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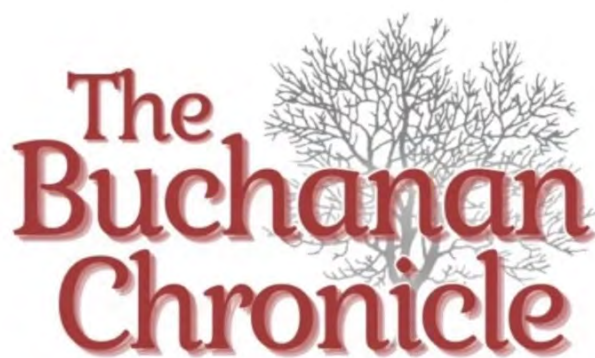
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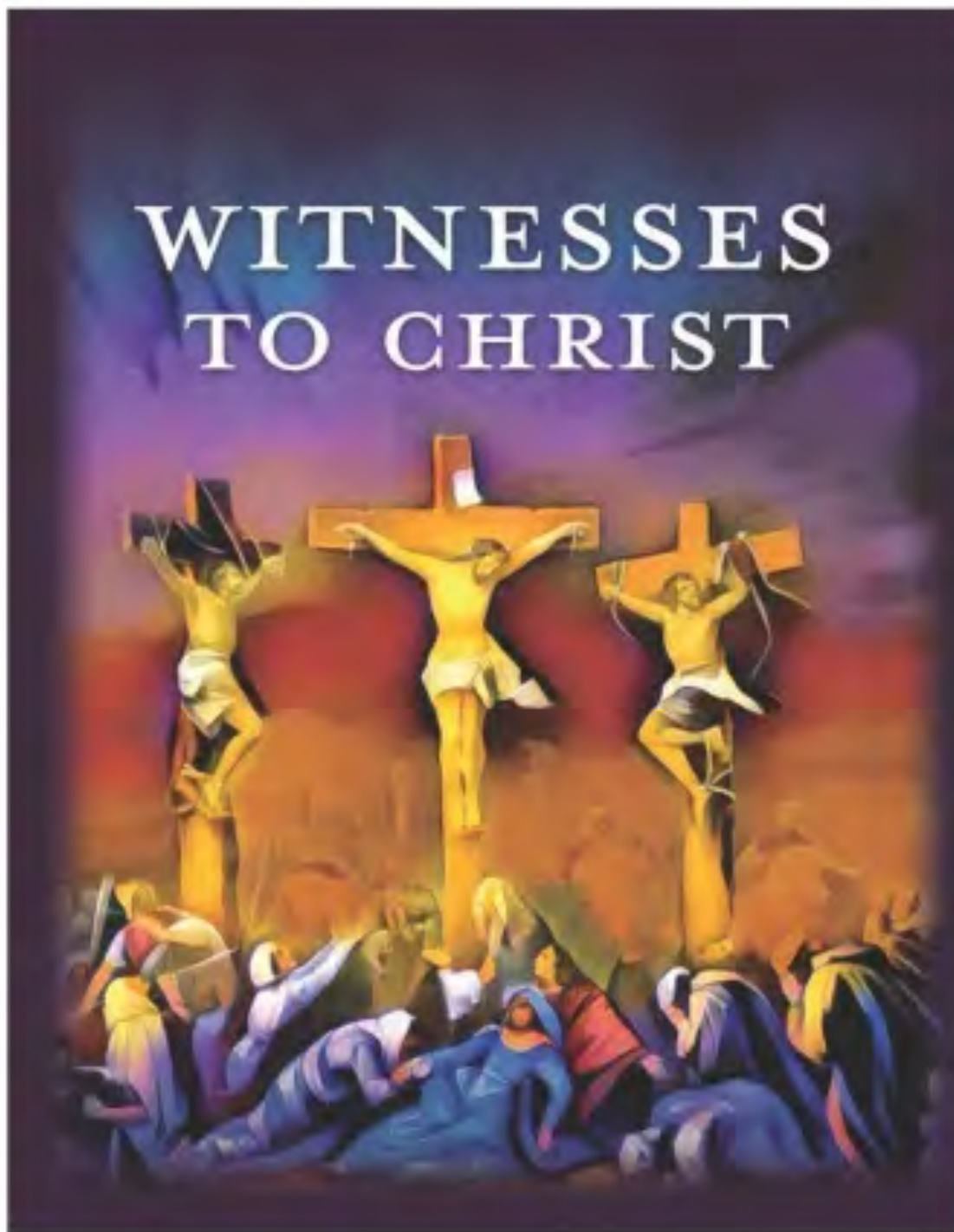
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Upcoming Events – Local Holy Week 2022



Buchanan Local Faith – Easter 2022

Easter Events for the Buchanan and Niles Area

Compiled by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Please note that not all churches in our area are listed. If you want to attend a church, please use this [link that will take you a previous article of church listings](#) to checkout/contact for more information on service/ event times.

- **Niles Salvation Army**

- 424 N 15th St, Niles, MI

- *Good Friday Service* – [Friday, April 15 at 3:00 PM](#)

- **First United Methodist Church**

- 132 S Oak St, Buchanan, MI

- *PALM SUNDAY* – [Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 3:33 pm](#)
 - Join us in celebration of Palm Sunday with a special guest Musician!
 - We will be having a truly special **joint service with Faith United Methodist Church, at 728 N. Detroit St., Buchanan, MI**
- *GOOD FRIDAY* – [Friday, April 15, 2022 from 3:00 pm -5:00 pm](#)
 - Spend time in personal prayer, meditation, and reflection during our open Sanctuary time. Scripture and remembrances will be available to use for reflection and our altar will be available for prayer.
- *EASTER SUNDAY* – [Sunday, April 17, 2022 at 10:00 am](#)
 - Jesus is Risen! So is First UMC!
 - We're Back!!! Celebrate with us this Easter!
 - Our Sunday School will start at 9:00 am, with an Easter Egg Hunt to follow.
 - Bring your camera for a chance to take pictures at the Easter altar after church on Sunday. We will have someone available to take the picture for you.

- **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

- 212 W Front St, Buchanan, MI

- *PALM SUNDAY* – April 10 at 9:30 AM
- *MAUNDY THURSDAY* – April 14 at 7:00 PM
- *GOOD FRIDAY* – April 15
 - 9:00 AM Christ Nailed to the Cross
 - All day – Open for Prayer
 - 7:00 PM Good Friday Service
- *SATURDAY* – April 16
 - *EASTER VIGIL* at 9:00 PM
- *EASTER SUNDAY* – April 17
 - 9:00 AM Breakfast
 - 10:00 AM Easter Festival Service

Upcoming Event – Easter Egg Hunt 2022

Buchanan's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16th

Starting 11:00 A.M.

