holidays 2023



Buchanan Holiday Events 2023

Events Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

Events List, Find More Details Below:

- **8th Annual Shop 'Til You Drop Holiday Market 2023:** *Sunday, October 29, 2023 ~ 10am-3pm*
- **Fernwood Holiday Market 2023:** *Saturday, November 4, 2023 ~ 10am-5pm*
- **St. Anthony Annual Holiday Bazaar and Food Drive 2023:** *Saturday, November 4, 2023 ~ 9am-2pm*
- **Sip & Shop Holiday Market with Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse:** *Saturday, November 4, 2023 ~ 9am-3pm*
- **Annual Holiday Open House with Flowers by Anna:** *Saturday, November 18, 2023 ~ 9am-3pm*
- **LIGHTS at Fernwood 2023:** *November 24, 2023 - January 6, 2024*
- **Bucktown Christmas 2023:** *Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 1-7pm*
- **Artisan Market at Roti Roti Art Center:** *Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 10am-4pm*
- **Buchanan Community Christmas Concert 2023:** *Sunday, December 3, 2023 ~ 6:30pm*
- **Choral Holiday Showcase:** *Wednesday, December 6, 2023 ~ 7pm*
- **A Not-So-Silent Night at Buchanan District Library 2023:** *Saturday, December 9, 2023 ~ 6-8pm*



8th Annual Shop 'Til You Drop Holiday Market 2023

- **When:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 ~ 10am-3pm
- **Who:** [Buchanan College Club](#)
- **Where:** Buchanan High School Auxiliary Gym, 401 W Chicago St, Buchanan MI 49107
- **Details:** Entry is free – for more information contact CollegeClubBuchanan@Gmail.com. Come join us for a day of shopping! This year will be at a new location with even MORE vendors! Come enjoy a day of holiday shopping while supporting the Buchanan College Club!
- This is our 8th year doing our Shop 'Til You Drop Holiday Market and it will be our biggest event yet! There will be a wide array of local vendors with gift selections for everyone on your list. In our new venue we can now have food vendors as well as craft vendors, popular direct sales vendors, gift vendors and more. The College Club will have concessions and a raffle benefiting the club's mission.
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)



St. Anthony Annual Holiday Bazaar and Food Drive 2023

- **When:** Saturday, November 04, 2023 ~ 9am-2pm
- **Who:** [St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan](#)
- **Where:** St Anthony Parish Hall, 509 W Fourth St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** Variety of crafts, baked goods, Boutique Items, and so much more. Lunch available for purchase.
- Admission: FREE, Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) Food Pantry. Sponsored by St. Anthony Conference of Catholic Women (CCW).
- For information or to set up a booth, please call 269-695-3863.

Sip & Shop Holiday Market with Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse



- **When:** **Saturday, November 4, 2023 ~ 9am-3pm**
- **Who:** [Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse](#)
- **Where:** Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse, 204 N Red Bud Trail, Buchanan MI 49107
- **Details:** Join us for special morning on November 4th, 2023 from 9am – 3pm
Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse has offered to open for a special breakfast just for us!
Stop by and grab a delicious breakfast/drinks and shop from local crafters and vendors!
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)

Fernwood Holiday Market 2023



- **When:** **Saturday, November 4, 2023 ~ 10am-5pm**
- **Who:** [Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve](#)
- **Where:** Sims Education Center, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve
- **Details:** Get ready for the holiday season by visiting Fernwood's Holiday Market on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 10 am to 5 pm at our Sims Education Center. Explore the market and discover more than 20 carefully selected vendors from around the area. Start your holiday shopping early and mark your calendars for this exciting event! Check out our list of talented vendors on our website here: www.fernwoodbotanical.org/list-of.../holiday-market
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)

Annual Holiday Open House with Flowers by Anna



- **When:** **Saturday, November 18, 2023 ~ 9am-3pm**
- **Who:** Flowers by Anna
- **Where:** Only at our Buchanan location, 4796 Niles Buchanan Rd, Buchanan MI 49107
- **Details:** It's that time to mark your calendar for our Annual Holiday Open House!! Join us to kick off the holiday season. We will have the best sales of the year!!! Lots of new Christmas decor and gifts will now be available and on display throughout the whole store.
- Enjoy mimosas, appetizers, and desserts! We will have lots of our new products available for you to sample as well. Not to mention great door prizes and giveaways all day long!! Please join us to celebrate the holiday season, and come see all the new merchandise that we have to offer!
- If you haven't been to our shop yet, we are wayyy more than just a florist! You can find all your holiday gifts and decor under our roof! Come join us for a fun day of shopping! Our Dowagiac store will have a holiday open house on a different weekend and is posted as a separate event....BUT you won't want to miss out on that one either, as this year each shop will have all different products!! 🎉🥂🎄 Remember to SHOP LOCAL 📍 Hope to see you there!!
- Link to Event Page on Facebook **HERE**

LIGHTS at Fernwood 2023



- **When:** **November 24, 2023 – January 6, 2024**
- **Who:** Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve
- **Where:** Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles MI 49107
- **Details:** LIGHTS at Fernwood will return to the garden for the 2023 winter season. November 24, 2023 – January 6, 2024 LIGHTS will magically illuminate evenings at Fernwood once again with a professionally designed show featuring two extraordinary light tunnels, three warm fire pits, a fun winter craft station, nature-inspired light sculptures, festive music, and sounds, and more!
- Visitors will make bright memories during the most magical garden lights Southwest Michigan offers this holiday season while enjoying hot chocolate, other seasonal drinks, snacks, and festive light-up merchandise for all ages! Advance ticket purchase is strongly encouraged, as each available time slot is limited. Several nights were fully sold out in 2021 and 2022. Parking is included in the ticket price. General ticket sales for nonmembers begin on November 1, 2023.
- **BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023:** Fernwood Members receive their 20% discount on regular adult tickets using a special promo code. If you are currently an active Fernwood member and have not received the promo code sent on October 1 – give us a call! After verifying your membership, we will share the code with you. Not a Member? No problem! Sign up today and we'll get the code to you!
fernwoodbotanical.org/membership
- We also need volunteers each evening! For more information, please go to **fernwoodbotanical.org/lights-volunteers**
- Still have questions? Check out our LIGHTS FAQ page at **fernwoodbotanical.org/lights-faq**
- Link to Event Page on Facebook **[HERE](#)**

Bucktown Christmas 2023



- **When:** **Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 1-7pm**
- **Who:** City of Buchanan MI and Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce
- **Where:** Downtown Buchanan MI
- **Details:** Join us for Bucktown Christmas! A Buchanan tradition. From 1pm-5pm experience our downtown holiday market. Followed by our Christmas parade, holiday lighting, and pictures with Santa! Be sure to stop by our local businesses for fun events like visiting with live reindeer, making ornaments, or enjoying yummy treats!
- Link to Event Page on Facebook **[HERE](#)**



Artisan Market at Roti Roti

- **When:** **Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 10am-4pm**
- **Who:** Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
- **Where:** Roti Roti Art Center, 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** A variety of artists will feature their creations, perfect for the gift-giving season.
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)

Buchanan Community Christmas Concert 2023



- **When:** **Sunday, December 3, 2023 ~ 6:30pm**
- **Who:** St. Paul Lutheran Church of Buchanan with Buchanan Area Ministerial Association
- **Where:** St. Paul Lutheran Church of Buchanan, 212 W Front St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** We are looking for music from our area churches. This can be a solo, small group or if you are so blessed a full choir. Instrumentalists are also welcome and if we have enough they could play together. If there is interest we can also resume singing the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of the concert. We will follow our tradition of singing a couple verses of Advent or Christmas carols and hymns between each vocal number and of a Scripture reading before the song.
- Contact at buchsmp@gmail.com for more information.



