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Name	Age	Born	Died
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Tony Eugene Nania, Sr.	74	June 15, 1947	February 22, 2022
Christian Lynn Peterson	76	March 12, 1945	February 19, 2022

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

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Puzzler Page – Issue 22

by Garrick Stubblefield

PUZZLER



Hi all, my name is Garrick Stubblefield and I live here in Buchanan. I joined the military right out of school. Recently, I was asked to join The Buchanan Chronicle by sports writer Nik Sanchez. I will be doing an array of, not only puzzles, but I will be doing sports and other articles. My objective is doing puzzles for your entertainment. Bear in mind that these puzzles have come from my head and not from any ol' newspaper, magazine, or book. I hope you love them and give me feedback as they come out.

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER

- Puzzle Instructions:
 - You'll be given a 3, 4, 5, or 6 letter word.
 - The object of the puzzle is to remove one letter each step, making a new word each time.
 - After a letter is removed you cannot reuse it.
 - Abbreviations do count. As in the English dictionary, there are 2 letter words that count, such as PI, AR, KA, KI, ER; however acronyms do not count.
 - You may rearrange the letters each step to create your new word.
- THIS ISSUE Puzzles:

- 6 Letter –
 - STARVE

-
-
-
-
-

- 5 Letter –
 - SPITS

-
-
-

- 4 Letter –
 - SING

-
-
-

- 3 Letter –
 - CAR

-
-

As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at garrickstubblefield@gmail.com. He will check and respond as quickly as he can.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

Riddles below are clues to State names and State Capital names.

- STATES:
 1. These five States have a compass direction.
 2. Name the State that doesn't border any other States.
- CAPITALS:
 - This Capital shares names with a pitcher from the Oakland A's, _____ Fingers.
 - This Capital has Love on Valentine's Day.

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

- Instructions:
 - Search the given word to find a new word for each clue below.

VALENTINES DAY

1. Grapes and watermelon from on THESE.
2. A couple may go out on THIS special day (Valentine's Day).

3. You may have a ____ on your car after an accident.
4. A very famous Ivy League University.
5. There are THREE numbers hidden, can you find them?

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

- Instructions:
 - Beginning with a given three digit number, you will follow along each step and end with a different three digit number as your answer.

123

1. MAKE THE FIRST DIGIT AN 8;
2. MAKE THE SECOND DIGIT A 5;
3. MAKE THE THIRD DIGIT A 0;
4. REVERSE THE NUMBER;
5. FLIP THE NUMBER;
6. WHAT IS THE FINAL 3 DIGIT NUMBER?

PUZZLE 5 – SCRAMBLES

- Instructions:
 - This game's objective is to scramble the letters to form a new word. Some words may have at least 1 or at most 10. I'll specify how many you're looking for and how many letters long. Let's see how you do.
- Example:
 - TABLE – find 2 words of 5-letters each
 1. BLEAT
 2. BLATE

SPACE – find 3 words of 4-letters each

Check your answers by finding them throughout this issue. Read each article to find all the answers.

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Richard Allen Cobb	63	September 7, 1958	February 11, 2022
Richard "Dick" Arthur Marsh	90	June 18, 1931	February 11, 2022
Clyde Wesley Weaver	93	February 25, 1928	February 11, 2022
Rhonda K. (Bicard) Billingsley	55	June 3, 1966	February 10, 2022
Cassandra Charise Williams	57	July 4, 1964	February 8, 2022
Florence "Flo" Almeta Hinkle	71	April 23, 1950	February 7, 2022
Karen LouAnn Larson	81	September 1, 1940	February 5, 2022
Howard Lee Baker, Sr.	72	January 11, 1950	February 2, 2022
Stephanie Elaine Baker	33	December 21, 1988	January 31, 2022

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Health Huddle – Rare Diseases Day



National Organization for Rare Diseases NORD logo

List of Rare Diseases Among our Buchanan Chronicle Readers

by Rebecka & Julie Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Did you know that there is a day set aside for rare diseases? On the last day of February each year, this year is Feb. 28, 2022 all rare diseases are made aware. We put out a call to our followers on Facebook to have them list the rare disease they know. You may click on this link: [National Organization for Rare Diseases website](https://rarediseases.org/) to see if a disease you know about is on this list.

1. Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency
2. Charcot-Marie-Tooth Type 1X (CMT1X)
3. Cystic Fibrosis
4. Dermatitis Herpetiformis
5. Essential Tremor
6. Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
7. Immune-Thrombocytopenia
8. Multiple Myeloma
9. Polymyositis

We would like to wish all of the people that have these rare diseases and others that we may not know about yet, the best for you and to never give up! To show awareness of rare diseases, check out the [shopping link](#) on the National Organization for Rare Diseases website! Please reach out to us via email: buchananchronicle@att.net or message us on our Facebook page if you would like to tell us your story and make more awareness of a rare disease as some rare diseases dedicate a month to make awareness for them.

About NORD: NORD, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a patient advocacy organization dedicated to individuals with rare diseases and the organizations that serve them. NORD, along with its more than 300 patient organization members, is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and patient services.

For more information check out the [NORD \(National Organization for Rare Disorders\) website!](https://rarediseases.org/)



Answer to Puzzle 1 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:**PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER**

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BCS Sports Highlight – Battle of the Fans 2022

The Herd in Battle of the Fans 2022

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer & Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

BOTF is something that wasn't around when I was in high school. If it does anything, it should at least draw students together to cheer on the athletes of their school. Buchanan has The Herd, which is a student cheering section at any athletic event. The Herd may even go to a competitive marching band event to cheer on their marching band.



The Herd cheers on the Bucks, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

What I think may be unique about Buchanan is their mascot, the white-tailed deer. Specifically, the male white-tailed deer called a buck. As we know, white-tailed deer thrive in groups called a herd. Hence, the student organization for cheering each other on is called the Herd. I've heard testimony from students who say how the Herd is very inclusive and welcoming.



The Herd cheers on the Bucks, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Our family attended the boys Varsity Basketball game as Buchanan played against South Haven on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. The Bucks won 65 – 35! The Herd was great with their chants, cheers and sportsmanship/spirit! A huge conga line went around the gym at half-time as the teams came back out to play. MHSAA judges were interviewing and videotaping students of The Herd. I am sure that they spoke highly of their school and student section! Enjoy the photos of this night.



The Herd cheers on the Bucks, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

The result of the Battle of the Fans was Traverse City West. Buchanan, you did not disappoint and we are still proud of you for making it in the top three!

Go Bucks & The Herd!!

SPORTS



Answer to Puzzle 4 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

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Local Learning – Adults Back to School



LMC Graduate 2020 Rebecka Hoyt, Photo provided by Rebecka Hoyt

Making the Decision on Going Back to School

by Editor & Photographer Rebecka Hoyt

This past year has not only been trying for students under the age of 18 in public or private school settings, but also for college students. Some college students that are well above the normal college age have had their challenges as well. Lake Michigan College (LMC) has been able to offer free tuition this school year based on funding they have received during the pandemic. In our community there are a few adults and there may be more adult students who have returned back to college to finish their degrees. I met with three great ladies to see what their going back to school experiences are like. If you have ever wondered what it would be like to go back to school as an adult, keep on reading and maybe this will help you to make that decision a little easier.