At

Buchanan Common

Rain, Snow or Sunshine Please Dress for the Weather



*Prizes in each age group!
Visit from the Easter Bunny!*

Age Groups:

3 and under, 4-5 years old,

6-7 years old, 8 and above

All Age Groups will start together

Sponsored by: Buchanan High School Leo Club



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Easter Egg Hunt 2022 flyer

Buchanan's Easter Egg Hunt 2022

- *Who:* BHS Leo Club
- *Where:* Buchanan Common
- *What:* ***Buchanan's Easter Egg Hunt***
- *When:* **Saturday, April 16, 2022 – 11a**

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You can follow the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and the Buchanan High School Leo Club on their [Facebook page](#) for more information.



Community Press Release – City of Buchanan Spring Announcements



City of Buchanan Spring Announcements – Hydrant Flushing and Brush Pick-Up

Buchanan, MI – March 31, 2022

HYDRANT FLUSHING – APRIL 5th -7th

The City of Buchanan water department will be flushing hydrants APRIL 5th -7th, as part of our regular maintenance process. During and immediately after this process, you may want to avoid doing any laundry or excessive use of hot water as there can be some discoloration.

If you experience dark or cloudy water, it's best to run COLD water through your bathtub faucet, an outdoor spigot, or flush the toilet until the water runs clear. Kitchen or bathroom faucets are not recommended as sediments may clog the screen filter. Using hot water will pull the discoloration into your hot water heater and take longer to flush out.



Hydrant Flushing, Spring 2022, City of Buchanan

Brush & Yard Waste Pick-Up is starting again Monday, April 4th!

The City of Buchanan will resume Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up April 4 – October 2, 2022. Grass clippings, leaves, hedge trimmings, and/or garden waste must be in 30 gallon brown recyclable paper bags that can be purchased from the store of our choice. Residents must call the Cemetery by Sunday evening at 695-3971 (24hr answering machine) to request pick-up.

Additionally, the City will pick up brush and limbs on the FIRST and THIRD Monday of each month. Brush and limbs must be neatly stacked and laying in one direction on the tree lawn area, between the curb and sidewalk. Items will NOT be accepted if tied in bundles or if it exceeds 10ft in length. No branches or tree trunks with a diameter greater than 4in will be collected. Tree stumps are NOT acceptable.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

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Yard Waste and Brush Pick Up notices, Spring 2022, City of Buchanan



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Local Faith – LifePlan April Calendar 2022



April Calendar for LifePlan in Niles

Submitted by Cheri Gamble, LifePlan Outreach Director



HERO RUN 5K *and* 10K

**Saturday,
April 23, 2022
Riverfront
Park, Niles**

**All proceeds help
women, men, and
families in the
community!**



www.lifeplan.org

The poster features a photograph of two male runners on a paved path. The runner in the foreground is wearing a bright green jacket, black shorts, and a race bib with the number 594. The runner behind him is wearing a neon yellow tank top with 'FLEE FEET' printed on it, black shorts, and a blue headband. The background shows trees and a brick building.

LifePlan Hero Run – April 23 flyer

- A few upcoming LifePlan events to mention:
 1. April 23 – Hero Run in Niles: Please encourage people to register to walk or run or to volunteer to help on that day!
 2. July 1 – Golf Outing at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend. We would LOVE for your church to have a team for this event . . . more info coming soon.
 3. September 17 – ReMade Youth Conference – more information will be coming soon, but be sure to save that date for your youth group!
 4. September 20 – Annual Banquet at The Armory in South Bend with special speaker Pam Stenzel. We'd love to

have your church fill at least one table for the evening . . . more info coming soon . . .

April 2022 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"From the moment I walked in, I felt welcome. Thank you for everything, you all are amazing" <i>— LifePlan Ultrasound Client</i>				1. Pray for the LifePlan team members who are at the Refresh retreat this weekend 2. Pray for the Refresh retreat and for the LifePlan team members to be refreshed in their relationships with Jesus		"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not grow weary; they shall walk and not faint" <i>— Isaiah 40:31</i>
3. Pray for the LifePlan team members as they return from the Refresh retreat today 4. Pray for God to prepare the way for Pam Stenzel to speak in 3 area schools this September		5. Pray for our clients who are struggling with transportation needs 6. Pray for two of our volunteers who are facing medical issues right now		7. Praise God for a client who recently accepted Jesus! Pray for her continued growth 8. Pray for more clients in Benton Harbor 9. Pray for the Saturday shift in Niles today		
10. Pray for Lyndon as he speaks about sexual integrity with a youth group in St. Joseph, MI tonight 11. Pray for those who are developing a program to help people heal from pornography addiction		12. Pray for the students and teachers at Niles-New Tech High School 13. Pray that our clients will find comfort in Jesus and not addictions		14. Pray for our male coaches and for more male clients 15. Pray for our clients who are recovering from sexual trauma 16. Pray for our new communications manager, Ashley Bernatt, and her family		
17. Pray that our clients will experience the love of Jesus this Easter! 18. Pray for our STI clinic and patients		19. Pray for a spirit of unity among the LifePlan team 20. Praise God for a client who recently celebrated 1 year clean from drugs and has been making good choices for herself and her children!		21. Pray for safe housing for clients in need 22. Pray for our partnership with Well of Grace Ministries and for the Well of Grace team		
24. Pray for our supporting churches and for more churches to join us 25. Pray for God's direction in our South Bend expansion		26. Pray for our board members and their families today 27. Pray for the development of our training department		28. Pray for our clients to make wise decisions regarding their sexual health 29. Pray for our Benton Harbor Medical Director, Dr. Mike Eggelbrecht, and his family		
30. Pray for continued financial provision and growth						



LifePlan

We exist to spread the Gospel by helping people choose life and live a Hope-filled life

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 204 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022
www.lifeplan.org






LifePlan calendar April 2022

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

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Community Press Release – Buchanan District Library



Buchanan District Library Looking for Support to Expand New Tutoring Program

Submitted by Meg Paulette, Buchanan District Library Director

Buchanan MI – March 25, 2022

The Buchanan District Library has started a new program that offers free tutoring at the library.

"We wanted to find a way to help students who may be struggling because of the pandemic," said library Director, Meg Paulette. "Providing high-quality tutoring seemed like the most direct approach—something that would really make a difference."

The Library is piloting this program in partnership with Buchanan Community Schools. Moccasin Elementary School Principal, Dr. Michael Dunn, has helped identify the first group of second grade students to receive tutoring services. This grade has been particularly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic because these children were starting school for the first time in 2020.

"This tutoring program is an opportunity for our students to have specific, individualized learning and attention that will help build our student's confidence and their academic success," said Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent, Patricia Robinson. "We are excited about the partnership between Buchanan District Library and Buchanan Community Schools and look forward to the growth of this program."

Library Director, Meg Paulette, stressed that this is not simply a homework club. "Our tutors are qualified teachers who work with the family and Buchanan Community Schools staff to address the specific needs of each student."