Choral Holiday Showcase at Roti Roti

- **When:** **Wednesday, December 6, 2023 ~ 7pm**
- **Who:** Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan and Southwestern Michigan College Select Voices
- **Where:** Roti Roti Art Center, 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** Southwestern Michigan College Select Voices perform under direction of David Carew. Arrive early (6pm) for mingling and light refreshments.

A Not-So-Silent Night at Buchanan District Library 2023



- **When:** **Saturday, December 9, 2023 ~ 6-8pm**
- **Who:** Buchanan District Library
- **Where:** Buchanan District Library, 128 E Front St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** Enjoy hors d' oeuvres, drinks, a silent auction, and live music from Redbud Ramblers. Adults 21+ are welcome. All proceeds benefit Buchanan District Library. Celebrate the season and support the library!
- Our popular holiday event returns for another year! Combining the best of live and virtual events, this fundraiser features a week-long online silent auction that will end at our festive holiday party on December 9. This year's live music will be provided by Buchanan's own Redbud Ramblers! Don't miss this opportunity to dress in your holiday best and celebrate the season, all while supporting the Buchanan District Library.
- This year's event features LIVE music from Buchanan's own Redbud Ramblers! www.facebook.com/RedbudRamblers
- Tickets can be purchased in the library or on our website: www.buchananlibrary.org/support-us/not-so-silent-night
- Anyone can participate in the online silent auction, even if you are not able to attend the event. The silent auction starts on December 1 and ends on December 9.
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)



2020 Reader's Digest Nicest City in America – Buchanan, MI!

About The City of Buchanan: The City operates under the Commission–Manager form of government as prescribed by the City Charter. Under this model the City Manager is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the City, with the Buchanan City Commission's main function being legislative and setting important policies that chart the future course of Buchanan. The City Commission is made up of five (5) members who serve four (4) year terms. The Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem are selected at the first meeting in November following the City election. Current City Manager: Heather Grace ~ Current Mayor: Sean Denison.

www.cityofbuchanan.com

- Typical Hours at City Hall:
 - Monday – Thursday : 9am-4pm
 - Friday : 9am-1pm

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About Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce: Since 1960, the Chamber has promoted a spirit of community in order to enhance the growth, prosperity, and quality of life in the Buchanan area. Life truly is better here!

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Annual Dues:

Citizen Supporter/Individual: \$50

Non-Profit Organization: \$100

Single Owner Business/Sole Proprietorship: \$150

Regular Business: \$200; \$4/employee

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About Buchanan College Club: The mission of the Buchanan College Club is to bring scholarships and interest free loans to Buchanan graduates.

For More Info: Jennie Brackett, Club Contact – jennie.brackett@gmail.com.



About Buchanan High School: Welcome to Buchanan High School where we prepare students for life-long success by developing responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society. At Buchanan High School we believe our graduates will be adaptable, lifelong learners, productive problem solvers, effective life managers, confident communicators, and responsible global citizens.

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FARMHOUSE

About Lehman's Farmhouse: What began as an inquiry into a run down Buchanan City owned Clark building, Lehman's "Farmhouse" store opened in April of 2017. Featuring our own craft made beers, wines, ciders, whiskey, gin and brandies along with other items brought over from Lehman's "Orchard" in Niles, Michigan. It has been a dream come true, developing products which come from our orchard or the Southwest Michigan area. In re-purposing the "Clark" building, we have an onsite drink menu including fruit or session beers, IPA's, porters, and stouts. Using Lehman's own Apple Brandy as a base, our cocktail selection includes an apple fizz, an old fashion and a hot toddy. Look for new beer and cider flavors and other in-house developed products weekly. Also, we have a Taproom open daily featuring appetizers, sandwiches, pizzas, salads and desserts that accompany our drink menu. Come check us out and let us know what you think. Thank you for your support of local, sustainable agriculture!

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- Typical Hours:
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 - Fri-Sat ~ 1130am-9pm



About Fernwood Botanical Garden: Established in 1964, Fernwood is a unique property in southwest Michigan with 105 acres of cultivated gardens and natural areas with woodlands, ravines, wetlands, and river frontage on the St. Joseph River. The property is minutes from Lake Michigan, a short distance north of the University of Notre Dame, and 90 minutes from Chicago. Fernwood follows its mission to enrich people's lives by awakening and deepening their appreciation of nature. Fernwood is a member of the Alliance of Nature Center Administrators, the American Public Gardens Association, the American Alliance of Museums, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, Chicago Wilderness, The Garden Conservancy, and The Nature Conservancy. The garden is open year-round Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm and is located in Buchanan Township at 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Michigan.

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- Garden Hours:
 - Tues-Sat 10a-5p
 - Sunday noon-5p
- Cafe Hours:
 - Fri-Sun noon-3pm
- Garden Admission:
 - **Members** – Free
 - Adults – \$10
 - Seniors (65+) – \$7
 - Student (with ID) – \$7

- Military & First Responders – \$5
- Children (ages 5–17) – \$5
- Children (4 and under) – Free
- *An additional or separate fee may apply for some special events including LIGHTS.

Flowers By Anna

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About Flowers by Anna: More than a flower shop, Flowers by Anna is most certainly not just floral. We have a large assortment of unique gift items for all occasions, as well as home decor, sympathy keepsakes, plants, herbs, hanging baskets, candles, body products, jewelry, canned jams & more, birdhouses, balloons, handmade baked goods, and SO much more. We cannot express enough that we are more than just a flower shop! Come and see what we have in store for you!

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Dowagiac Location:

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[Dowagiac, MI 49047](#)

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About St. Anthony Parish: St. Anthony invites you to celebrate Mass with us; Please see the times below. Our pastor, Leo Cartagena, is pleased to welcome guests to our parish. We are located in Buchanan, MI. Mass times for St. Anthony are below. Once again, we welcome you! Diocese of Kalamazoo ~ Rite: Roman-Latin

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- MASS TIMES:
 - **Saturday** ~ 4:00pm
 - **Sunday** ~ 8:30am

- OTHER SERVICES:

- **Confessions** ~ 3:00-3:45pm

St. Anthony of Buchanan
509 W Fourth St
Buchanan, MI 49107
USA



About St. Paul Lutheran Church: SPLC's Mission is to magnify God's Name, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to bring people to Jesus and membership in His family, to know God more fully, develop them to Christlike maturity, to make God more fully known, and to equip them for their ministry in the church and their mission in the world.