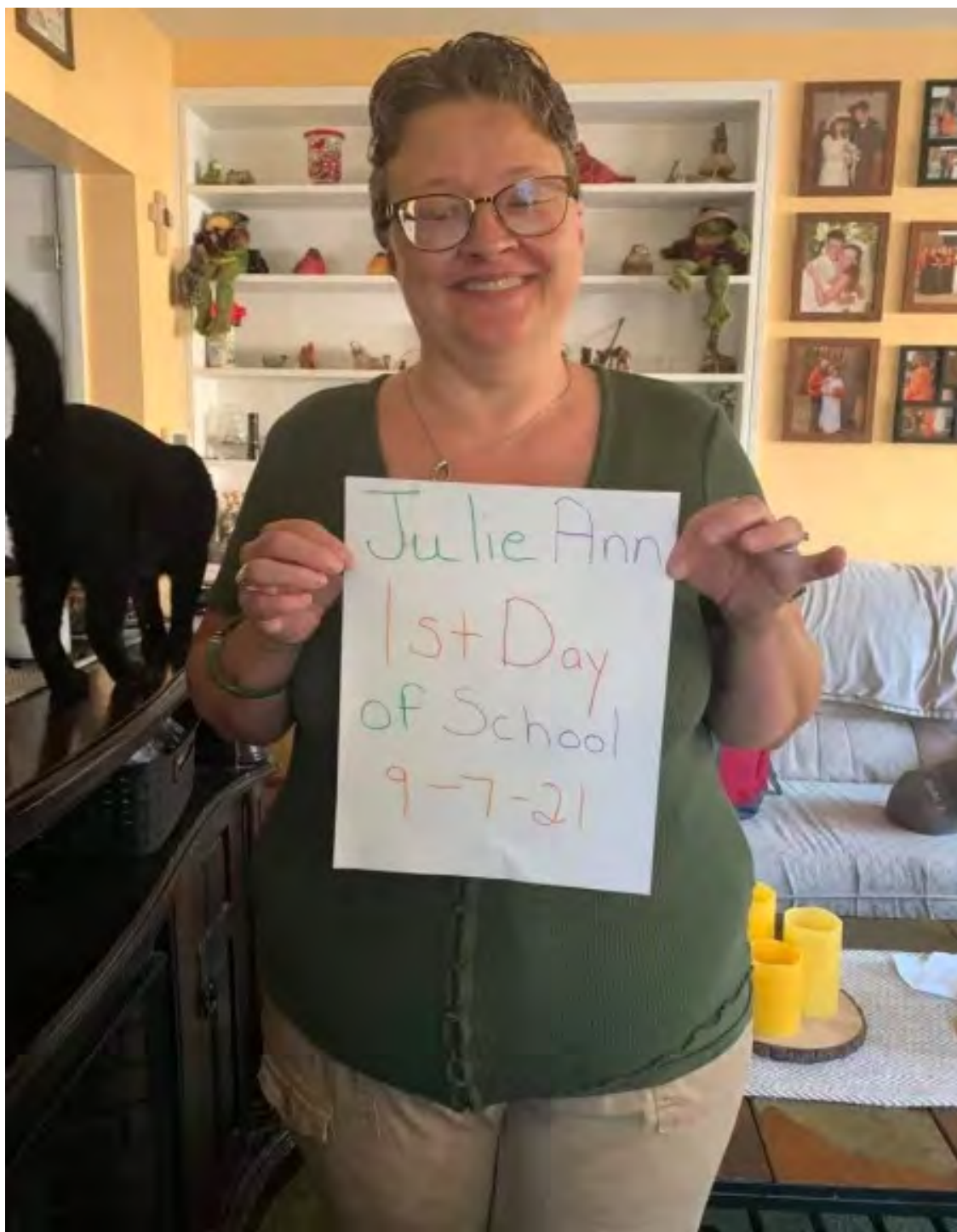
First up is Kristen Woodrick. Kristen, a stay-at-home-mom, who homeschools her & her husband, Jay's three children: Loralie in 7th, Landon in 3rd, and Lainey in Kindergarten. She also cleans a few homes as her side job while her husband works full-time. Starting in 2004 at Southwest Michigan College (SMC) for one year, then to LMC. However, life happened and put college on hold. She wanted to go back to school to finish what she started as her degree of study is in Business Administration. Kristen says, "It's okay to stop, but to go back and finish what you started makes the degree so much sweeter. It's also a great tool to connect with my homeschoolers on a different level and you connect on a different level." So far her favorite class for this semester is Art and her least favorite is Accounting. She does much of her school work online in the evening. An English/literature class has been a good one as well as enjoying the book "Dracula" even though she thought she would never read a book like that. When asked what her hobbies/favorite things are, reading was at the top of the list along with cleaning and organizing. She likes to be with the kids and hangout in their woodshop and looking forward to vacations.



The Woodrick Family, Photo submitted by Kristen Woodrick

With many of Kristen's classes being online they are not face-to-face, but the students participating in the class have introduced themselves to each other. She can tell a lot of people that are her age is in this career path. They have a lot in common if they were to meet in person. As with any college admission you have to apply for financial aid. Kristen didn't get the free tuition but was able to get a Pell Grant which has helped pay for books and classes. With her kids seeing her studying she has noticed that her oldest daughter has a good work ethic and is becoming independent with her studies and they check things over together. Her son Landon, is "all boy, does his work and gets it done," says Kristen. She is very thankful for her husband, "Jay is fantastic in helping with dinners. You need that support," says Kristen with a smile. In one year from now, she plans to be done at LMC as long as she stays on track. Kristen's advice to a mom or anyone that is thinking about going back to school: "You need to figure out if you really want that degree, and if you do, go get it. If you have many responsibilities to contend with, try one class at a time. The end result will still be the same. A degree in hand."

Next we have Julie Blaylock! Julie, a 57 year-old wife, mom and grandma who went back to LMC for the 2021 winter (fall) semester and only had to take two classes to finish her Associates degree in General Studies for free! Her story starts out as she started college back in 1982 majoring in Accounting at SMC with a scholarship she received through her dad's work, General Telephone, and then she got married and of course life happened. In 1997 she went to LMC to major in Computer Science while working full time at the Buchanan District Library when the library moved to its current location from being at the Buchanan Art Center.



Julie Blaylock, Photo submitted by Julie Blaylock

When she heard about the free tuition at LMC she looked into what classes she would have to take for the Computer Science degree. It turns out that she would have had to take her classes over as technology has changed a great deal. So her Academic Advisor mentioned that she could just get her Associates degree in General Studies. After looking over what needed to be completed, she was amazed that she only had to take two classes: English & Environmental Biology. She will now be graduating this May! Her favorite class was Environmental Biology as she learned about plants & animals. On a recent vacation to St. Lucia she was able to identify coffee bean trees and a poinsettia growing in the wild! Her classes were both online and in-person. She said in her English class, "I was definitely the oldest and older than the instructor. We had lively discussions of what was going on in the U.S.A. and I chose health care."

While being a wife, mom and grandma it was an adjustment to bring schoolwork into all of it as she was working part-time at the Buchanan District Library. On the weekends she would be working/doing homework. "Biology was a lot of studying and reading. I studied with the grandkids, set up a desk, and then they would see grandma doing her study and thought that was cool!" stated Julie. Now that Julie is done with school, you will see her leading the preschool storytime at the library and working the circulation desk while helping people find things in the library. Some of Julie's hobbies/favorite things to do are: reading, spending time with the grandkids, going out to eat, and playing computer games like Fishdom. She says "I like to learn at my age and it's fun and I'm 57!" Julie's advice to a mom or anyone that is thinking about going back to school: "Have confidence, don't worry that you will be the older one in the class and do it."