While this program has started with second grade students, the plan is to expand to all grades, as well as GED and ESL instruction. Tutors are paid by the library for their time, and donations are needed to expand. A pledge of \$1000 has already been made by the Buchanan Masons, Lodge #68. Every \$1000 helps pay for about 25 hours of tutoring.

"These tutors are high-quality professionals, and we know their time is valuable," said Paulette. "To expand our program and help more learners in our community, we'll need support. We hope that businesses and individuals will feel this is a good opportunity to make a very direct impact through giving."

Those interested in supporting the library's tutoring program can contact the Director of the Buchanan District Library, Meg Paulette, at m.paulette@buchananlibrary.com or 269.695.1911. More information about the library can be found at www.buchananlibrary.org.



Tutor Karen Quasny works with second grader Eryk Cowart at the library. Quasny is a retired teacher and a Buchanan District Library board member who helped with the creation of this new program. Photo provided by BDL.

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



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.

Buchanan District Library

[269.695.3681](tel:269.695.3681)

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Local Clubs – AHG and BCPD



AHG with Buchanan City Police Department, Photo submitted by Kathleen Furst

Buchanan City Police Department says “Thank You” to American Heritage Girls Troop

Write-Up and Photo submitted by Kathleen Furst

Recently our youngest girls made cookies for Buchanan Police Department as part of their Honor My Country Unit. The police came to our Court of Awards to thank us. The troop was excited that the local police took time to join in celebrating their accomplishments and learning about American Heritage Girls. Thank you Buchanan Police Department for all that you do.

If you are interested in learning more about AHG, please contact Kathy at Buchanan Christian Church 269-695-6621 or email office@buchananchurch.com. You may also check out the AHG website at www.americanheritagegirls.org.



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About American Heritage Girls: We are a troop of about 20 girls who are a mix of homeschooled and public schooled. We are from a variety of religious backgrounds. We have quite a bit of outdoor focus in our well rounded program.

American Heritage Girls Troop MI2006 at Buchanan Christian Church

www.americanheritagegirls.org

[112 W. Third St., Buchanan, MI 49107](#)

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Community Press Release – Southshore Concert Band 2022



Southshore Concert Band "The Joy of Music: 30 Years" flyer

Southshore Concert Band Takes the Stage April 10

Buchanan, MI – March 30, 2022

Submitted by Jan Street, Public Relations Chairperson, Southshore Concert Band

Southshore Concert Band will take the stage at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center on Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. to present their thirtieth anniversary concert "For the JOY of MUSIC: 30 Years."

This program will include a variety of musical selections including the rhythmic and spirited piece entitled "Joy" by Robert Curiale, "How to Train Your Dragon" arranged by Sean O'Loughlin and "A Scottish Rhapsody" by Clare Grundman. Tuba soloist Karl Andrews and vocalist Michael Vanden Tak will perform the entertaining "When Yuba Plays the Rhumba on the Tuba" by Herman Hupfeld.

The concert will feature guest conductor and charter member of the band, Michael Hoge, who leads the band in playing the melodic "Mountain Thyme" by Samuel Hazo and guest conductor Daniel Lopez, Director of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble at Lake Michigan College, who conducts John Philip Sousa's "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

Other highlights of the program include "Hit Tunes From 10 Decades of the 20th Century," a medley of familiar melodies arranged by Jerry Lackey and Rich Bressler, both of whom are musicians with local ties, and a composition entitled "Safe Harbor" by Robert Longfield, commissioned by the band for its twenty-fifth anniversary concert.

Southshore Concert Band, the eighty-member band founded by Conductor Dale L. Reuss, continues to provide free concerts in pursuit of their mission of "performing for the joy of music."

About The Southshore Concert Band: The Southshore Concert Band was formed in 1992 to provide an opportunity for Berrien County adults to use their musical skills formed in high school and college on a volunteer basis for personal enjoyment. The band membership has grown over the years to include members from northern Indiana as well as other southwest Michigan counties. Membership includes a broad range of professional careers-retired band teachers, current teachers, engineers, accountants, social workers, computer consultants -all playing together to share their common passion for music.

The band provides free concerts at various locations in southwest Michigan during the year. Regular concerts include Winter and Spring concerts at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center. Additional concerts such as a Halloween Concert, Veteran's Day Let Us Forget Concert, a collaborative concert with the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomie, and a Pops Concert add wide variety to our seasons. A "Big Band" was also created from members of the Southshore Concert Band to showcase sounds from a great musical time period. Annual summer concerts are played in local community parks and band shells.

The band has traveled to Boston and Washington D.C. to participate in the National Festival of the States concert series. It allowed the band to experience new performance venues and share a little bit of southwest Michigan with other parts of the country.

The Southshore Concert Band was founded and is conducted by Dale Reuss. The band has a membership of approximately 75 adults. Rehearsals are at Lake Michigan College every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. during the regular season (except holidays). We welcome new members! If you are interested in joining, please email Dale Reuss at southshoreconcertband@gmail.com. A brief audition will be required.

The organization achieved 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation status in February, 1999. The band relies on member's dues, grants and public donations to fund its activities. The organization receives no public funds.

Southshore Concert Band
Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI
www.southshoreconcertband.com
Contact: Dale Reuss, Director
southshoreconcertband@gmail.com
[P.O. Box 939, Bridgman, MI 49106](mailto:southshoreconcertband@gmail.com)
[USA](mailto:southshoreconcertband@gmail.com)

Community Press Release – Office of Governor Whitmer



What part of the Building Michigan Together plan matters to you?

State of Michigan – March 30, 2022

We want to hear from you!

As you may have heard, Governor Whitmer just signed a huge deal into the Building Michigan Together plan – a bipartisan infrastructure plan that makes historic investments to protect clean water, fix roads, expand high-speed internet, improve parks, and build affordable housing.

More details about the plan can be found here on the [Governor's website](#).

The Building Michigan Together Plan invests nearly \$5 billion to grow Michigan's economy, create jobs, and benefit families throughout the state. We want to know what part of this deal is most meaningful to you. Whether it's the largest single investment into state and local parks in Michigan history or helping thousands of families access high-speed internet, let us know which parts of this plan will make the most difference you and your family.

[Vote for your favorites!](#)

Constituent Services Division

Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer

[Michigan.gov/Whitmer](https://michigan.gov/Whitmer)

SIGNED: Building Michigan Together Plan

State of Michigan – March 31, 2022

Dear Michigander,

Yesterday we sent out a survey asking for your favorite wins from the Building Michigan Together Plan. We want to thank all of you who participated by sharing your stories about how this plan will positively impact you and your loved ones.

In case you missed it, Governor Whitmer [signed this plan yesterday](#) – meaning that all of the options from the survey are turning into real dollars to help lower costs and improve the lives of Michiganders.