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Sunday Services start at 9:30am, Sunday Bible Study begins at 8:30am

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Buchanan

212 West Front Street

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About Buchanan Area Ministerial Association: This group is made of different churches in Buchanan. Their page is a great way to stay up to date on different events BAMA is hosting, but more importantly it is a great way to see how God is moving in Buchanan.

BAMA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BAMACHurches/>

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About Buchanan District Library: Our mission is to provide quality material, superior programming and exceptional services delivered with care and integrity to meet the needs of our diverse community.

Contact: Meg Paulette, Director

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BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics Fall Scores



Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 10/06 – 10/20

Scores Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

Below you can find some of Buchanan Athletics recent sports scores. Current sports include Boys Varsity Football, Boys Varsity Soccer, and Girls Varsity Volleyball.

Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list. Go Bucks!

SPORT: Varsity Football (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
10/20	7pm	Home	Union City	WON 34-0
10/13	7pm	Home	Dowagiac	WON 7-0
10/6	7pm	Away	Bronson	WON 27-0

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Football (Boys) Recent Scores Fall 2023

SPORT: Varsity Soccer (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
10/16	7pm	Away	Three Rivers	LOST 2-5
10/11	5pm	Home	Dowagiac	WON 4-1

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Soccer (Boys) Recent Scores Fall 2023

SPORT: Varsity Volleyball (Girls)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
10/18	6pm	Away	St. Joseph Our Lady of the Lake Catholic	WON 25-23 25-17 17-25 25-22
10/14	11am	Home	Buck Quad Bronson	LOST 14-25 14-25
10/14	10am	Home	Buck Quad Niles	WON 25-17 25-23
10/14	9am	Home	Buck Quad Hopkins	WON 25-18 25-23
10/12	6pm	Home	Dowagiac	WON 25-21 25-22 25-18
10/9	6:30pm	Home	Saint Joseph	WON 25-23 25-14 25-16

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Volleyball (Girls) Recent Scores Fall 2023



GO BUCKS!

Buchanan Community Schools – Buchanan Athletics

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SPORTS



Local Roads – BCRD Pipestone Road Closure

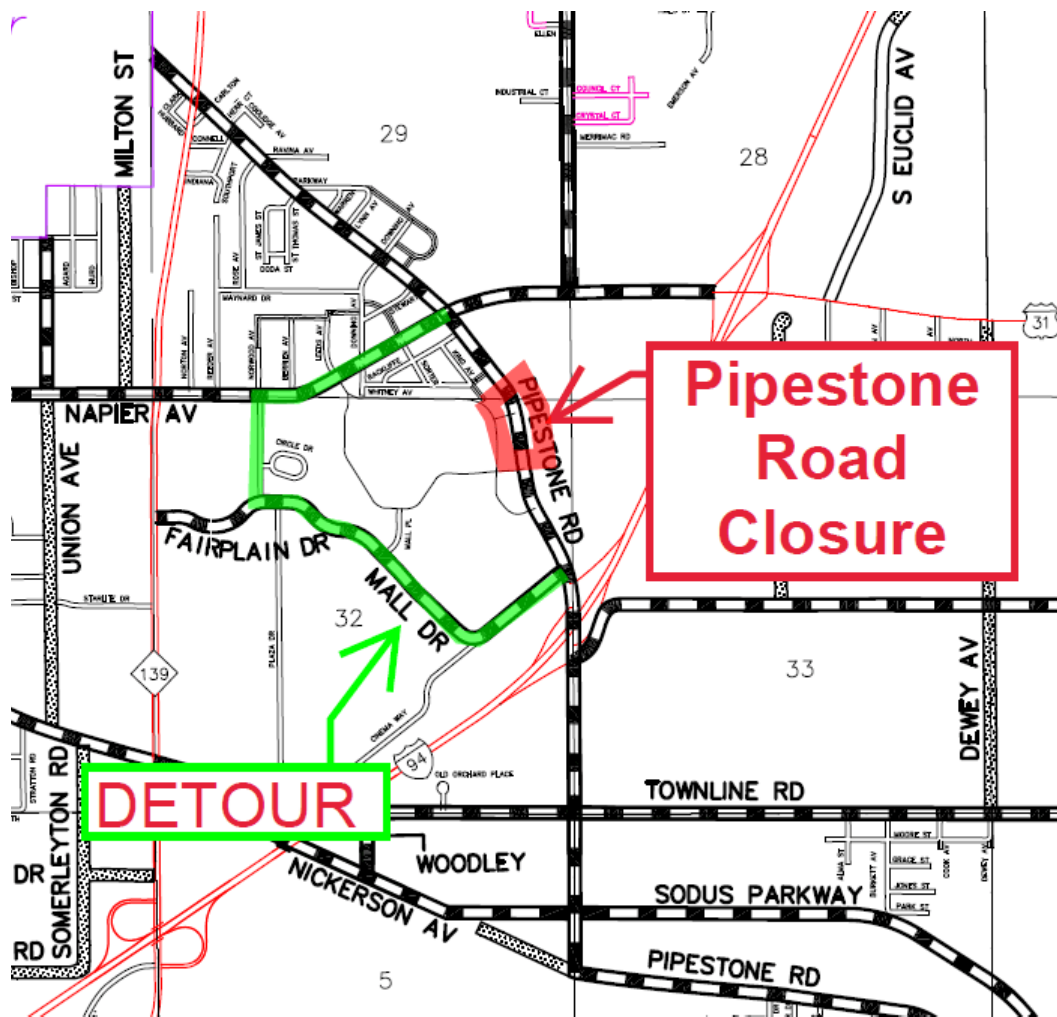


Berrien County Road Department Pipestone Road Closure

Berrien County, MI ~ October 16, 2023

Project Details:

- **TOWNSHIP:** Benton Township
- **LOCATION:** Pipestone Road between Napier Avenue and Mall Drive
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** St Joseph and Benton Harbor
- **START DATE:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023
 - Dates and schedule is subject to contractor, work progression, and weather permitting
- **PROJECT DURATION:** Approximately 3 weeks
- **PROJECT:** A contractor completing utility work related to drainage in the road and road right-of-way will result in a total road closure of Pipestone Road. No thru traffic will be permitted between Napier Avenue and Mall Drive.
- **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Pipestone Road will be closed to thru traffic between Napier Avenue and Mall Drive for approximately 3 weeks to complete storm drainage related work. Please seek alternative routes or utilize the detour route until road has been reopened.
 - Local traffic accessing Aldi can do so by traveling southbound on Pipestone Road from the Napier Avenue intersection
 - Local traffic accessing Brookfield Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram can do so by traveling northbound on Pipestone Road from the Mall Drive intersection.
- **DETOUR ROUTE:** Napier Avenue to Plaza Drive to Fairplain Drive to Mall Drive to Pipestone Road.
- **[Link to one page PDF with location and detour map](#)**



BCRD Pipestone Road Closure and Detour Map



BERRIEN COUNTY
ROAD DEPARTMENT

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

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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Local Arts – Presentation on Remedios Varo at Roti Roti Art Center



Remedios Varo
Magic & Science Fiction
 Presentation by
 RoseAnna Mueller, Ph.D.

