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Buchanan History – Pears Mill



Pears Mill entrance off Buchanan Common, Photo by Jen Garry

Exploring Pears Mill with The Buchanan Chronicle

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor



Pears Mill, Photo by Jen Garry

Have you been to Pears Mill lately, or how about, have you ever been to Pears Mill? (Did you know it's pronounced "PEERS"?)

When you come to the Farmers' Market, I am sure that you noticed Pears Mill is open. It is only open on Saturdays through Labor Day weekend from 9am – 1pm.

Our Publisher, Jen Garry, and I explored the mill together as our awesome Buchanan Chronicle team held down the fort at our booth at Buchanan Farmers' Market Saturday, July 24.

While most of the citizens of Buchanan know about the mill, I will give a brief history lesson for those who haven't experienced it yet or who just need a trip down memory lane.



Corn grinding by water wheel, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Pears Mill, built in the mid 1850's as a grain mill, powered by McCoy Creek water. During this time, there were also "13 other water-powered mills built along the creek," as it is stated in the Pears Mill brochure. This is the only mill that remains in Buchanan.



McCoy Creek played a major part in Pears Mill and Buchanan construction, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The mill has undergone much restoration throughout the years. It was completely "covered in corrugated steel, beam construction, 12 over 12 windows and the native fieldstone basement," according to the Pears Mill brochure and other signage throughout the mill. The brochure that I picked up at the mill, which you can grab while you are there, has very good information about the mill.

The most impressive thing to see is in the basement where there are HUGE belts that are driven by gears that turn the millstones on the floor that is above where the mill produces flour and meal. You can then poke your head out of the main level window on the north side of the mill to watch the water move the water wheel to provide power!

Water wheel at Pears Mill in Buchanan, Video by Jen Garry

The top level has very interesting old business signs and other farm equipment. There is also “The Donut Shop” sign! Hmm, maybe someone can use this sign or restore it for if/when Buchanan gets a donut shop? Come to the Pears Mill for a free tour and their volunteers will for sure give you a history lesson.



The Donut Shop historic sign, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Pears Mill is located downtown Buchanan, MI just off Oak Street ½ block south of Front Street where there is public parking.

Pears Mill Then and Now

The large engraving on the left dates from 1860. Over the years, additions and new siding material made the original building unrecognizable. In 1984, The Buchanan Preservation Society removed these additions in an effort to return the Pears Mill closer to its nineteenth century character. In the image below, today's Pears Mill is laid atop the 1860 structure.



*Pears Mill, Buchanan, Engraved by
D. W. & S. S. & Co. New York*



Original vignette of the Pears Mill from the 1860 *Cass, Van Buren, and Berrien Counties Map*



The removal of a building and the erection of a walkway in 1991-92 created visual and physical access to the Mill from Front Street. Today the Mill and Race stand as living monuments to Buchanan's water-powered history.



Drone photo of downtown Buchanan on July 29, 2017 by Megahurtz Robotics FRC #5056.
The Pears Mill enjoys a prominent position in Buchanan's Arts and Historic District.