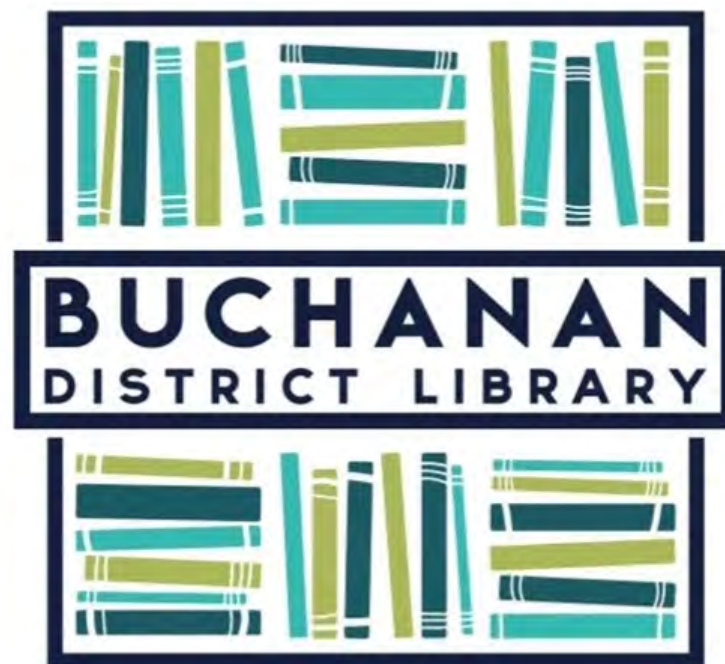


Governor Whitmer signing the Building Michigan Together Plan, Photo provided by Office of Gov. Whitmer, State of Michigan

As we celebrate this win, please continue to share your stories by taking the [survey](#). We value feedback from all Michiganders and love hearing how the bipartisan Building Michigan Plan will benefit people throughout our great state.

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Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer
Michigan.gov/Whitmer

Buchanan District Library – April 2022



April at Buchanan District Library

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"We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth."
John Lubbock



NEW! BEANSTACK

Join us April 1-30 for our first challenge!

Buchanan District Library now has Beanstack for our Reading Challenges!

Put some spring in your step and get reading! Log your reading and complete activities to earn colorful badges during the month of April. Every badge earned gives you a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Wonderland Cinema. The more you read or complete activities, the higher your chance of winning! Ready, set, bloom! This challenge is open to everyone. There will be a drawing for children ages 0-17 and a drawing for adults ages 18+. Participant or parent/guardian must have a Buchanan District Library card to be eligible to win.

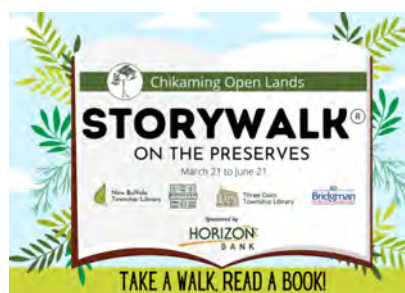
Download the Beanstack Tracker App from your app store (search for Buchanan District Library after downloading the app), or go to <https://buchanan.beanstack.org> to get started!



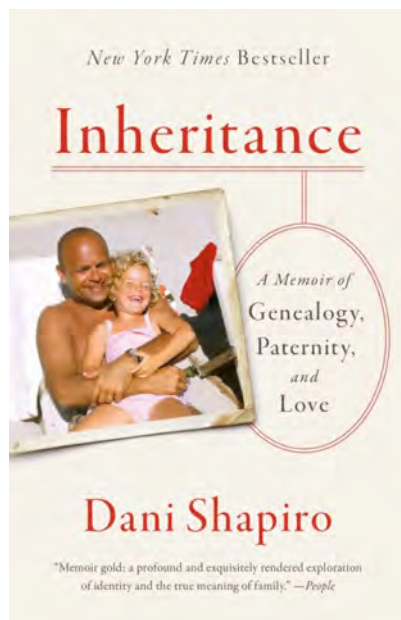
STORYWALK ON THE PRESERVES

March 21 to June 21

Chikaming Open Lands is hosting StoryWalk on the Preserves again this year! Check out four different stories at four different area parks from March 21 through June 21. Buchanan's StoryWalk is at Burns Prairie Preserve on Mt. Zion Rd. Learn more [here](#).



WHAT WE'RE READING:



JULIE IS READING...

INHERITANCE: A MEMOIR OF GENEALOGY, PATERNITY, AND LOVE

DANI SHAPIRO

In the spring of 2016, through a genealogy website to which she had whimsically submitted her DNA, Dani Shapiro received the astonishing news that her beloved deceased father was not her biological father. Dani Shapiro's memoir unfolds at a breakneck pace—part mystery, part real-time investigation, part rumination on the ineffable combination of memory, history, biology, and experience that makes us who we are. A haunting interrogation of the meaning of kinship and identity, written with stunning intensity and precision.

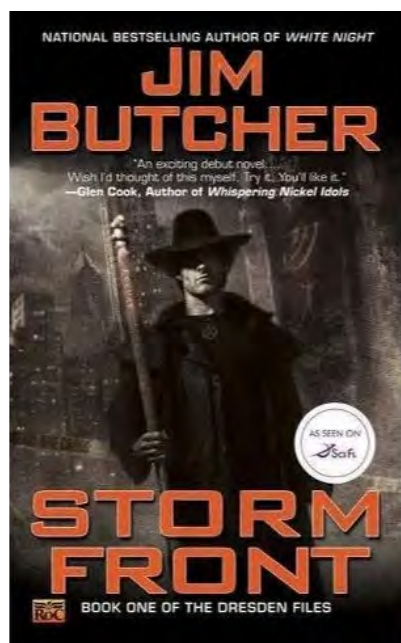


MINDI IS READING...

A COURT OF FROST AND STARLIGHT

SARAH J. MAAS

Number 3.5 in the bestselling Court of Thorns and Roses series, A Court of Frost and Starlight is a glimpse into the lives of Feyre and Rhys as they begin to recover from the war that changed their world. Feyre, Rhysand, and their close-knit circle of friends are still busy rebuilding the Night Court and the vastly-changed world beyond. But Winter Solstice is finally near, and with it, a hard-earned reprieve. Yet even the festive atmosphere can't keep the shadows of the past from looming.



MEG IS READING...

STORM FRONT

JIM BUTCHER

As a professional wizard, Harry Dresden knows firsthand that the “everyday” world is actually full of strange and magical things—and most of them don’t play well with humans. And those that do enjoy playing with humans far too much. He also knows he’s the best at what he does. Technically, he’s the only one at what he does. So when the Chicago P.D. bring him in to consult on a double homicide committed with black magic, Harry’s seeing dollar signs. But where there’s black magic, there’s a black mage behind it. And now that mage knows Harry’s name...

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:30am

April 6–April 27

Join us for Preschool Storytime at the Library. Come sing, dance, and hear stories! Designed for preschool-aged children, but families with children of all ages are welcome.