Saturday, October 21st, 2-3pm ET
 Register online or pay at the door. \$10

"Inside the Exhibition"
 We'll explore works by this influential
 Spanish-Mexican Surrealist Artist



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Presentation on Remedios Varo by RoseAnna Mueller, Phd

Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan



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Presentation on Remedios Varo by RoseAnna Mueller, Phd at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan flyer

RoseAnna Mueller, Phd will present "Remedios Varo in Chicago: Magic and Science Fiction" which features paintings by the Spanish-Mexican Surrealist Artist, Remedios Varo (1908-1963.) Varo is considered one of the most individual and extraordinary Mexican painters. She has had an enduring influence on subsequent artists. Above all, she paved the way for other women artists in Mexico.

We will explore Remedios Varo's works currently at the Art Institute of Chicago, reviewing "Inside the Exhibition: The Dueling Dualities of Remedios Varo" and focusing on some of her representative works depicting a world between fantasy and reality, dreams and the unconscious, and making invisible emotions visible.

The presentation will take place on Saturday, October 21st, 2pm ET, at the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, 117 W Front St, Buchanan, MI 49107. Cost is \$10. For more information visit www.rotirotiartcenter.org or email rotirotiartcenter@gmail.com.

Remedios Varo's works were shown at the Mexican Fine Arts Museum, "The Magic of Remedios Varo." And this fall, her works are being shown at the Art Institute of Chicago, "Remedios Varo: Science Fiction." In addition, her works were exhibited in San Francisco, and can be found in private collections and in Mexican museums and galleries. In the U.S. her works are in the Museum of Modern Art in New York and in the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.

About RoseAnna Mueller:

Adjunct – Columbia College Chicago; rmueller@colum.edu

– Faculty Emeritus, Humanities, History and Social Sciences.

– I joined the department in 1991 and taught Spanish Language and Culture I-IV, Italian Language and Culture I-III, Latin American Art, Literature and Music, Italian Art Literature and Music, Introduction to Women's/Gender Studies and The Italian Renaissance, Honors.

– Developed and taught in Latin American/Latino Minor and Women and Gender Studies Minor.

– Led study-travel to Mexico, Guatemala and Italy.

– Participant in NEH Summer Institutes and Seminars, 1985, 1992, 1995, MLA/LIA Linguistic Institute, 1989.

– Publications: Teresa de la Parra: A Literary Life, 2012. Ana Isabel, A Respectable Girl, 2012. Montemayor's Diana, A Translation and Introduction, 1989.

– Fulbright Teaching/Research Fellow, Venezuela, 2002-2003. Fulbright Teaching/Research Fellow, Colombia, 2017. My current research focuses on the life writings of colonial nuns in Guatemala and Colombia.

– Ph.D. Comparative Literature 1977, Graduate School of the City University of New York. M.A. Romance Languages 1977. B.A. Hunter College 1971, Spanish.

Event Details:

- *Who:* Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* Presentation on Remedios Varo by RoseAnna Mueller, Phd
- *When:* **Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 2pm**
- *Where:* Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
 - 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI 49107



About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The Buchanan Art Center, dba Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan (RRAC) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing the arts. The Center offers a variety of classes for all ages and in many different mediums. Visit and enjoy upcoming gallery exhibits, summer concerts and peruse the Mary Ruth and Al White Gift Shop, filled with treasures handcrafted by local and regional artists. RRAC is home to a full pottery studio, the Fehlner Family Gallery, an art-centered library housed in the Hess Gallery, and a versatile classroom space. Community support is appreciated as we continue to grow our robust programming to further our reach in the area. Visit our website to become a member, register for classes or to learn of the many opportunities in which you might become involved.

Current Leadership: Executive Director Kim Pruitt

www.rotirotiartcenter.com

- Admission is Free
- Hours:
 - Wed-Sun ~ Noon-6
 - Mon-Tue ~ Closed (Classes Only)

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • October 16 2023



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



All completed Board of Education Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Buchanan Community Schools website [HERE](#).

Please note that a few highlights from the latest Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education Meeting Agenda are listed below. At the end of the agenda's highlights, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of that meeting.

Also, meeting minutes may not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they become available.

- **Regular Meeting ~ 10/16/2023 6:00 PM**
- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
 - 401 W. Chicago Street
 - Buchanan, MI 49107
- Watch the live stream: <https://youtube.com/live/vqU7QwGJJ0M?feature=share>

Regular Meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education • Tuesday, October 16, 2023 – 6pm

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
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- Dr. Scott Carlin, Trustee – scarlin@buchananschools.com
- Jennie Brackett, Trustee – jbrackett@buchananschools.com

Official minutes of school board meetings are stored and available for inspection in the Superintendent's Office. Meeting minutes are also posted on our district website under the Board of Education:
www.buchananschools.com.

If you will be attending the meeting in person, door entrances 1, 2, and 3 will be open. During the winter months, we encourage you to park in the staff parking lot off Phelps Street and enter through entrance #3.

Upon request to Michelle Munyon, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meeting.

A. OPENING OF MEETING BY PRESIDENT

- We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.
- All regular meetings have been posted on our district website, in our central office, and in each district school building. Tonight's agenda has been posted on our website and emailed out to the BCS Board of Education Community Subscription. Our school board members receive the agenda and all supporting documents for reports and action items several days prior to this scheduled meeting, so they can review information, prepare questions or comments, and are ready to participate fully in the discussions and votes that encompass the duties of their office.
- 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.
- ***Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!***

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

E. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

F. POINTS OF PRIDE

I. Buck Staff Appreciation October Winner:

- Christin Taylor, BMS 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher

II. Buck Staff Appreciation October Nominees:

- Abby Cantu, BHS Administrative Assistant
- Abigail Yohe, 3rd Grade Teacher
- Amy Cowart, 1st Grade Teacher
- Carrie Thompson, Moccasin Administrative Assistant
- David Sokolowski, Moccasin Building Substitute
- Kasey McBeth, BCS Lead Instructional Coach
- Kathy Paturalski, Ottawa Interventionist
- Kelly Smith, Elementary Instructional Coach
- Maggie Patnoudes, Ottawa Speech & Language Pathologist
- Melissa Frost, BHS Science Teacher
- Michelle Trail, Custodian
- Monica Luke, BMS Social Studies Teacher
- Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal
- Vicki Toms, Moccasin Paraprofessional

III. Homecoming Week, October 9-13

G. SUPERINTENDENT/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- I. Board Updates: BHS & CTE, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics & BVA, Business Office, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, and Operations & Instructional Systems
- II. Superintendent's Update – Including My Kids Back on Track

H. PRESENTATIONS

- I. School Highlight – Rebecca Kaltenbach, Food Service Supervisor
- II. Michael D. Gresens, Attorney – Thrun Law Firm

I. INFORMATION/REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

- I. Finance Committee – October 9th Meeting
- II. Human Resources Committee – October 11th Meeting

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Per Buchanan Community Schools bylaw 0167.3, which governs Public Comment at Board Meetings; each participant may speak once during the meeting for up to three minutes. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- The Board will listen, take comments and questions under advisement, and not respond at this time. I, as President, will refer questions to the superintendent for research and response in a timely manner. Please ensure your Public Comment Card includes your contact information as desired for a response. If you have specific questions for the Board that require a follow-up, please email those directly to the board president.

K. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

L. RECOMMENDED ACTION – OTHER

I. BVA Graduation Certification

II. My Kids Back on Track

M. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

N. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, November 20th at 6pm

O. ADJOURNMENT

Read the full minutes [HERE](#).



Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

Mission: Educating students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical and social/emotional lives.

Vision: To develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

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.

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Press Release – Announcing New Instructor at SAM



Announcing New School of American Music Instructor Elisabeth Waldburger, Woodwind Specialist

Submitted by Donna Mitchell, School of American Music Executive Director

The School of American Music (SAM) recently hired a new instructor, Elisabeth Waldburger, Woodwind Specialist. Donna M. Mitchell, SAM Executive Director, said "We at SAM are very happy and excited to add a musician and teacher of Elisabeth's caliber to our teaching staff. We know our students benefit greatly from access to a musician of her abilities." Elisabeth commented "I am looking forward to spending time building a studio at School of American Music and am excited for all the possibilities for growth!"



Elisabeth Waldburger, New Woodwind Specialist at SAM, Photo provided by School of American Music

Elisabeth is an active Michiana-based performing musician and private music instructor. She has been a member of the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra since 2016, and has recently taken on the role as personnel manager with the LCSO. She also participates in other local ensembles, including the La Porte City Band, the St. Joseph Municipal Band, and the Elkhart County Symphony. When she's not performing, she enjoys teaching clarinet and saxophone lessons to student musicians in her private music studio. Her students represent a number of local districts, including La Porte, Penn-Harris-Madison, Mishawaka, and South Bend schools.

Elisabeth is originally from Granger, Indiana and grew up in the South Bend schools. She first fell in love with orchestral playing in middle school when she was accepted into the South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestras. Participating in SBYSO and other school performance opportunities—such as ISSMA solo and ensemble events,

Indiana All-State Honor Bands, and side by side concerts with the South Bend Symphony—greatly influenced her decision to pursue music as a career. In 2010 she attended Western Michigan University, where she studied clarinet with Brad Wong and Stephanie Hovnanian. She received her Bachelor of Musical Arts degree in Instrumental Performance in 2014 and Master of Music degree in Instrumental Performance in 2016. Elisabeth would like to thank her school music teachers, who all lent her positive support in her young career: Ember Miller, Jason Gresl, Trevor O’Riordan, Susan Walker, Gary Kurtis, and Denise Kuehner.



About School of American Music: The School of American Music was founded by D. Garth Taylor to serve as a music resource in Michiana. Currently serving as President of SAM, Taylor has been joined over the years by Executive Director, Donna M. Mitchell and a full Board of Directors. Their mission is to provide education, performance, and audience opportunities in music and the related arts in the Southwest Michigan area. The School of American Music, located in Three Oaks, Michigan, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The school provides education, performance, and audience opportunities in music and the related arts in the Southwest Michigan area.

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Press Release – LMC Summer Dean's Lists 2023



Lake Michigan College Students Earn Spots on Summer Dean's Lists

Submitted by Jeremy D. Bonfiglio, LMC Marketing Communications Specialist

Benton Harbor, MI ~ October 11, 2023

Lake Michigan College has announced the names of 154 students recognized for academic achievement during the 2023 Summer semester. The Dean's List includes two full-time students and 152 part-time students who achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Full-Time Dean's List:			
Coloma	Tyler Streu		
Covert	Elizabeth Cortez		
Part-Time Dean's List:			
Allegan	Jason Blik	Hopkins	Lisa Jilek
Bangor	Abigail Moench	Jenison	Valisatie Koetje
Baroda	Jonathan Davis, Hannah Harlan	Kalamazoo	Baylee Bonds, Kaylin Hurley, Tamara Romero, Ariana Salinas
Battle Creek	Jennifer Chartrand	LaPorte, IN	Paige Steele
Benton Harbor	Howard Balbo, Maceyo Coleman, Tracie Crenshaw, Conner Degraaf, Fouzia Lakraa, Sydney Morant, Precious Napier, Eeron Patterson, Teja-Nae Shivers, Jamiee Thompson, Tiffani Wigent, Nakeisha Wright-Williams	Lawton	Jason Higley
Berrien Center	Lucas Baltazar, Jennalee Ortega	Little Elm, TX	Jocorian Freeman
Berrien Springs	Tahiriniaina Bakoliarimanana, Jacob Belin, Brittney Gaban, Hasinjanahary Rakotondrainibe, Crystal Steffey	Marne	Madison Ruwersma
Bloomington	Crystin Hall	Milwaukee, WI	Kalyah Watson
Bridgman	Brayden Isaacs, Jennifer Warmbein	Mishawaka, IN	Brier Campos
Buchanan	Christin Cooper, Kateryna Dzhevaga, Katelyn Leverton, Amanda Manasco	New Buffalo	Kelsey Yech
Canton	Angela Schmidt	Newaygo	Annaleese Rasanen
Cassopolis	Jersie Dawson	Niles	Josiah Bullard, Makayla Floor, Stacy Grayam, Kamaryn Rowe, Chase Rudell, Aubri-Anna Singh, Bailee Timm
Chicago, IL	Abdoulaye Ba, Vera Videnovich	Northhampton, MA	Jarelys Valentin Ramos
Coloma	Matthew Clayton, Lindsey Coombs, Cali Grenon, Madison Hagood-Saunders, Grace	Paw Paw	Olivia Kuiper, Makayla Trumbull