Pears Mill Then and Now, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

Answer to Puzzle 2 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

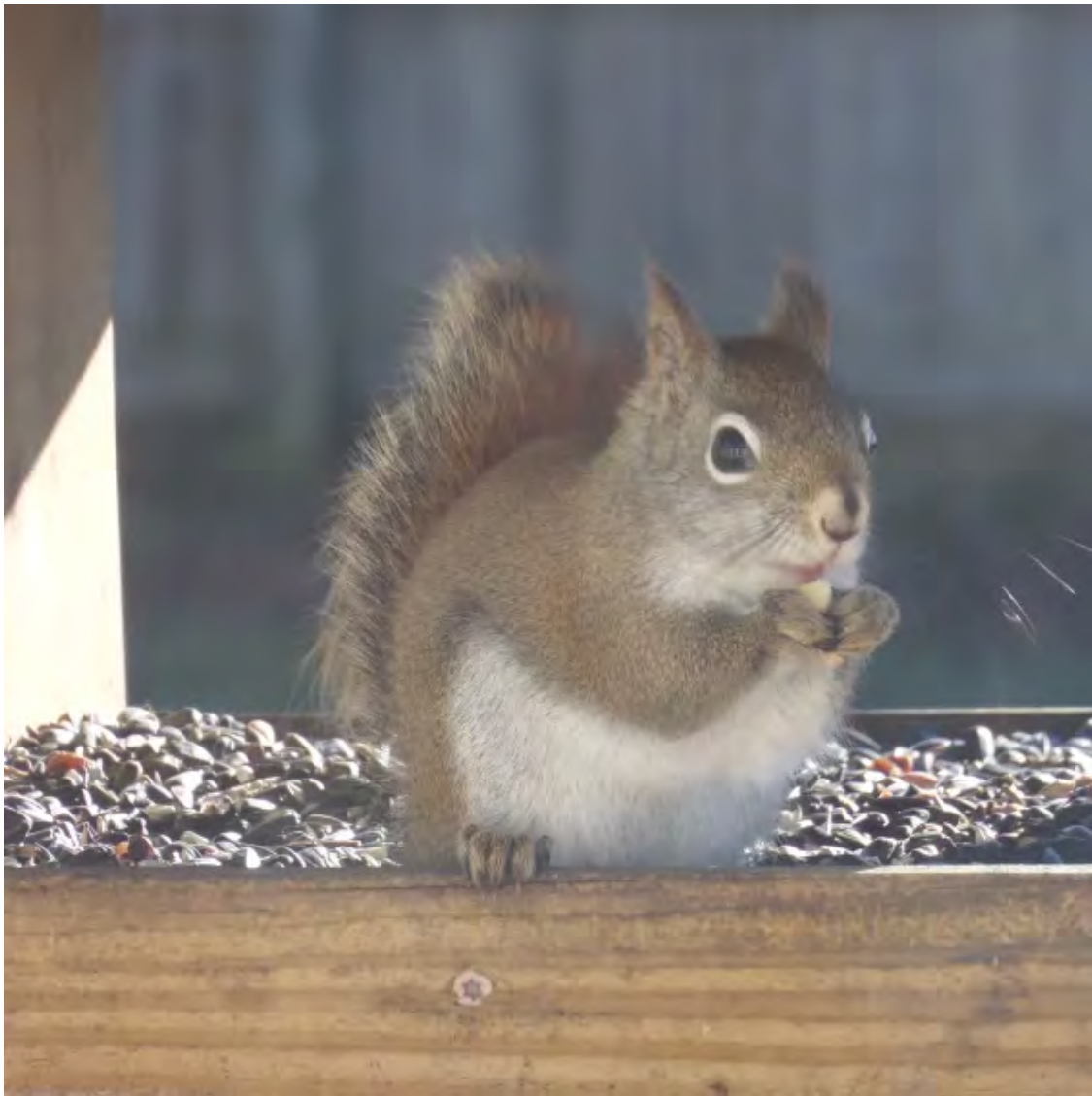
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 2. Augusta
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Nature Notes – Issue 09



Bird Feeder Challenges and Tips

by Jill K. McDonald



Hungry Red Squirrel friend, Photo by Jill McDonald

Have you ever put up a bird feeder or two in your yard with hopes to attract a variety of birds? Perhaps you've had a few frustrations along the way.

You may have intended to attract certain birds with no luck thus far or perhaps you've had uninvited guests at your feeder.

Well low and behold, there are a few things you can do:

- Squirrel-proof your feeders – Squirrel shields are made for hanging or pole feeders, or get creative with plastic bottles and make your own. A good 'ole Slinky attached under a pole feeder is another idea to deter squirrels.
- Keep feeders out of reach – Squirrels can jump 5-6 feet, so 10 feet of air space around your feeders is suggested by www.birdsforever.com.
- Switch your seed – Safflower and niger seeds attract many birds, though they are not appealing to squirrels.
- Feed the squirrels – Why not set up an area away from your feeders for the squirrels? Their favorite foods are whole raw peanuts, sunflower seed, and whole or cracked corn.

Personally, when I feed birds, I mainly use just sunflower seeds, with the addition of a hanging feeder for niger. I also use a small window feeder with suction cups for sunflower seeds. I put out a certain amount of seed each day and let whatever birds or critters enjoy it as they like.