PAJAMA STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 6:00pm

April 12 & 26

Come in your PJs for a special bedtime storytime!



SATURDAY STORYTIME

Saturday, April 16 at 10:30am

Join Ms. Jen for a special Saturday Storytime and craft! Designed for preschool-aged children, but families with children of all ages are welcome.

ADULT PROGRAMS:



INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS

Tuesday, April 5, 6pm–7pm

Join mindfulness instructor, Michael Greenlee, for an introduction to mindfulness. Learn the benefits of mindfulness and how to incorporate the practice into your daily life.



SIT & KNIT

Friday, April 8, 6pm–7pm

Novice and expert knitters welcome! Learn to knit or bring your own projects with you to show off. Some materials provided but you are welcome to bring in whatever you are working on. Enjoy some conversation with fellow knitters while you work!



PARENTING BOOK CLUB

Saturday, April 16, noon–1pm

Join us to read and discuss the book *No Bad Kids* by Janet Lansbury. Copies of the book can be requested using MeLCat, call us or ask at the circulation desk for help!



ADULT CRAFT CLASSES

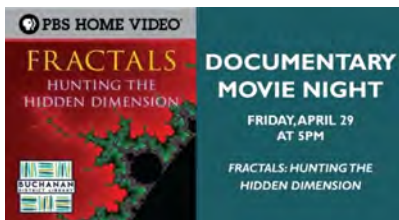
SUBVERSIVE CROSS STITCH

Thursday, April 21, 11am–12pm &

Friday, April 22, 5:30–6:30pm

This is not your grandma's cross stitch! Try these fun, beginner friendly projects with Jen.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



DOCUMENTARY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 29, 5pm

Enjoy a showing of *Fractals: Hunting the Hidden Dimension* in the Library's Community Room. Learn how uncommon things have a common thread with a new branch of math, and meet the mathematicians that developed it. Light refreshments will be served.



**ADULT
COLORING**
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 10AM
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 5PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 10AM
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 5PM

ADULT COLORING

Wednesday, April 6, 10am

Thursday, April 7, 5pm

Join us to enjoy some relaxing coloring activities! Use our supplies and materials or bring your own.

ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

Did you know you can request materials for the library to purchase? To make a request, log into [your LIBRARY ACCOUNT](#) (in the upper right-hand corner, use your library card number and 10-digit phone number), click on the Reserves/Requests tab, and click the request link.

LOT

LIBRARY
of
THINGS

FEATURED ITEM



PUZZLES!

Did you know the Library of Things includes 46 puzzles? Check one out today for a perfect rainy spring day activity!

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to become an LoT patron at the Buchanan District Library!



Check it out!

Curious about us? We now have an Our Staff page on our website!
www.buchananlibrary.org/about-us/our-staff



JOIN OUR TEAM!

SUMMER INTERNSHIP
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

We're looking for a high school junior or senior for our paid Summer Internship program! More details can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

[PLEASE VISIT OUR COVID-19 PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON LIBRARY POLICIES.](#)

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



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.

Buchanan District Library

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – April 2022



April Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Buchanan Area Senior Center

April 2022

Buchanan Area Senior Chronicle

"Happy, Active, Living"

SAFETY TALK

Safety Talk

Presented by

Officer Brianna Schmitz, Buchanan City Police Department
Sponsored by Honor Credit Union
Thursday, April 21, at 2:00 pm

Join Officer Brianna Schmitz to learn more on home safety, personal safety, and financial safety. With scams and fraud increasing it is important to be more aware of our surroundings in all areas of your life.

Honor Credit Union is sponsoring the Safety Talk program and will be providing a light snack.

Registration is Required.
Please call 695-7119 to reserve your space.



HONOR
CREDIT UNION



VETERAN OUTREACH IS BACK!

Maureen Adams, Berrien County Veterans Service Officer will be at the BASC on Tuesday, April 12, at 2:30 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Veteran support and help, please join us.



I & M POWER—ENERGY EFFICIENCY

I & M Power

Presents

Energy Efficiency

Tuesday, April 12, at 10:30 am

Richard Gadacz, Program Coordinator for all Income Qualified Programs, will share energy efficiency tips we can do at home. He will also talk about the LICUS Program that may save you a \$7.25 monthly discount off electric bill income for qualified customers, and the Senior Citizen Discount Program for customers that average less than 900 KWH per month.



An AEP Company

Registration is Required.
Please call 695-7119 to reserve your seat.

Remember to bring your electric bill to the presentation!



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The BASC will be closed
Friday, April 15
to observe
Good Friday.

Be Safe! Be Blessed!

GrandPad Training

Want to try accessing the internet? The internet helps people stay connected and engaged when we are homebound or can't be together in person. In addition, you can access news, radio stations, email, and more. You may also view videos of BASC programs on YouTube, such as exercise classes, coffee chats and more. The BASC lends out computer tablets with internet access at no cost, so you don't need your own internet connection and the GrandPads are simple to use.

Learn more at the
GrandPad Training
Thursday, April 28, 2:00 pm
Call 695-7119
to register for the class.

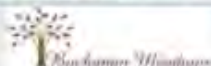
If you do NOT want to receive the BASC newsletter, please call 695-7119 to let us know.

COFFEE CHAT: BUCHANAN DISTRICT LIBRARY MEG PAULETTE, DIRECTOR



Find out what is happening at the
Buchanan District Library
Wednesday, April 6, at 9:00 am

Meg Paulette, Director of the Buchanan District Library, will be speaking at the BASC Coffee Chat and share what is going on at the library.



Fasting Blood Sugar Testing
Wednesday, April 6
9:00 to 10:00 am—During Coffee Chat.
Testing and refreshments provided by Buchanan Meadows.

CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS FT. VERGIE WOLFE

Join us to get to know Vergie Wolfe
Wednesday, April 13, at 2:00 pm.

Vergie is a 90 year young woman who stays busy leading the BASC Quilting & Sewing group, as well as creating her own crafts. She lives in Buchanan, but still has southern ties. A few of you may know some of her family. Learn more about Vergie's adventures as she shares with us some of her stories on Wednesday, April 13, at 2:00 pm.



RECRUITING FOR CLARK



Recruiting for Clark
Tuesday, April 5, at 2:00 pm

During World War II, the Clark Equipment Company had switched to wartime production. They produced landing craft and other mechanical equipment. But the need for soldiers had produced a severe labor shortage in Buchanan.

To supplement Clark's labor force, Clark employee, Everett Watson, was sent South to recruit new employees. You will see what the recruits saw when Everett came to towns throughout the South. Photos of what their workplace and jobs would be like, where they would be housed, what they needed to bring, and what they could expect to be paid. Also how they would get to Buchanan and photos of former recruits in Buchanan.

All materials used in this presentation are from the Everett Watson Collection in the Local History Room of the Buchanan District Library.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



**14th Annual
Chili-Walk Cook-Off**
Thursday, April 7
5:00-7:00 pm

Walk around Buchanan and taste the different kinds of chili especially made for the walk from surrounding vendors and citizens.