	Kiessling, Mason Lampros, Laiya Liberto, Cameron Owens, Logan Roberts, Madison Schwerdt, Aiden Shell, Nicole Swisher		
Covert	Aurora Hernandez	Pullman	Jose Rojas
Decatur	Jessica Neal	Racine, WI	Hannah Kraus
Delton	Natalie Ritchie	Rolling Prairie, IN	Angela Young
Dowagiac	Bianca Pickens	Saint Joseph	Maureen Adams, Lindsey Adent, Ellie Barnes, Susan Bishop, Jackson Blough, Cozette Borgerson, Brayden Ebel, Trenton Harrell, Sandra Hemphill, James Johnson, Manpreet Kaur, Ellen Kim, Vanessa Miller, Kristin Nadolski, Katherine Phillips, Grant Ruddell, Gage Rush, Matthew Schulz, Ramandeep Singh, Alexis Skurka-Mysliwy, Alexander Wells, Bradley Wolf, Kaitlyn Yack
Eau Claire	Isabelle Garrison, Sydney Steinke	Sawyer	Danielle Gorske, Justice Ricketts
Fennville	Allison Burks	Sodus	Kirkland Love
Galien	Lauren Strefling	South Bend, IN	Christina Abarca, Stephanie Foreman, Shane Knoll, Jasmine Marquez, Kaleigh Weaver
Gobles	Sheryl Genslak	South Haven	Vanessa Brunson, Lucia Hernandez, Chrystal Marr, Denise Mitchell, Ithzel Rosas, Christin Toney
Goshen, IN	Brooklyn Byler, Katherine Mcdonald	Stevensville	Sheryl Adinolfi, Kaelie Aldridge, Daniel De La Rosa, Yazan Farhan, Lanie Gage, Cheyenne Harmon, Jeri Holt, Anna Kapapula, Jesus Rojas-De La Garza, Suzie Spence
Grand Junction	Kacie Hinken, Jessica Morales, Hailey Wertz	Three Oaks	Corissa Fultz, Deneese Fultz
Hartford	Martha Alanis, Rebecca Bauer, James Terry, Evelin Ugalde	Vicksburg	Lindsey Lantagne, Erica Macleod
Holland	Trinidy Chourb, Rebekah Stilwell	Watervliet	Hope Barker, Ashley Bobay, Karen Hempel, Lauren Laws, Luz Perez, Alexandra Strand, Matthew Zyla

LMC Summer Dean's Lists 2023



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Press Release – Salvation Army Christmas is Coming

Host a Toy or Food Drive

Help families turn tough breaks into fresh starts. Each year, The Salvation Army provides holiday assistance to more than 2.2 million people across the country. To help meet the increasing needs this year, just making it easier than ever for people to donate toys and funds to The Salvation Army.

With your help, we can help hardworking families who are struggling to make ends meet. Here are a couple of easy ways to provide toys and food to people in need this Christmas.

TOY DRIVE

Collect new toys from your family, friends, church and/or co-workers in a way that fits your schedule. Simply outsource your drive and collect our forms, and we'll pick them up for you. You'll definitely have a more meaningful Christmas knowing you've helped bring joy to the hearts of those who are often overlooked during the holidays. We can provide collection bins, toy suggestions based on ages, and customer service assistance. If there are additional resources you need, please reach out to us via our contact page.

Please make sure the gifts are new and unopened so we can best give the families and kids the best Christmas.

FOOD DRIVE

Collect non-perishable and canned foods that will help provide a warm, delicious holiday meal for struggling families. The Salvation Army will coordinate the food collection for families and individuals experiencing food insecurity. Each food item is designed to help feeding of food-insecure individuals. We can provide collection bins, and cultural/gift suggestions. If there are additional resources you need, please reach out to us via our contact page.

THE SALVATION ARMY NILES CORPS SERVING SOUTHEAST BERRIEN & CASS COUNTIES

CHRISTMAS TOY SHOP SIGN UP

COME SIGN UP TO RECEIVE FREE TOYS FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) ages 0-16 years MUST HAVE CURRENT VALID ID AND HAVE LEGAL CUSTODY OF CHILDREN

NEED TO REGISTER?

WHERE & WHEN

NOVEMBER 13-17, 2023

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

424 N. 15TH ST. NILES, MI 49664

269-684-2660 FOR MORE INFORMATION

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH EVERY RING.

Volunteer bell ringers are crucial to The Salvation Army's holiday fundraising efforts. By ringing bells at the iconic Red Kettles, you help to provide food, shelter, and support for those in need.

WHAT IS REGISTER TO RING?

Register to Ring is an online platform that will help you find the perfect location for your local community.

REGISTERING IS EASY!

1. Visit RegisterToRing.com and select "I'm Ringing as an Individual."
2. Follow the prompts to find bell-ringing opportunities in your area.
3. Confirm your status and receive further details via email.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

The Salvation Army
Phone: 269-684-2660
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Get Involved This Christmas and Bring Joy to Another

Volunteers Needed for Christmas.

We cannot provide Christmas assistance without your help. We are looking for volunteer donors. Here are some ways you can help...

Sorting: Volunteer Elves will assist sorting toys and gifts for the Toy Shop for Distribution date. This position requires:

- December 8th 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon
- December 11th 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Days: Volunteer elves will staff the Toy Shop, and assist with sorting toys and gifts. This position requires Christmas Cheer, some physical ability, carry packages, and assisting families to load their vehicles.

Register to Ring is an online platform that will help you find the perfect location for your local community.

NUMBER 12TH THROUGH THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

0 am to 12:00 Noon; 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

CONTACT: volunteer contact Tim Douglas at 269-684-2660 or Timothy.Douglas@usc.salvationarmy.org

THE SALVATION ARMY 424 N. 15th St. Niles, Michigan

Christmas is Coming for Salvation Army 2023

Submitted by Timothy Douglas, Niles Corps of The Salvation Army Office Manager

We will be accepting registrations for Christmas Assistance Monday, November 13 to Friday, November 17th, 9 am – 12 Noon and 1 pm – 3 pm (flyer attached). Please let your congregations be aware of these dates and times.

The Salvation Army is also beginning preparations for our annual Christmas Toy Shop and of course, our

annual Bell-Ringing Campaign. We are pleased to extend an invitation to you and your congregations to join us. It is only through your generosity that we are able to provide our services to the needy families in our community.

Through your generous contributions, we can reach hundreds of children with the Christmas Assistance Toy Shoppe program. We strive to provide each child with NEW gift items such as toys, clothing, books, games, or stuffed animals. These will be distributed to children/families at our Toy Shop, where parents or guardians may do their 'shopping' and pick out items as gifts for their children.

Our Annual Red Kettle Campaign is how our Salvation Army – Niles Corps offices obtain the majority of its budget. With the help and assistance of volunteers throughout our service area, bell ringers operate in shifts throughout the Holiday season. The donations collected through the generosity of our community stay here in our service area of Southeast Berrien County and all of Cass County.



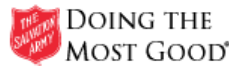
You can participate in a several ways.