Last but not least is Kelly Brown. Kelly first went to Andrews University to major in Early Elementary Education for one semester but realized it was too much money, then she went to LMC in 2002. In the fall of 2002 she was pregnant with her first baby, so she dropped the classes and got a job. Kelly has a family of six with her husband, Brett. She wanted to get back into the workplace when her kids got into school and not sit at home. English ended up being her new major at LMC. Her favorite class is basically all of her English classes but she really enjoyed her Native American Lit class. She described it, "As a small body of work but with phenomenal authors that she enjoyed to delve into a different culture." Her least favorite class was math which she didn't have much patience for.



The Brown Family, Photo submitted by Kelly Brown

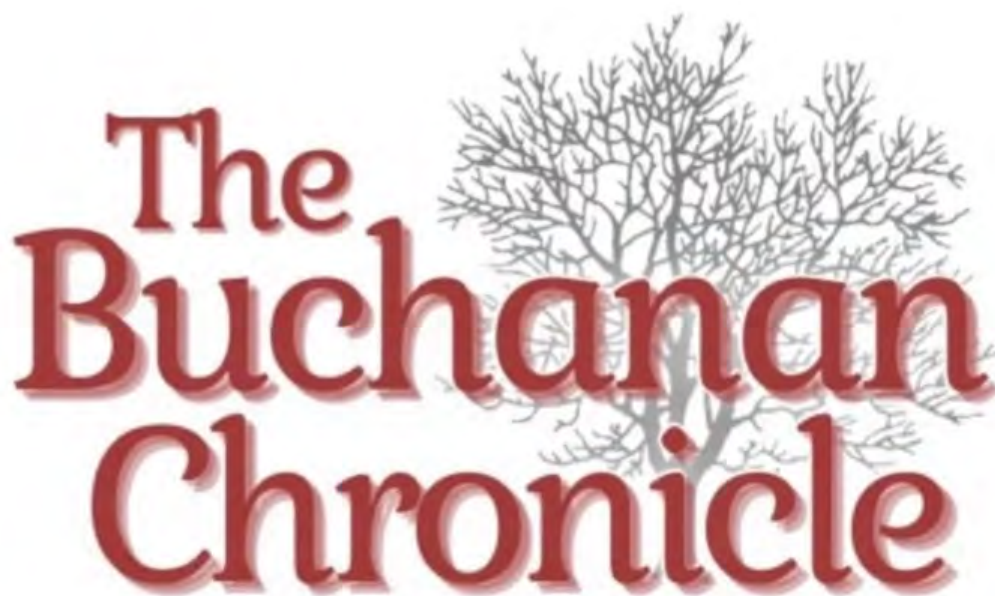
Kelly has definitely noticed that “LMC really has patient instructors!” When asked about how she felt about being older in the class she said, “I felt intimidated – be less knowledgeable about that topic/debates. A life experience has given you a lot. The way the younger generation acts is neat to see how they react/relate and understand. I have also seen the growth of humanity in younger students.” Besides Kelly going to college and having a family, she has also substituted at some local schools and those earnings goes towards her tuition/books along with some grants that she received. When she does her homework, she has to hide from her kids as she can get interrupted when it's not an emergency. She has lots of help from her husband who's been working from home during the pandemic and her older son can drive and pick up his siblings from school. Her 9 year-old daughter Charlie has seen Kelly study and has had mom make multiplication worksheets typed out and she has improved on

her testing time with them! She tells her to keep going and this is hard to do.

Kelly will be graduating this May! She will probably do a gap year, but wants to go on for a Bachelor's in English with an emphasis on the high school level and substitute for short-term. Quite a few of LMC's classes have aligned with her hobbies! Painting, listening to music and reading are her hobbies/fun things to do. She also enjoys working out to loud music along with her husband. Kelly's advice to a mom or anyone that is thinking about going back to school: "No reason you wouldn't regret it – there's no downside. It won't be stress-free. The time you spend doing it is worth it."

As some of you know, I went back to school as well and graduated with an Associates in Arts degree from LMC during the pandemic of 2020. I agree with all of these ladies' advice if you are thinking about going back to school. It's not just for moms, it's for EVERYONE no matter your age, and to also have a good support system! I would like to wish Kristen great success as she takes her classes, and congratulations to Julie and Kelly for graduating this spring!

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you don't stop." – Confucius.



Community Press Release – Redbud Hardware & J.KRU Sweets



New Owners of Redbud Hardware – The Krueger Family, Photo by [Caryn DeFreez Photography](#).

Redbud Hardware Transitions to New Ownership

Written by Stacey Martin, Blogger and Podcast Host of *The Folks Back Home*

Buchanan, MI – February 06, 2022

[Read the Original Blogpost HERE](#)

According to Dave and Tracy Dippo, “Every small town needs a good hardware store.” This belief was the driving force behind their decision twenty years ago to reopen a hardware store in downtown Buchanan previously closed and liquidated two years earlier. As Tracy remembers, “We took a deep breath, rolled up our sleeves, reset the store with lots of help from friends and family, and opened the doors in October 2002.”



Dave and Tracy Dippo, Photos from The Folks Back Home [blogpost](#)

The community rallied behind Redbud Hardware from the beginning and visitors soon became regulars, charmed by friendly faces behind the counter and helpful advice in every aisle. In the early years, Redbud Hardware was the only retail store on Front Street with other storefronts either abandoned entirely or occupied by salons and bars. As Tracy recalls, “The odds were really against us and then a Lowe’s opened in Niles and a serious recession hit – yet somehow we survived and eventually built a good business and are proud to still be standing.” The Dippos credit their success to a solid group of loyal customers who truly value shopping local and go out of their way to do so, even with other options available in big-box retail establishments.

Over the course of 20 years, tight bonds formed between the Dippos and their staff, downtown business owners, and the wider community. In that same time, they witnessed the growth and transformation of Buchanan’s

downtown district into a beautiful, vibrant area full of life and promise for the future. In thinking about their own future, Dave and Tracy felt it was time to pass the torch to the next generation and are happy to announce the pending transition of ownership of Redbud Hardware to another local family – Joe and Jen Krueger.

As Buchanan residents, the Kruegers see this opportunity as a way to invest in their community. According to Joe, “Over the last few years, our thoughts kept leaning toward keeping our ‘talents’ within Buchanan and we’ve had our eyes and ears open for such an opportunity. On a recent episode of The Folks Back Home podcast featuring Dave and Tracy Dippos, they mentioned they were contemplating retirement and looking for the right owners to take over the business.” This episode prompted the Kruegers to contact the Dippos, and a plan soon formed to purchase the business. In a fun twist of fate, the Kruegers are the same ages Dave and Tracy were when they started the hardware store – carrying on the dream of a family-owned and operated business.



Jen and Joe Krueger with Dave and Tracy Dippos, Photos from The Folks Back Home [blogpost](#)

Joe Krueger is currently an Assistant Vice President on the Executive Team at Aunt Millie’s where he’s served for the last thirteen years. Jen Krueger is a former elementary school teacher who’s spent the last seven years as a stay-at-home mom and small business owner of J.KRU Sweets, a home-based candy store and town favorite for events and special orders. The Kruegers look forward to carrying on the tradition of the hometown hardware store founded by the Dippos, with a continued emphasis on personalized service and a wide range of products to serve the community. “We are extremely excited to see the growth of the downtown with so many local folks investing in business and infrastructure combined with the new faces in the community who call it home,” state the Kruegers.