Please remember to always be kind to the wildlife that comes to your feeders. There are many kind ways to

deter creatures without causing harm. They are merely looking for a good meal to survive.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, as the saying goes. When you look out your window, perhaps keep things in a simple perspective and simply enjoy all the beauty that surrounds you. Notice the delightful antics and joys from all visitors. And perhaps have a camera on hand to capture the moments!

For more great articles on birds and gardening information, check out www.birdsandblossoms.com. For more info on bird ID, check out www.allaboutbirds.org.

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Local Faith – Neighbors Helping Neighbors



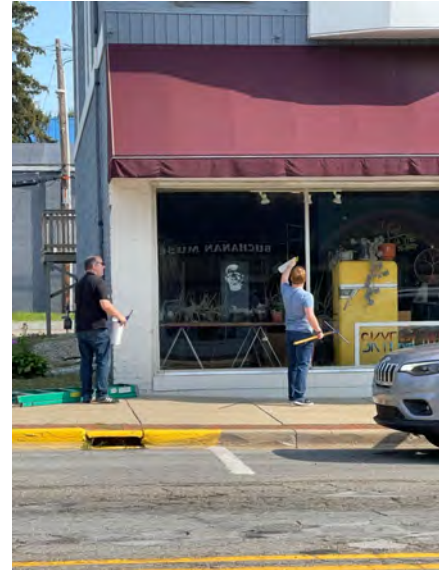
Hoyt family window washing. Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Washing Windows of Downtown Businesses

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer

If you saw some groups of people washing windows downtown Buchanan last Saturday morning, July 31, 2021 you were not seeing things. The Neighbors Helping Neighbors group and others from [Buchanan Christian Church](#) on 112 W. 3rd Street, provided a free service that has been happening for the last 5 – 6 years to those

businesses that allowed them to wash their windows. Starting on the corner of Oak and Front Streets, the groups went down all of Front Street to Main Street, Days Avenue, and then to Red Bud Trail.



Washing windows in Downtown Buchanan, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

I had the pleasure of volunteering for the first time along with my husband, Tom and daughter, Julie. There were a total of 20 volunteers this year! "It's nice to know that there are still people in this world willing to do the little things that make a difference," says volunteer, Tom Hoyt.

Let me tell you, those are some big windows! Thankfully, it was a cool morning which helped in the 2 hour time-frame. I am sure that the businesses appreciate window washers. And we received many "Thanks" when we told them we were there to wash their windows!



Window washing Downtown Buchanan, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

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

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

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Mayor's Memo – My Sincere Apologies



My Sincere Apologies...

by Mayor Sean Denison

Over the course of the last week or so, I have heard from a considerable number of residents concerning the switch in waste haulers for the city. They were shocked to find out last minute that the city had contracted with a new waste hauler, and they felt as though the city had not done its part to clearly communicate the change.

I take full responsibility for not communicating the change. When we voted to change vendors, I should have made it part of our motion, to have the city send out mailers to every resident. I apologize that did not happen. It has taught me a valuable lesson that I can learn from.

Not to make excuses, but it is difficult to make such changes widely known throughout the community. Facebook can be very good at spreading the word in a small town, but it should not be relied on to convey important messages such as this. How can we do better? Should City Hall get a message center that can display important messages daily? Should we consider sending snippets to the Leader, Daily Star or South Bend Tribune? If you see

me, or want to send me a note, please do so. Let me know how you think we can do better at communicating important information in a timely manner. I appreciate your input and look forward to hearing your suggestions.

Thank you, see you around town,
Sean Denison, Mayor
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Buchanan City Hall
302 N Redbud Trail
Buchanan, MI 49107
USA



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

Bucktown Then and Now – Getting Started! Part II



Guest Writer

by Van Young

Part Two of *Getting Started!*

Feel free to go back to our [8th issue](#) if you haven't read [Part One of Getting Started](#).

The popularity of jazz at that time was due to a lot of radio jazz shows, hometown Dixieland bands, traveling jazz bands, etc. On Sunday nights Stud and I found a high hill (for better reception) and listened to two New Orleans jazz shows. Stud went to New Orleans in '51 and I made it in '52. The French Quarter had as many as 20 bands playing in their region in those years. That's why I saved some dollars and headed back after high school graduation.