1. Toy or Food Drive – Set up a container in which to collect new toys or non-perishable foods. You can then drop off the donated items or we can pick up the donations at an appointed date and time. A container can be provided to you if needed. Please remember that we ask all toys to be new and unwrapped, and all food donations should be in-date.
2. Christmas Angel Tree is always a popular and attractive method to afford folks the opportunity to give, and it couldn't be easier! We can provide you with tags generically representing a boy or girl, including age, (new-born to 16 years). Of course, these are provided only as guidelines. You do the rest! We ask that the gifts NOT be wrapped, however if you wish to include wrapping paper for us to use for the gift later, you may. Return the Angel Tree Tag and gifts per the return date to either your location or our address. We can provide you with a collection box if needed.
3. Shop from Home Angel Tree – Through an arrangement The Salvation Army has with Walmart, you can shop from your home and have the gift or toy delivered straight to our office. Just click on the link below, and it will take you directly to our Registry for Good site, pick out the gift you want to purchase and send it on its way. While shopping online, don't forget to round-up your purchase amount as a donation to us as well. <https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/14511795-d562-4a56-b917-70a59c57efd7>
4. Toy Shop Elves – We always need volunteers to assist with sorting donated toys and assisting with the actual distribution of the gifts. Multiple shifts are available.
5. Bell Ringers – Ringers are always needed for many shifts throughout the day. We accept individual volunteers, as well as groups. Individual shifts are usually 2 hours each. Why not get a group from your office, company, congregation, or organization together and select a day at one of our many sites throughout the area? And now it is easier than ever to schedule a shift. You can call our office and schedule shifts, or you can simply click on the link below, type in 'Niles' or '49120' and follow the prompts to see every schedule at every site throughout Niles and Dowagiac, and schedule it anytime day or night. www.registertoring.com.

We are including flyers to help you, help us, by recruiting toy shop volunteers, bell ringers, promote a toy or food drive, or promote an Angel Tree program.



We continue to see an increase in those seeking assistance throughout the year, and especially during the Holiday Season. God has blessed us in meeting these needs and we continue to trust He will again this year. If you can help, we would love to work with you. Please call us at (269)684-2660 to learn how you can help. Thank you for carefully considering the needs of the less fortunate in our community.



About The Salvation Army of Niles MI: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

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City Commission Regular Meeting Agendas • 10/09/23 & 10/23/23



City Commission Regular Meeting Agendas • 10/09/23 & 10/23/23

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

All completed City Commission Meeting Minutes available to read on the City of Buchanan website [HERE](#).

Please note that a few highlights from the latest City Commission Meeting Agendas are posted below. At the end of each agenda's highlights, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of that meeting.

Also, meeting minutes may not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle, but instead as they become available.

Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission • AGENDA Monday, October 23, 2023 – 7pm

- 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*)
 - A. **Minutes**
 - 1. Consider approving the regular meeting minutes from October 9, 2023.
 - B. **Appointments**
 - 1. B.A.R.B Appointments – Consider approving Jacob Brown (City) and Emily Koziel (Township) to B.A.R.B.
 - 2. Plan Commission – Consider approving Peter Lysy for a partial term ending June 2025 and Jacob Brown term ending June 2026.
 - 3. Buchanan Tree Friends – Consider approving Cala Moeller to join the Buchanan Tree Friends.
 - C. **Expenditures**
 - 1. Consider approving the General Expenditures for October 23, 2023, in the amount of \$264,970.90.
- VIII. **Scheduled Matters from the Floor** (*if any*)
- IX. **Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards**

A. Clerk Report – *City Clerk, Kalla Langston*

1. Presentation of Early Voting Agreement between the City of Buchanan and the County of Berrien.
2. Consider Resolution 2023.10/28- A resolution authorizing the city clerk to enter into an early voting agreement with Berrien County.

B. Community Development Report – *Community Development Director, Rich Murphy*

1. Consider Resolution 2023.10/29- a resolution to sell city owner property at 123 Days Ave. Buchanan, MI 49107 to Lise Gustavsen. The City Commission unanimously approved the purchase of 123 Days Ave. to Lise Gustavsen on September 25, 2023.

X. **Unfinished Business**

- A. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 2023.10/437 – *amendment to the zoning ordinance official map of the City of Buchanan.*

XI. **New Business**XII. **Communications** (*informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired*)

- A. Buchanan Riverfront Master Plan Public Workshop on October 24, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

XIII. **Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only** (*3-minute limit*)XIV. **Executive Comments**

- A. **City Manager Comments**
- B. **Commissioner Comments**
- C. **Mayor Comments**

XV. **Adjourn**

- Read the original agenda [HERE](#) (page 1).

Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission • MINUTES Monday, October 09, 2023 – 7pmI. **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. **Recognition**

- None

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 Patrick Swem, Commissioner Daniel Vigansky
- **Absent:** Commissioner Larry Money
- **City Staff:** City Manager, Benjamin Eldridge; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Director of Public Safety, Tim Ganus.

V. **Approve Agenda**

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Weedon 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*)A. **Minutes** – *Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2023.*B. **Expenditures** – *Consider approving the General Expenditures for October 09, 2023, in the amount of \$ 37,270.75.*

- Motion made by Weedon, supported by Vigansky to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VIII. **Scheduled Matters from the Floor** (*if any*)A. **Rick Paniagua** – *Presentation and Consideration of Art Installation at the 120 E. Front St. (back of the building)*

- Paniagua gave a history of his business and how he came to Buchanan. Paniagua also touched on the collaboration of the community with his business, city workers and volunteers. Emphasizing beautification and the improvement of Buchanan.

- Paniagua talked about the current situation with his building with much needed tuck-pointing to the back of the building. The mural would cover the patch work from the tuck pointing. Paniagua would like to finish the artwork before the season is over.
- The mural has been started as well as painting on the lower back of the building and side of the building. The process was started before going through the correct protocol. Stop orders were given to Paniagua. Recommendations to stop painting then go in front of Design Review Committee and explain the paint used for the side of the building and the lower level of the back building.

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

A. Community Development Report – Community Development Director, Rich Murphy

1. Consider approving Medical and Adult Use Renewal License (Retail and Provisioning Center) for KISA Enterprise/Pinnacle Emporium at 221 E. Front St.
 - Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky to approve the Medical and Adult Use renewal license for KISA Enterprise/Pinnacle Emporium at 221 E Front St. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

A. Introduction and first reading of **Ordinance 2023.10/437** – *amendment to the zoning ordinance official map of the City of Buchanan.*

- Murphy presented the first reading of Ordinance 2023.10/437. The ordinance is an amendment to the zoning ordinance for 208 Days Ave. from R-1A to be rezoned C-3. Murphy has been working with developers who are wanting to develop a boutique hotel at the 206- and 208-days Ave. The Plan Commission initiated the application and favorably recommends the amendment.

B. **Resolution 2023.10/26** – *A resolution setting 2023 schedule of fees and charges for Oak Ridge Cemetery.*

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Weedon to approve resolution 2023.10/26. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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

XIII. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only *(3-minute limit)*

- *Mary Gilbert* – Asking to hear updates from the Fire Chief and Water Department. Would like to hear an update from Anton, owner of fifteen-to-twelve restaurant involving the lift station. Concerns about financial stability and expansion on comments made previously. Update on Feed Mill and asked for no profanity.
- *Norma Ferris* – Called a member of the senate for coffee sit down with the commission.