The official exchange of ownership is set for July 1, but regulars will notice both families in the store over the next few months as the Kruegers train under the Dippos to make the transition as seamless as possible for the community. The same friendly faces and helpful staff will remain behind the counters and the focus will remain on the customer, keeping the solid foundation and growing along with the community into the future.

The public is invited to join the Dippos and Kruegers on Saturday, May 28th as Redbud Hardware celebrates its 20th anniversary in downtown Buchanan. As Dave and Tracy reflect on the last twenty years, they recall “Our favorite thing was the sound of laughter filling the store on a busy day, with neighbors and friends chatting, kids giggling with the dog, the phones ringing, and the popcorn popping – just the best.” It’s always been the people that make this place special, and both current and future owners would love to thank the community for their continued support as the next local family takes over the job of keeping the popcorn hot and the soda cold.

About Redbud Hardware: In 2000, downtown Buchanan lost its last hardware store. Two years later,

Tracy and Dave Dippo and family opened the all new Redbud Hardware in the fall of 2002. Conceived in the belief that every small town needs a good hardware store, Redbud Hardware strives to meet the needs of its customers and the community. We offer quality inventory at competitive prices with help from our knowledgeable and friendly staff, all in a pleasant shopping atmosphere. Our goal is to serve the community by providing a great source for all their hardware needs and by participating in community events and supporting local organizations.

269-695-6891
266 E Front St
Buchanan, MI 49107
USA

Typical business hours are:

- Monday – Friday : 7a-7p
- Saturday : 8a-5p
- Sunday : 10a-2p

Find their Facebook Page here
redbudhardware.doitbest.com

About J.KRU Sweets: J.KRU Sweets is a small family business that reopened with a MI Department of Agriculture licensed kitchen in October 2020. We run our business out of our home and do not have a storefront. We fill individual orders, event orders and wholesale orders.

jkusweets@gmail.com
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Buchanan, MI 49107
USA

Find their Facebook Page here

About The Folks Back Home: A weekly blog and podcast from the Nicest Place in America.

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thefolksbackhome.com

Answer to Puzzle 5 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 5 – SCRAMBLES

1. PACE
 2. CAPS
 3. CAPE
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BCS Sports Scores – BHS February 2022



Wrestling Scores

by Mark Frey, BCS Athletic Director

Final Scores For February 10, 2022:

- Buchanan 54, Berrien Springs 21 (**Semi-Final**)
- Dowagiac 46, Buchanan 33 (**Championship**)



Buchanan Wrestling February 5, 2022, Photo from Buchanan Athletics [Facebook page](#)

BCS CONFERENCE RESULTS VARSITY WRESTLING 2021-2022:

TEAM SCORES:

- 1 Buchanan 137
- 2 South Haven 128
- 3 Brandywine 127.5
- 4 Eau Claire 91
- 5 Berrien Springs 68
- 6 Lawrence 47
- 7 River Valley 14

FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS:

1. Buchanan – 14 pts
- T-2 Brandywine – 11 pts
- South Haven – 11 pts
4. Eau Claire – 8 pts
5. Berrien Springs – 6 pts
6. Lawrence – 4 pts
7. River Valley – 2 pts

DUAL MEET STANDINGS:

1. Buchanan 5-1
2. Brandywine 5-1
3. South Haven 4-2
4. Lawrence 3-3
- T-5 Berrien Springs 2-4
- Eau Claire 2-4
7. River Valley 0-6

CONFERENCE MEET:

1. Buchanan – 137
2. South Haven – 128
3. Brandywine – 127.5
4. Eau Claire – 91
5. Berrien Springs – 68
6. Lawrence – 47
7. River Valley – 14

DUAL MEET RESULTS:**Buchanan 5-1**

- Buchanan 53, Berrien Springs 12
- Buchanan 53, Eau Claire 9
- Buchanan 54, South Haven 27
- Buchanan 39, Brandywine 36
- Buchanan 58, River Valley 0
- Lawrence 45, Buchanan 29

ALL CONFERENCE:**1st Team**

130 Hunter Weinberg, Buchanan
135 Walker Barz, Buchanan

HONORABLE-MENTION:

112 Sadie Holloway, Buchanan
125 Bobby Grosse, Buchanan
145 Leland Payne, Buchanan
Alan Reybuck, Buchanan
160 Jackson Starnes, Buchanan
171 Brayden Sebasty, Buchanan
189 Alex Weinberg, Buchanan
215 Jacob Wegner, Buchanan
285 Dean Roberts, Buchanan

Girls Varsity Basketball Scores

Submitted by Gabriel Miller

February 4, 2022 Buchanan v. South Haven

Score: 56 Buchanan – 27 South Haven

- LaBria Austin: 9 assists; 4 rebounds
- Alexa Burns: 7 rebounds
- Claire Lietz: 3 steals
- Alyssa Carson: 4 rebounds; 3 blocks, 3 steals

February 7, 2022 Buchanan v. Lakeshore

Score: 49 Buchanan – 50 Lakeshore

- LaBria Austin: 5 steals and 4 assists
- Alexa Burns 8 rebounds, 2 steals
- Alyssa Carson: 10 rebounds, 2 steals

February 10, 2022 Buchanan v. River Valley

Score: 54 Buchanan – 40 River Valley

- LaBria Austin: 3 steals, 2 assists, 5 reb.
- Alyssa Carson: 9 rebounds, 3 blocks
- Alexa Burns: 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 stls

- Hannah Herman: 5 rebounds; 2 steals
- Jillian McKean: 3 steals



Girls Basketball, Photo from Buchanan Athletics [Facebook page](#)

Buchanan Boys Varsity Basketball

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

February 4, 2022 Buchanan v. South Haven

Score: 65 Buchanan – 35 South Haven

February 7, 2022 Buchanan v. Centerville

Score: 51 Buchanan – 48 Centerville

February 9, 2022 Buchanan v. Eau Claire

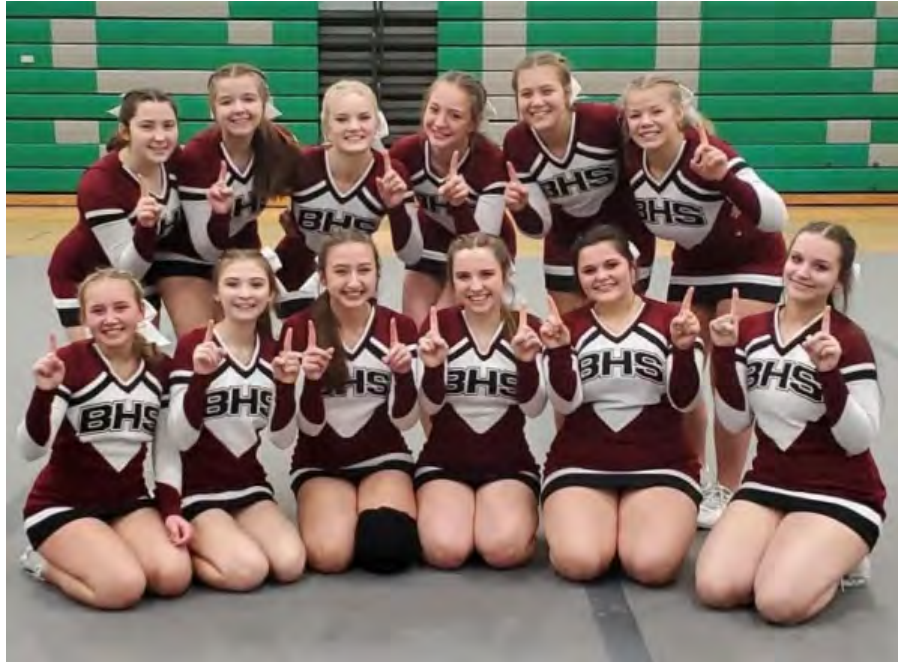
Score: 84 Buchanan – 60 Eau Claire

*Individual stats were not available at time of publishing.