**27th Annual
Buchanan Community
Empty Bowls**
Friday, April 22,
4:00-7:00 pm
Buchanan High School
Auxiliary Gym

\$5 Soup and Chili Take-out Meal
Pick out a clay bowl, take home supper and Fight Hunger! All profits will be donated to Redbud Area Ministries' Food Pantry.



**Documentary Movie
Fractals: Hunting the
Hidden Dimension**
Buchanan District Library
Friday, April 29, at 5:00 pm

Discover how a branch of math called fractals opens up a path to scientific analysis and understanding.



Papasan-Mamasan Meeting
April 16, at 1:00 pm
American Legion
Edwardsburg Post 55
25751 US 12,
Edwardsburg, MI

Read the full BASC Newsletter for April 2022 [HERE](#).

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

For more information on programs/classes you can contact Program Coordinator, Diana Smuda at the BASC at 269-695-7119 or via email: diana@thebasc.org

Buchanan Area Senior Center - April 2022 Calendar

Exercise / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Field Trip: The Jail House Frocks at the Tin Shop Sunday, April 3 at 3:30 Tickets Pre-Sold	Exercise at the BASC 5 days a week!	Enjoy Your Easter on Sunday April 17	April is BLT Sandwich Month	¹ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 11:00 People Inspiring People 1:00 Fiber Friends
⁴ 10:00 Chair Exercise with Linda 11:00 Zumba Low- Impact with CC 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	⁵ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 10:30 Craft: May Day Umbrellas 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 Recruiting for Clark	⁶ 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 9:00 Coffee Chat 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	⁷ 9:30 Field Trip: Natural History at Andrews University 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 11:30 Craft: May Day Umbrellas	⁸ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: The Peanut Butter Falcon
¹¹ 10:00 Chair Exercise with Linda 11:00 Zumba Low- Impact with CC 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	¹² 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:30 Energy Efficiency 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:30 Veteran Outreach	¹³ 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 2:00 Conversations with Friends Fr. Vergie Wolfe 6:00 Pinochle	¹⁴ 9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 11:00 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 3:00 Board Meeting	¹⁵ 
¹⁸ 10:00 Chair Exercise with Linda 11:00 Zumba Low- Impact with CC 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	¹⁹ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	²⁰ 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	²¹ 9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 10:30 Book Club 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 2:00 Safety Talk	²² 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Ocean's 8
²⁵ 10:00 Chair Exercise with Linda 11:00 Zumba Low- Impact with CC 12:30 Ice Cream Social 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	²⁶ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 Hearing Aid Check	²⁷ 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Birthday Bingo 6:00 Pinochle	²⁸ 9:30 Walk Day 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 11:00 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 2:00 GrandPad Training	²⁹ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 11:30 Lunch Bunch 1:00 Fiber Friends

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BASC Calendar April 2022

Buchanan Area Senior Center
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 Buchanan, MI 49107
 USA

Now That's Funny! – Issue 25



by Thomas Hoyt

Let's face it, men and women are soooooooooooooo different. We are not only different on the physical dimension; we think and communicate differently also. Men are, well...basic. Men like to have the big picture of what's going on and that's enough. If we need to know more, we'll ask. Women want details, details, and yet more details! 🤔 For example, my mom could tell me she's having a doctor's appointment and needs me to give her a ride. Okay, I got what I need to know and am satisfied. I tell my wife and the 20 questions begin... "What doctor? What's it for? Is she okay?" Of course I respond with, "I don't know. I didn't ask." 🤔

Women communicate in what I like to call Femicode. It's a language that us men either take a lifetime to understand or we never understand. For example, my wife may say something like "There is dirt on this floor." Okay, that's an observation. That's what I heard, but what she's really saying is "Honey, will you clean this dirt up off the floor." 🤔 So for you young men out there reading this, when a woman makes an observation about

something, it's really a request to do something.

Keep laughing folks! 😊

The Clark Barker – Issue 25



Will it be Chilly on the Chili-Walk?

I heard that there is a Chili-Walk coming up soon on Thursday, April 7 from 5-7pm. I sure do hope that the weather isn't too cold, but you will be able to warm-up with your \$2 tasting spoon and map that you get at Lehman's and start your walk from there. One of my humans has been on this Chili-Walk before and has really enjoyed it. You also get to vote for your favorite chili and prizes are awarded at the end of the walk which you do at Lehman's.

The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and Buchanan Meadows is presenting this 14th annual event and a donation is made to a local club/organization. This year, it will go to Buchanan Garden Club. So, I hope that there will be good weather for this event! One word of advice, watch out for the spicy and hot chili's, and always cross at a crosswalk and none of that darting out between parked cars on the roads. My question for my human is: will there be ice cream or milk to cool off your taste buds?

Woof-Woof!

Police Points – Call Log Issue 25



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 3/07 – 3/20

Buchanan City Police Department

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

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	2
Suspicious Situations	13
Lost/Found Property	5
Natural Death	0
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	23
General Assist	31
Ordinance Violations	10
Missing Person	1
VCSA	0

Total Calls 3/07 – 3/20 : 119



Police Points

Remembering – Issue 25


Remembering

Buchanan Losses • 03/20-03/30

Name	Age	Born	Died
Betty Jo Letcher	85	April 22, 1936	March 30, 2022
Gene Raymond Swisher	67	August 3, 1954	March 28, 2022
Caroline Camille Hayden	83	August 20, 1938	March 28, 2022
Ervin Lawrence Cox Sr.	68	October 10, 1953	March 28, 2022
Gerald Franklin Weaver	68	May 12, 1953	March 26, 2022
(Hubert) Glen Archer	74	June 21, 1947	March 26, 2022
Patricia Ann Redding	93	July 19, 1928	March 25, 2022
David Orson Lolmaugh Sr.	85	January 30, 1937	March 24, 2022
John Chris Schrader	88	July 8, 1933	March 22, 2022
Rita Simon	73	January 13, 1949	March 20, 2022

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

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

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

A Note from the Publisher – Issue 25



by Jen Garry, Publisher

As we begin our second year, we'd like to welcome and introduce a new member of our team, Tracie Crenshaw. An avid writer and returning student at Lake Michigan College studying psychology, she's excited to add her voice to The Buchanan Chronicle and we're glad to have her. You can read a piece of her writing we published in our 23rd Issue called [Winds of Change](#). Look for more from Tracie in future issues.

"Take a Poll" Tuesdays (on our Facebook page) are going strong, and thank you to all who submitted your opinion on our last one (over 40 responses), about getting a Mexican restaurant in Buchanan. Keep looking out for those each week. We'll bring you a new question or opinion poll each week, so you can give us your input on different topics relevant to our Buchanan Community!

Don't miss Buchanan's Chili-Walk, returning this year, April 7! See our article about it [HERE](#) and be sure to watch for our LIVE video on our [Facebook page](#) during the event!