XIV. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

- Reminder on Trick-or Treat hours are Tuesday October 31st 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM.

B. Commissioner Comments

- *Vigansky* – As far as using profanity, sometimes you need to. Thanked Mary for the comment about the update about the lift station.
- *Swem* – Go Pack Go.
- *Weedon* – Likes processes followed. When they are followed it does seem to be difficult.

C. Mayor Comments

- The DPW building received its last permit to begin construction. Encouraged everyone to attend the Tin Shop Theater, they really did a great job.

XV. Adjourn

- Motion made by Weedon, supported by Vigansky to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

- Read the original agenda [HERE](#) (page 1).
- Read the full minutes [HERE](#) (page 3).

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- City Commission Meetings:

- Meetings are held at City Hall on the **second** and **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless it is a holiday and then the meeting is the next business day. Residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- The Agenda is posted in the cabinet by the entrance to City Hall the Friday before a Monday Meeting.
- Recorded meeting sessions can be viewed on the City's YouTube Channel:
 - Current meetings: **Buchanan City**
 - Meetings prior to October 2021: **City of Buchanan, MI.**

www.cityofbuchanan.com/citycommission

- Typical Hours at City Hall:

- Monday – Thursday : 9am-4pm
- Friday : 9am-1pm

Phone: [269-695-384](tel:269-695-384); Fax: [269-695-4330](tel:269-695-4330)

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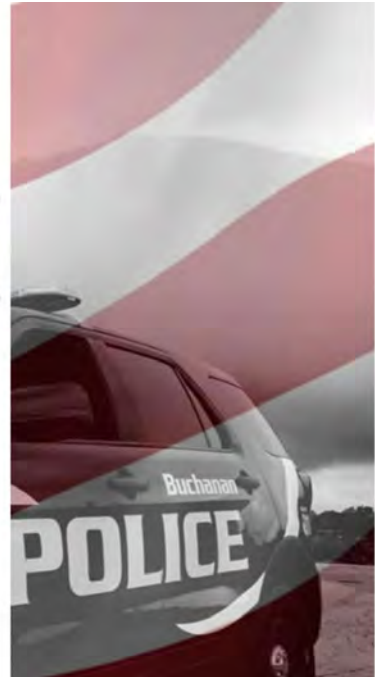
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Police Points – Call Log Issue 62



Police Call Log : September 2023

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	0
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	3
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	3
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	9
Family/Other	2
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	3
Intimidation/Stalking	7
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	0
Damage to Property	6
Liquor Violations	2
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	2
Disorderly Conduct	4
Weapons Offense	0
Public Peace / Other	2
OUIL	2
Driving Law Violations	6
Health and Safety	6
Trespass	3
Juvenile Complaints	1
Animal Cruelty	2
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	0
Abandoned Vehicle	12
Property Checks	1
Alarms	11

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	6
Suspicious Situations	30
Lost/Found Property	6
Natural Death	1
Accidental/Suicide	0
Medical Assist	49
General Assist	56
Ordinance Violations	25
Missing Person	1
VCSA	0
Arson	1

Total Calls September 2023 : 257

* Reminder: The time frame included in each Call Log may vary, and as such the total number of calls per Call Log will vary accordingly.*



About Buchanan City Police Department: The Buchanan City Police Department's fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard life and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation; the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional Rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice. The Buchanan Police Department proudly serves the citizens of the City of Buchanan by providing twenty-four hour, seven days a week, full service police coverage.

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

Non-Emergency phone: 269-695-5120, fax: 269-695-0014.

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- Hours: 24HR EMERGENCY SERVICE – 911
- Office lobby hours: Monday – Friday ~ 8am-4:30pm, except holidays.

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Buchanan Losses • 10/01 – 10/18

Name	Age	Born	Died
Robert Frederick "Bob" Troike	83	October 14, 1940	October 18, 2023
Thomas T. "Tom" Mooney	81	October 15, 1942	October 17, 2023
Karen Larkin Johnson	83	April 30, 1940	October 11, 2023
Nancy Anne "Shrimp" Wallquist	74	May 19, 1949	October 11, 2023
Joyce Gail "Joycee" Robinson	67	January 8, 1956	October 10, 2023
Marvin Alan Lowery	69	October 18, 1953	October 9, 2023
Kenneth Raymond Richards	73	May 8, 1950	October 9, 2023
Carol Mae "Carrot" Crawford	84	October 23, 1938	October 7, 2023
Judith Carolyn Hillis	79	August 24, 1944	October 7, 2023
Viola Mary Roundy	82	March 6, 1941	October 6, 2023
William David "Bill" Salisbury	61	October 31, 1961	October 6, 2023
Dianne Kay Lott	76	October 8, 1946	October 3, 2023
Christina Marie "Chrissy" Moten	53	January 4, 1970	October 1, 2023

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
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414 E Front St
Buchanan, MI 49107
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Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel
269-695-6881
301 W Front St
Buchanan, MI 49107
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The Clark Barker – Issue 62



It's Raining Leaves!

We all know that it's leaf pick up time! However, when those leaves are wet, it's a pain and more and more comes down. How we long for drier days to come and move them to the tree lawn near the road to be picked up by the crews. I like to run through them and if you're a big kid at heart, jump in the piles that are in your yard, but not the piles next to the road. Remember to not include grass clippings or tree limbs in these piles. A big thanks goes out to the crews for handling this big task.

Woof-Woof!



A Note from the Editor – Issue 62



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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Happy Fall everyone! I hope you are enjoying the ever-changing fall time colors this week. As I was starting this note an hour before sunset, I noticed the leaves were orange and had a glimmer of sunshine on them. So, I decided to go take some photos of the upper and lower Buchanan Dam and came back home to finish my note. As I arrived at both places, the St. Joseph River was flowing pretty well and on the west bank of the river, you could see the beautiful reflection of the colorful trees. Capturing these photos made me happy as it was a beautiful sight. You will see some of them in my note, as well in a few upcoming online issues.

Highlights in this issue are:

- *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*
- *Meet the new City of Buchanan Manager*
- *BCFD at Buchanan District Library*
- *Halloween Events*

Before we know it, Halloween and Thanksgiving are going to be done and then Christmas will be right around the corner. The Buchanan Chronicle is offering a special opportunity for local businesses/organizations/families/individuals to help us in raising our funds for printed issues that are in the +\$700 range for printing. You can join us in spreading some holiday cheer to our readers in the Winter 2023 printed issue. Purchase a large or small ornament ranging from \$20 – 35 with a holiday message along with your name, or just your name. This will be in the middle of the issue on a 2-page spread. Visit our [website](#) to Self-Pay, or mail us your payment. There are a limited number of ornaments that will fit on these pages, so please respond before November 1, 2023. Thank you so much!

Enjoy this weekend and the issue before Halloween.

Happy Reading,

Rebecka Hoyt



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