Competitive Cheer

from Buchanan Athletics Facebook

February 11 2022 at Berrien Springs
Competitive Cheer A vs BCS Championship
Buchanan took 1st Place – Champions 2022!



Competitive Cheer 1st place 2022 Champions BCS February 11 2022, Photo from Buchanan Athletics [Facebook page](#)



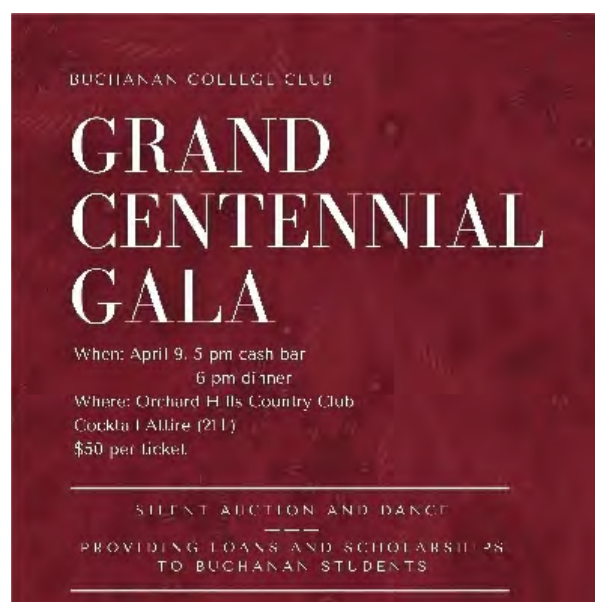
GO BUCKS!

Upcoming Event – Buchanan College Club Centennial Celebration



Buchanan College Club Grand Centennial Gala

Submitted by Jennie Brackett



- *Who:* Buchanan College Club
- *Where:* **Orchard Hills Country Club**, 2841 Niles Buchanan Rd
- *What:* Buchanan College Club Grand Centennial Gala
- *When:* **Saturday, April 09, 2022** 5pm – Cash Bar, 6pm – Dinner
- *Details:*
 - Celebrating 100 Years of Scholarships & Loans to Buchanan Graduates
 - Dinner Dance
 - Silent Auction
 - Cocktail Attire
 - 21+
 - \$50 per person

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

Community Press Release – Buchanan-Galien Lions Virtual Trivia

Buchanan-Galien Lions Club 2nd Annual Virtual



Saturday, February 26, 2022

Log-in starts @7 p.m.

Play in the comfort of your own home!

\$20 per person (teams of 5-6 people)



**Visit Buchanan-Galiens Lion Club
Facebook page for registration details
or email Lions49107@gmail.com**

Buchanan-Galien Lions 2nd Annual Virtual Trivia Night Flyer

Buchanan-Galien Lions 2nd Annual Virtual Trivia

Submitted by Buchanan-Galien Lions Club

The Lions will be hosting their Second Annual Virtual Trivia Night on Feb 26th

- *Who:* Buchanan-Galien Lions Club
- *Where:* ***Virtually from the comfort of your home (link to login here)***
- *What:* 2nd Annual Virtual Trivia
- *When:* **Saturday, February 26, 2022** login starts at 7pm

- *Details:* \$20 per person, Teams of 5-6 people



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

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

Contact: Jerry Flenar, jlflenar@gmail.com, 269-695-3000

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

Now That's Funny! – Issue 22



by Thomas Hoyt

It's winter. The time of year when it gets below freezing outside and snows. Sometimes you must dress for the below freezing temperatures and go outside to clear the snow out of your driveway. You either do this with a snow shovel or a snow blower. I'm thankful that I do have a snow blower. There have been times when I would bundle up for the cold and go clear out my driveway. There are times when I must use a shovel to remove the snow and ice because the snow blower cannot fit into the space. When I finish the work, I have worked up a sweat underneath the layers of clothing to keep me warm. To cool off I peel off a layer or so and this is when it gets fun. Because I am so warm and have worked up a sweat, water vapor rises from me into the air! 😎 This is when I can say that I was smokin' hot! 🤔🤔



Keep laughing folks! 😊

Answer to Puzzle 3 from this Issue's [Puzzler Page](#):

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

1. VINES
 2. DATE
 3. DENT
 4. YALE
 5. SEVEN, NINE, TEN
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The Clark Barker – Issue 22



Love is in the Air

Ahh, can you feel the love in the air? Some of Buchanan businesses are decked out in red and pink colors as they show the love with Valentine's Day approaching. My humans and I went on a walk not too long ago and I guess for some reason, they wanted to take photos of these storefront windows. The lights, colors, paints, hearts, and flowers are neat to look at, but I'm a dog and I only see black and white, so I don't really care. But, my humans like them though!

My Top 10 List of Valentine's Day Gifts

1. Valentine Card
2. Chocolate
3. Flowers
4. A night out
5. Lingerie
6. Jewelry
7. Perfume/cologne
8. Dancing
9. Stuffed Animals
10. Technology

Woof-Woof!

Answer to Puzzle 2 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:**PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS**

- STATES:
 1. North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia
 2. Hawaii
 - CAPITALS:
 1. Raleigh
 2. Hartford
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Local Faith – Life Plan Service at BCC

**Life Plan's Annual Community Prayer and Praise Service Held at Buchanan Christian Church**

Submitted by Pastor Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor

On Sunday January 30, Buchanan Christian Church was honored to host Life Plan's annual Community Prayer and Praise Service. This service brought together pastors and Christians from many area churches – as well as a missionary from Scotland! – to praise God and to pray for our community, our state, our country, and the nations of the world. Life Plan, which has locations in Niles and Benton Harbor, is a ministry which exists to “to spread the Gospel by helping people choose life and live a Hope-filled life” (www.lifeplan.org). In connection and cooperation with Life Plan, the churches which participated in this Prayer and Praise Service want to make Christ known and demonstrate his love in practical ways.

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

City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • February 14 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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

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

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

The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, February 14th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, February 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Approve Agenda

V. Open Public Hearing 1

V.A. Public Hearing on Requested Removal of Dan Vigansky from City Boards

– A public hearing will be held to accept comments and input related to an item on tonight's agenda under new business whereby the City Commission shall consider the request of Mayor Denison and Commissioner Money to have Dan Vigansky removed from all City Boards, including the Buchanan Area Recreation Board (BARB) for alleged misfeasance, namely, repeated disruptive behavior during a January 12, 2022 BARB meeting, which negatively impacted the City's ability to conduct its business during said meeting.

VI. Close of Public Hearing 1

VII. Open Public Hearing 2

VII.A. Public Hearing and Public Comment on Establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District for Rowland Property Group LLC, 101-103 Days Ave. Buchanan, MI 49107.