I "discovered" the Dukes of Dixieland one evening at home on the Horace Heidt show. To win on that show added a lot of prestige to a band. Horace Heidt invited them to tour with his show for a few weeks but the brothers declined. Frank and Freddie were teens then but when they arrived back in New Orleans, it didn't take long for them to find a Bourbon Street venue: The Famous Door! I mentioned Wild Bill Davison and Duke Ellington as being my jazz favorites but I should add the Dukes to that list.

It didn't take long to become totally involved with jazz. Around 1949, we started planning our own Dixieland band. Fortunately, one good friend, John Hausman, played a very fine banjo. Jerry Pierce made his own "tub" bass and the darned thing worked fine. We talked to another classmate, Jo Rotzein, into playing piano. She also had a backup when she couldn't make our gigs: Dick Carson, a preacher's son, and he played the backup on several occasions. Don Mitchell, who played trumpet, said he would give it a try. We also had a backup trumpeter, Bob Patengale. Stud Boyer bought a set of Slingerland drums and I played slide trombone. You might notice that we had a good lineup with one exception....no reed. Once in a while we had one of our teachers set in on clarinet but it was rare. (We had two teachers who were fine reed players in the dance band!)

Stud often had several nicknames. I called him Stud so since we're discussing two Dons, I'll stay with Stud for Don Boyer. When Stud's grandma wasn't napping, we would try to learn new trad tunes. Don checked the beat and I looked for the key and the melody. We had no sheet music so we simply memorized the melody. Sometimes, when we were practicing, we played along with a record cut several times to master it. The tunes we learned and played included trad tunes like Mama Don't Allow, Saints, The Glory of Love, Making Whoopee, South, Chinatown, Do You Know What It Means, and Basin Street. We had others but I'm lucky to remember the ones I just listed. When she was available, Sara Marrs did a good job with the vocals. We usually played for our "fans" on Sunday afternoons and we almost always had a crowd! We made a 78 recording about 70 years ago and, yes, I still have it and I do enjoy listening to my friends blaring away at Saints.

When I first played the melody for our trumpeter, Don Mitchell, he asked what he was supposed to do that [A1] makes it sound jazzy and I responded: "fool around with the melody and feel it!" The band rarely rehearsed so

the gig was usually also a rehearsal! We played mainly in Michigan, especially in our town, Buchanan, and at nearby Clear Lake Pavilion. Several of our friends asked us to play in their homes. We usually played in the p.m. on Sundays but we also would play a set at dances where our high school dance band played. Our last get-together was the late spring of 1961 at Diamond Lake, near Cassopolis. We managed to finish playing just as a May blizzard hit!

The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for guest writers to be showcased. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submissions as received.

Past Event – National Night Out



Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

McCoy Creek Park

Recreational Area

Located at W. Smith St across from the Buchanan Football Memoria

Say "Yes" to Police-Community Partnerships!

Flyer for National Night Out, August 3 2021, Buchanan City Police Department

Police-Community Partnership – National Night Out

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

National Night Out was this last Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at McCoy Creek Recreation Area from 6pm – 9pm. This nationally observed event is a chance for community safety departments to come together and for the community to get to know them better. Tons of food, beverages, dessert, and fun were provided. You had choices of hot dogs, subs, cake, cotton candy, and so much more!



National Night Out food options, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

For fun they brought out a bouncy house, huge hillside waterslide, dunk tank to dunk your favorite officer, water balloons, and many agencies showed off their cool equipment, like Berrien County Sherriff's Department's boat, motorcycle, bomb robot, hazmat suits, and a puppy from their K9 Units. There was face painting, an ambulance with stretcher to explore, and the fire department had a "house on fire" for kids to put out spraying with hoses!



If you missed this year's event, come back next year as this is an annual event put on by Buchanan City Police Department, Buchanan City Fire Department, City of Buchanan Michigan, One Buchanan, and Buchanan Area Senior Center.



Now That's Funny! – Issue 09



by Thomas Hoyt

Now I'm about to share a story from my childhood. It was the first time we as a family went on a summer vacation. We spent a couple weeks in the UP of Michigan at a resort in a little town called Curtis, MI. I can't remember the name of the resort, but I believe it was on South Manistique Lake.