As always, I'd like to remind you if you come across anything newsworthy, any announcements to share publicly, or anything you'd like your community to know about, please let us know by email (at buchananchronicle@att.net) or message us on [our Facebook page](#). We really appreciate any communication, we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community! We love to publish Opinion pieces from local contributors, feel free to write in if you have something to say to Buchanan!

Thanks again for reading and engaging in our Buchanan Community with us!

The Buchanan Chronicle

Community Press Release – Buchanan's Chili-Walk Cook-Off Returns!

BUCHANAN
Area
Chamber of Commerce

CHILI-WALK COOK-OFF

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022
5:00PM - 7:00PM
Presented by
**BUCHANAN MEADOWS WITH THE
BUCHANAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

ROUTE

BEGIN	WALK	END
Start at Lehman's to receive your \$2 Tasting Spoon and Map	Visit host establishments and taste test each participants' entry	Vote on your favorites and return to Lehman's for award ceremony directly following event

ENTER TO WIN
\$20 TEAM ENTRY FEE
Register on buchanan.mi.us

2022 Donation will be made to Buchanan Garden Club

14th ANNUAL



Buchanan's 14th Annual Chili-Walk flyer

14th Annual Chili-Walk Cook-Off**Buchanan, MI – March 29, 2022**

The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Buchanan Meadows Meridian Senior Living is, once again, gearing up for the best chili walk in the area. We are back after missing a year due to Covid-19. Buchanan may be a small town, but when it comes to serving chili, we do it big!

On Thursday, April 7, 2022, local businesses and organizations will stand off to see who has the best chili in Buchanan. The public is encouraged to participate in the sampling, and each attendee may cast a vote for their favorite chili and best-named chili.

There will be a TWO DOLLAR; \$2.00 charge for each participant/spoon. A portion of the money will once again go to a local non-profit organization. This year the Buchanan Garden Club will be the recipient.

This year's Chili Challenge will be held downtown in a progressive fashion with the Lehman's Farmhouse being the start and endpoint. Thursday, April 7, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Each contestant will be matched up with a local business to showcase both the chili and their place of business. Visitors will go door-to-door to sample and mingle. Downtown Buchanan businesses are invited to share their spaces and give the community a chance to get to know them better.

If you're up to the test of taking on the town, join us for the 2022 Buchanan Chili Walk. Teams are signing up now. If you have any questions about the contest, please contact the Buchanan Area Chamber (269-695-3291 or bacc@buchanan.mius) or contact the Chili Walk's Chairman, Kyle Zelmer, (kzelmer@dmottirealty.com or 574-302-7111).

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!

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Local Business – Edgewater Automation Apprenticeships



2022 Apprenticeships at Edgewater Automation in Buchanan

by Miranda Barger

The words engine and ingenious are derived from the same Latin root, ingenerare, which means "to create."

Engineering is a great body of special knowledge; preparation for professional practice involves extensive training in the application of that knowledge. So it was a very proud day for the carefully selected engineering apprentices of Bucktown's Edgewater Automation. They will be utilizing their new skills hands on in a fast paced and dynamic field.



2022 Apprentices, Photo from Edgewater Automation

The mood was electric and anyone in attendance could tell that the new engineers were elated to be one of the few selected and excited to start implementing their progressive new solutions to the dilemmas that will be presented to them. Seeing what makes this particular challenge so difficult is easy. Whilst issues, bugs and problems are hurled at them like that of a fastball pitching machine they must develop solutions, and their solutions must satisfy conflicting requirements. Typically, efficiency costs money, safety adds to complexity, and improved performance increases weight. That is just one of the many, many, many, many formulas that the apprentices will master in their training.



2022 Apprentices, Photo from Edgewater Automation

"If your sensei makes no sense, either they are a nonsensei, it is a test or both" – Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Given the current resource and economic climate their quest is an arduous one. Their problems may involve quantitative or qualitative factors; it may be physical or economic; it may require abstract mathematics or common sense. They will be trained to make the tough decisions while meeting crucial deadlines in support of their projects

success. The apprentices will be implementing the process of creative synthesis or design, putting ideas together to create a new and optimum solution.

“Stress testing is the best testing” – (non)sensai

The many reasons that make this group so special are truly fascinating. In order to be more specific, automation engineers are able to design, program, simulate and test automated machinery and processes. Automation has revolutionized those areas in which it has been introduced, and there is scarcely an aspect of modern life that has been unaffected by it. In my opinion, automation is the vanguard of innovation and the team should be exceptionally honored. On behalf of myself, The Buchanan Chronicle we would like to welcome and congratulate the students in this momentous milestone. We look forward to see how your insight enhances our fair city!

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A Note from the Editor and Publisher – Issue 24



Jen and Rebecka, March 2021

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor, and Jen Garry, Publisher

Welcome to the 1 year anniversary of our FIRST issue! As I (Rebecka) type this, I am sitting at my dining room table with a smile on my face and just overjoyed that this is issue #24! When I scheduled our issues, it seemed like it would take forever to arrive at this point. However, as time went on, our team kept busy, each issue flew by like the wind. We all know how challenging the past year with a pandemic was, but we started this online newspaper to bring something exciting and fresher to the “Nicest Place in America.”

Meeting with a new team took some clever ways to get together with everyone as we are from different households and we didn’t have an actual “office building” besides my (Rebecka) house. We started meeting from a Facebook video group chat to now, Microsoft Teams meeting video. We meet three times a week sometimes via video, in-person, or at a local eatery/park. So, if you see us out and about and it looks like we are in a meeting, feel free to say, “Hi!” and also give us a story idea/comment about The Buchanan Chronicle online newspaper! Facebook LIVE has been a great tool for us to use at community events, like showcasing the Buchanan Farmers’ Market, cheering on BHS sports teams as they leave for a BIG game or come back home after WINNING a BIG game, parades, oh and I can’t forget about the Summer 2021 Olympics Watch Party for Hannah Roberts! It has also given you, our readers/followers on Facebook, a chance to see the personalities of our team. We also have reminders emailed to our readers who have signed-up for the notification when an issue is ready to read and our subscribers list keeps growing and best of all, it’s free! If you have not yet signed-up, please do so here on our website at the

bottom of our [home page](#).

We have gained more advertisers in recent months, and we hope this will continue as we are saving up to get some kind of issue printed later this year. Yes, we get phone calls and questions from the public asking where they can get a printed newspaper. So, this is where groups, organizations, clubs, job ads, restaurants, stores, full-length obituaries, engagement/wedding/anniversary announcements, etc....can help us out. Want to know our prices, just send us an email to: buchananchronicle@att.net and we will work with you, don't hesitate!