– P.A. 146 of 2000, as amended – The Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA), PA 146 of 2000, as amended, provides property tax exemptions for commercial and commercial housing properties that are rehabilitated and meet the requirements of the Act. Properties must meet eligibility requirements including a statement of obsolescence by the local assessor. The property must be located in an established Obsolete Property Rehabilitation

District. Exemptions are approved for a term of 1-12 years as determined by the local unit of government. The property taxes for the rehabilitated property are based on the previous year's (prior to rehabilitation) taxable value. The taxable value is frozen for the duration of the exemption. Additionally, the State Treasurer may approve reductions of half of the school operating and state education taxes for a period not to exceed 6 years for 25 applications annually. Applications are filed, reviewed and approved by the local unit of government, but are also subject to review at the State level by the Property Services Division. The State Tax Commission (STC) is responsible for final approval and issuance of OPRA certificates. Exemptions are not effective until approved by the STC.

– [Notice for Days.pdf](#) (0.01 MB)

– [10 Pages of FAQs re OPRA.pdf](#) (0.16 MB)

VIII. Close of Public Hearing 2

IX. Open Public Hearing 3

IX.A. [Public Hearing and Public Comment on Establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation \(OPRA\) District for Claremont Stark LLC, 502 Claremont St. Buchanan, MI 49107.](#)

– [Notice for OPRA.pdf](#) (0.01 MB)

X. Close of Public Hearing 3

(Regular meeting continues after close of Public Hearing 3)

XI. Recognition

XI.A. [Recognition of Mike Adams](#)– The City Commission would like to recognize Buchanan City Fire Chief Mike Adams for 30 years of service to our community.

XI.B. [Recognition of Dave Capron](#)– The City Commission would like to recognize Dave Capron of the Buchanan City Police Department for his 26 years of service to our community.

XII. Public Comment

Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

XIII. Consent Agenda

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

XIII.A. [Consider Approving Special Meeting Minutes from January 31, 2022.](#)

XIII.B. [Consider Approving Expenditures for February 14th, 2022, in the amount of \\$132,125.56.](#)

– [Invoice Fund Breakdown.pdf](#) (0.06 MB)

– [Invoice GL Distribution.pdf](#) (0.10 MB)

– [Invoice Register Report.pdf](#) (0.08 MB)

XIV. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

XIV.A. [“March for Band” Resolution](#)

– Jen Tabor will give a brief presentation regarding her request to have the City Commission resolve to declare that March is officially the “March for Band” month in the City of Buchanan. “March for Band” is a newly created organization, spearheaded by Ms. Tabor, to help bring financial and community support to our Buchanan Area School District Band. -Consider approving the Resolution declaring March as “March for Band” month in Buchanan.

– [RES 424 – 2022.02.424 March for Band.pdf](#) (0.06 MB)

XV. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

XV.A. [Community Development Director Report](#)– Richard Murphy has several items to be considered by City Commission.

XV.A.1. Consider Approving Redbud Roots 2022 Marihuanan Permit Renewal applications and fees for the following permits:

XV.A.1.1. Medical Marihuana, Lab II, 208 Post Rd., Grower Class C, \$5,000.00

XV.A.1.2. Medical Marihuana, Lab II, 215 Post Rd., Grower Class C, \$5,000.00

XV.A.1.3. Medical Marihuana, Lab II, 448 Post Rd., Grower Class C, \$5,000.00

XV.A.1.4. Medical Marihuana, Lab II, 448 Post Rd., Grower Class C stacked, \$1,500.00 (Red Bud Roots will not renew this license for 2022)

XV.A.1.5. Medical Marihuana, Lab IV, 215 Post Rd., Processor, \$5,000.00

XV.A.1.6. Adult Use, Lab II, 835 Terre Coupe St., Grower Class C, \$5,000.00

XV.A.I.7. Adult Use, Lab II, 835 Terre Coupe St., Grower Class C stacked, \$1,500.00 (Red Bud Roots will not renew this license for 2022)

XV.A.I.8. Adult Use, Lab IV, 215 Post Rd., Processor, \$5,000.00

XV.A.I.9. Adult Use, Lab II, 215 Post Rd., Grower Class C, \$5,000.00

XV.A.II. Consider Approving 7Engines/G2 Development 2022 Marihuanan Permit Renewal applications and fees for the following permits:

XV.A.II.1. Medical Marihuana, PR 2, 408 River St., Processor, \$5,000.00

XV.A.II.2. Medical Marihuana, PC5, 1101 E. Front St., Provisioning Center Facility, \$5000.00

XV.A.II.3. Medical Marihuana, GC4, 408 River St., Grower Class C, \$5,000.00

XV.A.II.4. Adult Use, AUMPR2, 408 River St., Processor Establishment, \$5,000.00

XV.A.II.5. Adult Use, AUMGC, 408 River St., Grower Class C, \$5,000.00

XV.A.II.6. Adult Use, AUMRE, 1101 E. Front St., Retailer Establishment, \$5,000.00

XV.A.III. Consider Approving Designated Consumption Establishment License Application submitted by Cannavista Wellness, 120 E. Front St. Special Use Permit for Designated Consumption Establishment was approved by the Planning Commission in December of 2021.

XV.B. Community Development Report:

– Chamber Executive Director/Main Street Manager Ashley Regal will provide a report on her recent progress on the creation of the Main Street program's Board of Directors.

– Director Regal will also provide a brief report regarding the issue of renting out The Common, and ask the Commission to consider making a policy decision regarding how such rentals should be managed.

XV.C. Public Services Report

– Director Mike Baker will provide a brief report, and request the Commission to consider demolition quotes for the DPW demo at 606 Clark, the Victory Park expansion demo at 906 Victory, and the Old Feed Mill demo at 190/111 Railroad.

– Demolition Quotes one location.pdf (0.12 MB)

XV.D. Treasurers Report

– City Treasurer Stephanie Powers will provide a brief update.

– CM HCU.pdf (0.50 MB)

– CM TCF.pdf (0.50 MB)

– Interest.pdf (0.51 MB)

– QTRLY Investment Recon.pdf (0.60 MB)

XV.E. Clerk Report

– City Clerk Kalla Langston will provide an update on upcoming Elections, including recent news regarding the new redistricting maps.

– Clerk Report 2-14.pdf (0.25 MB)

XV.F. Board Appointments

– Consider appointments to One Buchanan Board for Meg Paulette, Monroe Lemay, and Sonia Rodriguez, each of whom was recommended for approval during the January 2022 One Buchanan Meeting.

XVI. Unfinished Business

XVII. New Business

XVII.A. Consider a Purchase Request from Dave Capron for his BPD issued firearm as well as his duty leather belt.