So the day we left home to drive up north from where I grew up, Niles, MI, we drove up to either Grayling or Gaylord, I can't remember for sure, and spent the night at a hotel. After it got dark out and we all went to bed, the lights went out and we said our good nights. It was nicely quiet and peaceful when all of a sudden, the sound of flatulence pierced the silence! 🤢

It was my dad who let that one out and without missing a beat he simply said, "Fire one!" LOL! All of us broke out in laughter. It took us a while to settle down and finally get to sleep.

Keep laughing folks! 😄

Local Family – Fun in Buchanan Parks



Kids in Kathryn Park, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Kids Having a Blast in Buchanan Parks!

Submitted by Ashley Hanson

We have been having a blast at the parks throughout Buchanan this summer so far. Here is the run down so you don't miss any of the events coming up.

Mondays at Ravish Park between 10am and noon is an art, reading, and nature program being put on by the Redbud Area Ministries team.

Tuesdays at Kathryn Park between 10am and noon is free time, play time. Both programs have snacks. On Tuesdays, however, Bucktown Nutrition donates Tea Bombs for the adults to have the extra kick needed for running around the park. August 17th is the last day for these programs.

Saturdays at the Buchanan Farmers' Market, center stage are the Big Blue Blocks from 9:30 until 12:30...through October 9 (weather permitting).

Also, we are quite proud of all the things we have growing around town. Check out all of the community gardens throughout town, Victory Park, Kathryn Park, and the Common all have gardens that are intended for the community pick...when they are ready, of course. Feel free to weed or water any garden you feel needs it, but remember don't pick it if it's not ready. Check out the last picture for a unique fruit we grew...ZUMPKIN.



Siblings Reed and Delanie color rocks together.

Sisters Harper and Delanie design rock art.



Call for Submissions – Pets Contest



Buchanan Pets Contest!

by The Buchanan Chronicle Team

ATTENTION KIDS OF BUCHANAN!

Right now, The Buchanan Chronicle is having a pet contest on our [Facebook Page](#). As the Berrien County Youth Fair is coming up, some kids may not have the opportunity to have their pets in the spotlight. So, we decided to do something about it!

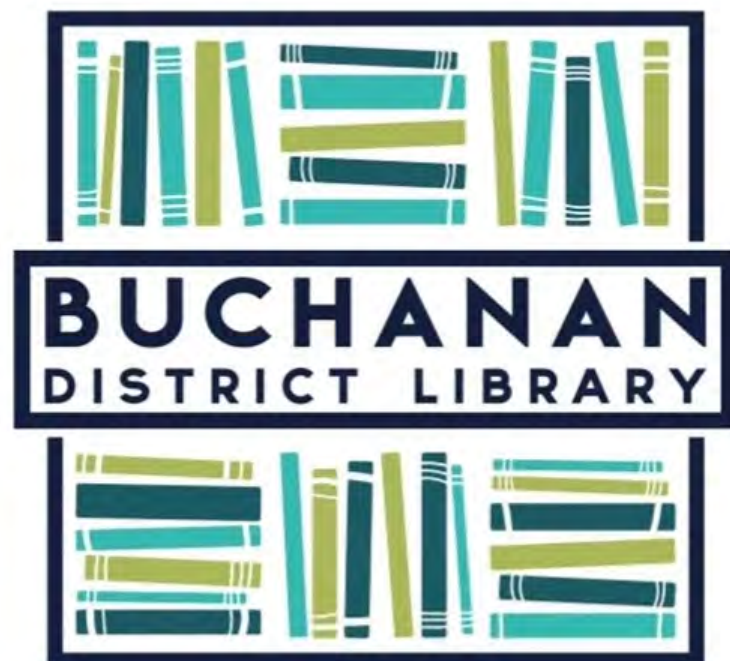
Starting today, Saturday, August 7 – Thursday, August 19, upload your photo to the Pet Contest Article post in the comments. Here are a few rules to follow:

- You may enter more than 1 pet.
- Only 1 pet in each picture with their name in the caption/comment.
- Please do not have yourself/a family member/friend in the picture – as this is just for pets only.
- If there is a tie, The Buchanan Chronicle team will be the deciding factor.
- Our Facebook community will vote on the pet that they like the most ON THE ORIGINAL POST on our Facebook page.