One last thing that we cannot forget to mention is our past and current writers/videographers/photographers. It takes a lot of work and time to put a story together. Some are easy and others are filled up with tons of information! There are notifications of stories on THE day of an event or days/weeks/months in advance and even just days before an issue is published. Just over a year ago, four days before the first issue came out, was the fire at the West Wind apartments in Buchanan. One of our writers lived very close to it and was able to photograph and do a quick write-up. What a way to start our first issue! To our team: your flexibility and understanding have been great and we applaud you for that! Also, the friendships that have grown from this team is great, we love seeing how all of you have developed into great writers/photographers/artists. ❤️ Lastly, the way you care about our small town Buchanan online newspaper & Buchanan (the city itself) and all that it has and will have to offer everyone. Thank You!

For me (Jen), it has been an amazing first year, and has gone by so fast! Just as it starts feeling like we're getting into the swing of things and suddenly a whole year has gone by somehow! At the beginning of this adventure I really didn't know what to expect. It was exciting and we didn't even know how much we had to learn about how to bring the most local news to our neighbors near and far. There have been innumerable lessons learned so far, and we're looking forward to doing more learning and growing. I've really enjoyed this journey of creating and building The Buchanan Chronicle, especially meeting our team members and working with them to bring the community the most relevant news.

Looking ahead into this year, there's a summer full of activities and events for us to report on coming up soon. We will be at Buchanan Farmers' Market a few times again this year, so stop by and say hi to our team (and maybe enter to win something from us). Also make sure you're following us on our [Facebook Page](#) as we've started something new with "Take-a-Poll Tuesdays", where we ask our community a question or opinion; we want your feedback so be sure to take our polls and share them with the community.

Additionally, I'm very thankful. For our community, our sponsors, and really for our team of volunteers who work so hard to help us. We as The Buchanan Chronicle could not do what we love without our writers, our readers, and our many supporters; so thank you all so much!! Lastly I have to remind our community how much we love to hear from you all your suggestions, articles, ideas, opinions, and anything you'd like shared with your community!

It is our hope that you will be informed on Buchanan, MI happenings, whether you live here or far away. Thank you for taking the time to read, and we hope that you have a chance to visit "The Nicest Place in America!" While checking out [The Buchanan Chronicle Facebook Page](#), please share our page and website with your friends and family, keeping our community informed! Thank you for a great first year, we can't wait to bring you all the local news as we go into our second year!

The Buchanan Chronicle



Mayor's Memo – MARCHing into Spring



MARCHing into Spring

by Mayor Sean Denison

There is so much happening that it's hard to keep track of it all, but here are some highlights:

~ The Buchanan City Commission has declared the month of March as "March for Band" month!

~ The City of Buchanan encourages its residents and business owners to give special recognition and support to our local School Band each year during the month of March, which will hereafter officially be designated as "March for Band" month within the City of Buchanan.

~ The city would like to express thanks and gratitude to the members, past and present, of the Buchanan School Band for their generous contributions of time and talent shared with the community! Look for their Go Fund me on the City's Facebook page.

~ March is reading month. I was lucky enough to be asked to read to the students at Ottawa Elementary, and had a blast doing it. One young man thought so much of my reading that he changed my title to President of Michigan. I'm not sure what to say about that, so I will leave it there.

~ Restaurant Week took place in early March and was a huge success in my opinion. Bucktown Fog, Chicken Salad, Cheesecake. Need I say more?

~ Looking forward to the Chili Walk, the Easter Egg hunt and all that April has to offer.

Thank you, see you around town,

Sean Denison, Mayor

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Mayor Sean Denison, Spring 2021, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

Buchanan Community Schools – March 4 Band



Buchanan Bands Play Their Hearts Out

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan Middle School gymnasium was the location for the Buchanan Bands Play-A-Thon on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Musicians of the Buchanan middle and high school bands played their hearts out from 3:00pm – 9:00pm. Band students asked friends, family and the community to pledge an amount for how many minutes they play and they will collect the pledges after the event.



Michigan Gateway Community Foundation donated to Buchanan Bands, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Yes, they did play a lot of good music. Band Director, Deanna Russell spent many hours going through their music files to find some good pieces to play. Some of the pieces they had not played in a long time, so they were basically sight-reading music. Sight-reading music is where you get it for the first time and try it out. They look over the music and then pretend to play it by hissing, then they do their best to play it. I was quite impressed as I was a band student from 5th grade – 12th grade. Also, a couple of community members, Gabe Newport, Buchanan Band Alumnus and General Manager of the Niles Culvers, on trumpet, and band parent Tom Hoyt, on Baritone Saxophone, were given the chance to play with the bands. When I asked Tom how it was playing with the bands, he said “It’s fun, it’s different,” with a smile on his face.



Students directing the Play-A-Thon, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Buchanan Bands played some songs that you have probably heard in the past/present like: “Dramatico,” and “Into the Storm” by Robert W. Smith, “Avengers Theme” Composed by Alan Silvestri, arranged by Michael Brown, some other movie favorites like “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious” from Mary Poppins, “Over the Rainbow” from The Wizard of Oz, Star Wars music and of course a Play-A-Thon would not be complete with the Buchanan Fight Song. Students put their name in a marching band hat to be drawn in order to direct the band. They played the fight song many times as others in the band clapped and sang, and the audience joined in too. I was taken back in time to when I was in my high school band playing the clarinet, and we also played Smith’s “Into the Storm” my senior year!



Play-A-Thon in motion, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

While family, friends and school personnel attended this fun-filled-musical-night, you could purchase window car clings for \$3 that say "I'm with the band" and two other kinds of stickers for \$2. Jen Tabor, band parent and fundraiser chairman told the students, "\$1,000 was raised during the Play-A-Thon, and so far since the March 4 Band fundraiser has started, \$17,000 has been raised." You can still continue to give to the band through the the month of March to culminate with a student video as they have a goal to raise \$60,000 for equipment and "new uniforms at \$350 per student, we have a long way to go to achieve our goal. We are actively seeking your participation in the drive," states Fundraiser Chairman, Jen Tabor. Please consider donating to the March 4 Band fundraiser to a band student or at Buchanan City Hall, putting your loose change in the "Tips for Band" white canisters at Buchanan area businesses, and donating on their Go Fund Me page: <https://gofund.me/e4e972da>. You can follow their journey at [March4Band](#) and locally [Buchanan Band Parents](#).



Band Support Stickers, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Follow their journey at [March4Band](#)

Locally [Buchanan Band Parents](#)

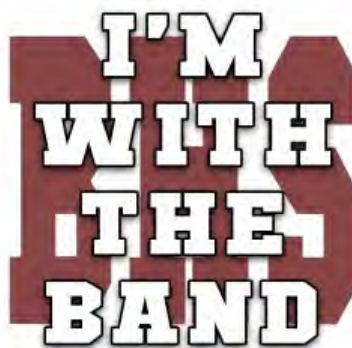
Donate here! <https://gofund.me/e4e972da>

Giving is the best gift. Go Bucks!

March 4 Band Fundraiser

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