– Gun Purchase.pdf (0.01 MB)

XVII.B. Consider Resolution 2022.02/242

– Resolution Establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District for Rowland Property Group

101-103 Days Ave, Buchanan, MI 49107

- [Resolution Establishment of OPRA District in Buchanan 101-103 Days Ave 01182022.pdf](#) (0.03 MB)
- [STATEMENT OF OBSOLESCENCE FROM CITY OF BUCHANAN ASSESSOR – 101 103 Days Ave. Buchanan signed 01142021.docx.pdf](#) (0.20 MB)

XVII.C. [Consider Resolution 2022.02/243](#)

- Resolution Establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District for Claremont Stark LLC, 502 Claremont St., Buchanan, MI 49107
- [Resolution Establishment of OPRA District in Buchanan 502 Claremont St. Buchanan 01182022.pdf](#) (0.03 MB)
- [STATEMENT OF OBSOLESCENCE FROM CITY ASSESSOR – 502 Claremont St. Buchanan signed 01142022.docx.pdf](#) (0.18 MB)

XVII.D. [Consider appointments to the “Municipal Building Authority”.](#)

- Bond counsel Roger Swets, who is leading the City’s Municipal Building Authority bond project, is recommending that the City Commission make the following appointments to the City’s newly created Municipal Building Authority: appoint 4 members from internal City staff, including (1) City Manager Heather Grace, (2) Community Development Director Rich Murphy, (3) City Clerk Kalla Langston, and (4) City Treasurer Stephanie Powers.

XVII.E. [City Credit Card Changes](#)

- Consider the following City credit card changes, as requested by City administration:
- Close the City Credit Card issued to Marcia Johnson (previous bookkeeper).
- Approve a City Credit Card for Courtney Baham (current bookkeeper) with a \$2,000.00 limit [same as previous level for Bookkeeper].
- Approve a City Credit Card for Klay Weaver (sexton) with a \$2,000.00 limit.

XVII.F. Misconduct, Harassment and Discrimination Policy

- [Draft Misconduct Harassment and Discrimination Po.pdf](#) (0.11 MB)

XVII.G. Removal of Dan Vigansky from City Boards

- Consider the removal of Dan Vigansky from all City Boards for alleged misfeasance related to his disruptive behavior during a January 12, 2022, BARB meeting, which negatively affected the City’s ability to conduct its business.

XVIII. Communications

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

XVIII.A. [Michigan Municipal League](#)

- Capital Conference 2022, March 15-16 in Lansing – “Partnerships and Policy: Fueling a Community Revival.” Please let Administrative Secretary Britni Wall know if you would like to attend.

XIX. Public Comment

Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

XX. Executive Comments

XX.A. City Manager Comments

XX.B. Commissioner Comments

XX.C. Mayor Comments

XXI. Adjourn



Mayor Denison declaring the month of March "March for Band" Month, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



Jen Tabor and The Buchanan City Commissioners after the declaration of "March for Band" Month, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



Commissioner Larry Money recognizes Fire Chief Mike Adams for 30 years of service, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

You may view this complete [Agenda for this meeting February 14, 2022 here](#).

You may view the video of this meeting on YouTube [here](#).

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



Upcoming Event – Buchanan College Club Centennial Celebration



Buchanan College Club Grand Centennial Gala

Submitted by Jennie Brackett



- *Who:* Buchanan College Club
- *Where:* **Orchard Hills Country Club**, 2841 Niles Buchanan Rd
- *What:* Buchanan College Club Grand Centennial Gala
- *When:* **Saturday, April 09, 2022** 5pm – Cash Bar, 6pm – Dinner
- *Details:*
 - Celebrating 100 Years of Scholarships & Loans to Buchanan Graduates
 - Dinner Dance
 - Silent Auction
 - Cocktail Attire
 - 21+
 - \$50 per person

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

Community Press Release – Buchanan-Galien Lions Virtual Trivia

Buchanan-Galien Lions Club 2nd Annual Virtual



Saturday, February 26, 2022

Log-in starts @7 p.m.

Play in the comfort of your own home!

\$20 per person (teams of 5-6 people)



**Visit Buchanan-Galiens Lion Club
Facebook page for registration details
or email Lions49107@gmail.com**

Buchanan-Galien Lions 2nd Annual Virtual Trivia Night Flyer

Buchanan-Galien Lions 2nd Annual Virtual Trivia

Submitted by Buchanan-Galien Lions Club

The Lions will be hosting their Second Annual Virtual Trivia Night on Feb 26th

- *Who:* Buchanan-Galien Lions Club
- *Where:* ***Virtually from the comfort of your home*** ([link to login here](#))
- *What:* 2nd Annual Virtual Trivia
- *When:* **Saturday, February 26, 2022** login starts at 7pm
- *Details:* \$20 per person, Teams of 5-6 people



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

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

Contact: Jerry Flenar, jlflenar@gmail.com, 269-695-3000

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

A Note from the Publisher – Issue 22



by Jen Garry, Publisher

About a year ago this time the seeds of The Buchanan Chronicle were just beginning to grow. We're so excited to still be going strong a year later, and so happy to be blossoming and able to bring the latest news of Buchanan to our community! Look for our special 1-Year Anniversary coming up in March!

"Take a Poll" Tuesdays will be coming soon to our Facebook and Instagram pages. 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!

ICYMI We did a Valentine's LIVE on our [Facebook Page](#) last Sunday, February 13, 2022. Go to our Facebook page to watch the [video](#) where Nik interviews Rebecka and I with our significant others to get to know the Editor and Publisher a little more.

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 – Office of Governor Whitmer



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

Celebrating Growth in Michigan

State of Michigan – February 17, 2022

Dear Michigander,

With spring right around the corner, here in Michigan we are celebrating growth. We have one of the fastest growing economies in the country, and this week I wanted to share with you some of the exciting programs that will help us continue that momentum.

We have an incredible new grant opportunity available for small business that were impacted by COVID-19. We have expanded the MI Tri-State Childcare program to get more working families access to high-quality, affordable childcare. We have launched the Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund (MIHAF) to help families stay in their homes. And this week, I signed a bipartisan supplemental bill to keep kids in school and support healthcare workers.

I am thrilled to share these exciting opportunities with you. As we work toward passing the 2023 budget, my team will continue to focus on lowering costs, supporting Michigan workers, and putting money in the pockets of Michiganders.

New! Grant Opportunity for Small Businesses

Michigan's small businesses are innovative and resilient, but they need our support. Just yesterday, I announced an exciting new grant program to provide businesses with additional financial support to help retain or create jobs and boost our state's economy. Grant applications go live on March 1, 2022, and totals \$409 million.



[How and when to apply >](#)

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Under this program, eligible businesses in operation before October 1, 2019, may receive a percentage of their loss in total state sales through a grant, up to \$5 million. Eligible businesses that began operation between October 1, 2019, and June 1, 2020, may receive a grant equal to 25% of certain specified costs. The grants may be prorated depending upon the number of businesses that apply to ensure that all businesses can receive funding. More information, including links to upcoming informational webinars, can be found on www.michigan.gov/abr.

This program will support Michigan businesses that were impacted by COVID-19 and help us build on our economic momentum. I am focused on putting Michiganders first and growing Michigan's economy as we work together to make investments in the issues that matter most to families.

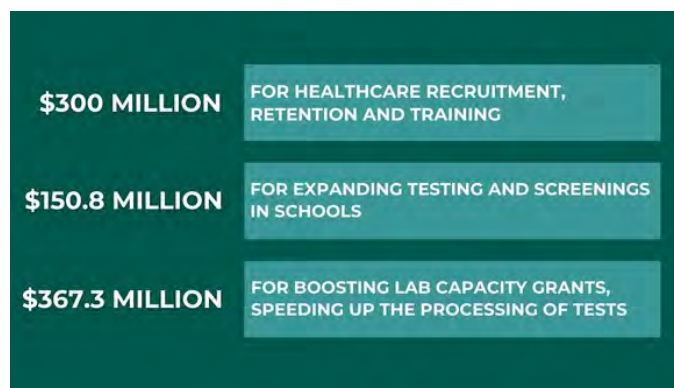
Expansion of Childcare Pilot Program

The MI Tri-Share Child Care pilot program was launched in March 2021 as an innovative public-private partnership that works to increase access to high-quality, affordable childcare for working families while helping retain and attract talent. Throughout our great state, "facilitator hubs" for this program have been established as intermediaries between employers, families, and childcare providers, helping provide overall program management.

This week, I announced that this program will expand to seven new facilitator hubs in pilot regions throughout Michigan, expanding access to nearly all Michiganders. This investment in our childcare helps parents get back to work knowing that their kids are safe and cared for in a nurturing learning environment. I will continue to stay focused on lowering costs for families as we build a better future for Michiganders.

Keeping Kids in School and Supporting Healthcare Workers

This week, I signed a \$1.2 billion supplemental funding bill that uses federal resources to keep kids learning in-person and support Michigan's healthcare workforce. The funding in this bill expands testing and screening in schools – helping to ensure our kids can continue safely learning in person. It also makes safe, high-quality healthcare more accessible to Michiganders by allocating funds to recruit and retain critical healthcare workers.



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This is a huge win for Michiganders and is a testament to what's possible when Republicans and Democrats work together to put Michiganders first. I look forward to continuing this spirit of collaboration on the 2023 budget, which will create good-paying jobs and put money in Michiganders' pockets.

Homeowners Assistance Fund is Live!

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

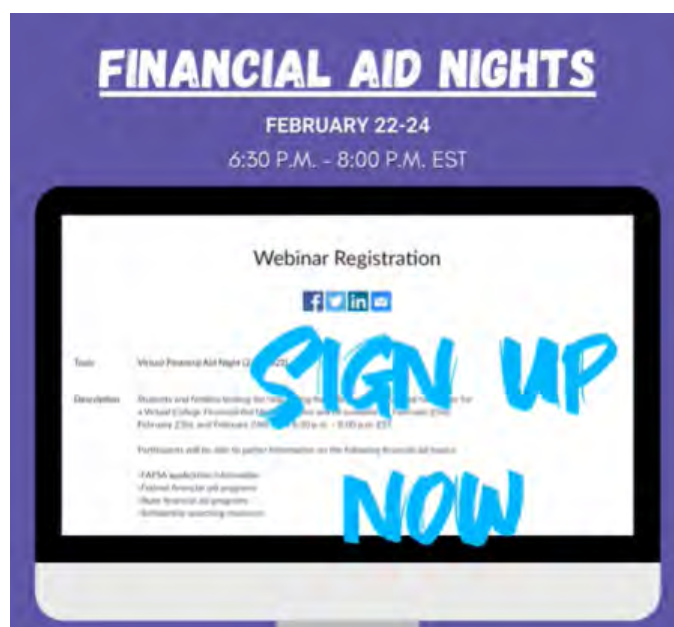
The MIHAF program can provide up to \$25,000 to help with:

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

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

Virtual College Financial Aid Night

Calling all Michigan students and their families! The March 1st FAFSA priority deadline in the State of Michigan is approaching and the MI Student Aid team is here to help families navigate financial aid. Those looking for help paying for college are encouraged to register for a Virtual College Financial Aid Night.



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These sessions are completely free of charge and open to the public. Participants will be able to gather information on FAFSA, federal and state financial aid programs, and scholarships. If you would like to participate, please register below for the session that works for you:

- **Tuesday, February 22nd (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)**
- **Wednesday, February 23rd (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)**
- **Thursday, February 24th (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)**

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

Community Press Release – HCU at BCAC Adoption Days



14 Animals Adopted During Berrien County Animal Control Adoption Days

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Benton Harbor, MI – February 16,2022

Honor Credit Union partnered with Berrien County Animal Control to co-host Honor's Adoption Days in an effort to clear the shelter. This event ran from Friday, February 11, to Saturday, February 12. Honor covered the cost of adoption fees up to \$30 for cats and up to \$75 for dogs, resulting in 10 dogs and 4 cats finding their forever homes.



2022 Adoption Days, Photo provided by HCU

“It is heartwarming to see the animal adoptions take place,” stated Georgia Gipson, Honor’s Community Assistant Vice President. “This is a partnership that we continue to look forward to each year. BCAC shines a light on what it means to care for the wellbeing of these dogs and cats, and these events provide us the opportunity to help them to do so.”



"Chops" at BCAC, Photo provided by HCU

In addition to the sponsored adoptions, Honor team members were present to provide extra Honor items and smiles to the new owners.

"Partnering with Honor has become far more than just an annual BCAC event. The camaraderie and teamwork are something we look forward to every year," stated Tiffany Peterson, Director of Berrien County Animal Control. "We couldn't be happier with this year's turnout and look forward to future partnerships."



BCAC Group, Photo provided by HCU

If you are interested in learning more about the dogs and cats still available for adoption, please visit their website at [Berrien County Animal Control](#).

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For more information, call 800.442.2800, or visit www.honorcu.com.

Community Press Release – HCU New Member Centers



Honor Credit Union's New Buchanan Member Center Expected to Open in 2023

Submitted by Halee Niemi, HCU Public Relations Manager

Buchanan, MI – February 17, 2022

Officials at Honor Credit Union have announced plans to relocate to a new facility in downtown Buchanan. Opening summer 2023, the new member center is located at 128 Main Street, inside the former TCF Bank branch, across the street from Newman's Automotive.

The new facility will enable Honor to offer drive-thru service, Honor's full array of financial services and will provide community members with the opportunity to work one-on-one with Honor's member specialists, mortgage lenders, and business lending team.

Honor Credit Union officially joined the Buchanan community in early 2019 by opening a downtown location on Red Bud Trail, across the street from its business member, Lehman's Farmhouse. The current member center will continue to serve members until the relocation is complete.

In 2021 alone, Honor provided support to over 40 Buchanan organizations and events including, RedBud Motocross, Buchanan Community Schools and athletic programs, City of Buchanan Police Department, and is a proud donor and supporter of the McCoy Creek Trail expansion. This investment into a new facility reiterates Honor's commitment to continue serving the Buchanan community for decades to come.

"It has been our honor to serve the Buchanan community over the last few years and personally get to know our businesses and the amazing people who make up the 'Nicest Town in America,'" commented Scott McFarland, Honor's CEO. "Our members can expect to receive the same expert advice and service from the same smiling faces you've come to know at our new location, inside a building that will allow us to serve you through the drive-thru, a service our current location simply couldn't support. We couldn't be more thrilled to begin this new journey with all of you."

Honor Credit Union plans to open a total of five new member center locations in Allendale, Baroda, Buchanan, Hartford and Jenison. All locations will open in 2022 except Buchanan, which is scheduled for summer 2023.

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 22



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 1/12 – 1/25

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	0
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	3
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	1
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	1
Aggravated Assault	0
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	2
Family/Other	0
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	0
Intimidation/Stalking	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	1
Damage to Property	1
Liquor Violations	0
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	0
Disorderly Conduct	0
Weapons Offense	0
Public Peace / Other	1
OUIL	0
Driving Law Violations	2
Health and Safety	1
Trespass	1
Juvenile Complaints	1
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	5
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Property Checks	1
Alarms	6

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	2
Suspicious Situations	5
Lost/Found Property	1
Natural Death	0
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	14
General Assist	24
Ordinance Violations	3
Missing Person	0
VCSA	0

Total Calls 1/12 – 1/25 : 78



Police Points