So be sure to tell your friends and family that they have to vote on The Buchanan Chronicle Facebook page, like the post and like our page (and not just on the post that you or your parents share).

We are looking forward to seeing all of your cats, dogs, birds, snakes, fish, gerbils, hamsters, even spiders, etc...! The winner will be notified via Messenger on Saturday, August 21, 2021. Good luck!

Buchanan District Library – August 2021



Hello from the Buchanan District Library



BBQ FUNDRAISER!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20
DURING THE KELLER WILLIAMS SHOW

Support the Library while
enjoying great music and
delicious barbeque from Chef Tim
Carrigan's Wood, Stock & Grill!
Each dinner includes ribs, chicken,
coleslaw, & a roll. Tickets are
limited, get yours today!

TICKETS | \$15



BARBECUE FUNDRAISER:

We are excited that Wood, Stock, & Grill will be sponsoring our Barbecue Fundraiser on August 20 at the Commons during the Keller Williams show. Purchase tickets for \$15 online at <http://www.buchananlibrary.org> or stop in the library! Dinner includes ribs, chicken, coleslaw, and a roll. The library will once again be selling assorted chips, soda pop, and ice cream to top off your meal! **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

Read with a dog!



**Read to a
therapy dog for
15 minutes,
Fridays 9-11am.
Sign up
required.**



Read to Journey

Read to Ahvee

READ WITH A DOG:

Before school starts come read with Journey the yellow lab on Friday, August 27 for 15 minutes between 9–11am. Ahvee, the black lab will return on Wednesday, September 29 from 4–6pm. Sign-up at the library or call to save your spot!

THE TOWN THAT READS TOGETHER



SUCCEEDS TOGETHER!





ONE BOOK ONE BUCHANAN:

It's not too late to join us in our community wide read of the book *Caste: The Origins of our Discontent* by Pulitzer Prize winner Isabel Wilkerson. Register on our website for your copy of the book or stop in or call the library. We will have a community wide discussion on Wednesday, September 1, at Buchanan Common Stage. Facilitators of the discussion include Ruth Writer, Trish Robinson, Harvey Burnett, and Kadin Mills along with Sarah Gault and Meg Paulette. Please join us for this open discussion and refreshments.



Summer Reading Program Returns – Tails & Tales – WINNERS:

Three cheers to all of our 87 participants who read from 60 to 10,110 minutes with a total of 152,621 minutes read during the past 8 weeks.

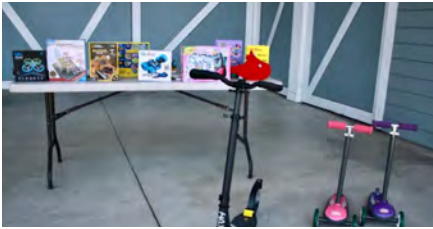
Top Readers include:

- Age 0-4
 - Charlotte and Blake Haynes each read 3,660 minutes
 - Willow Lingle read 2,252 minutes
 - Annalise Sprage read 2,220 minutes
- Age 5-7
 - Harrison Avadarian read 4,990 minutes
 - Joshua Gallo read 4,001 minutes
 - Abby Avadarian read 3,155 minutes
- Age 8-12
 - Hunter Avadarian read 9,000 minutes
 - Isabella Lingle read 5,596 minutes
 - Riley Klee read 3,500 minutes
- Age 13-17
 - Aleah Avadarian read 10,110 minutes
 - Amity Riggerbach read 6,000 minutes
 - Chloe Lingle read 5,206 minutes

Adult Summer Reading Program

- Adult top 3 winners are:
 - Ashley Phillips read 71 books
 - Dawna Eubanks read 39 books
 - Deana Thompson read 36 books

Congratulations to all of these awesome readers!



Gifts for the winners



Charlotte and Blake



Willow



Harrison



Abby

We are now open till 8:00pm on Wednesdays!
Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!

The Buchanan Chronicle would like to congratulate Miss Sarah Gault on her 10 years of wonderful service that she has given to the children at the Buchanan District Library! You have blessed so many kids and others with many reading adventures!

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

Contact: Sarah Gault, Community Outreach Coordinator

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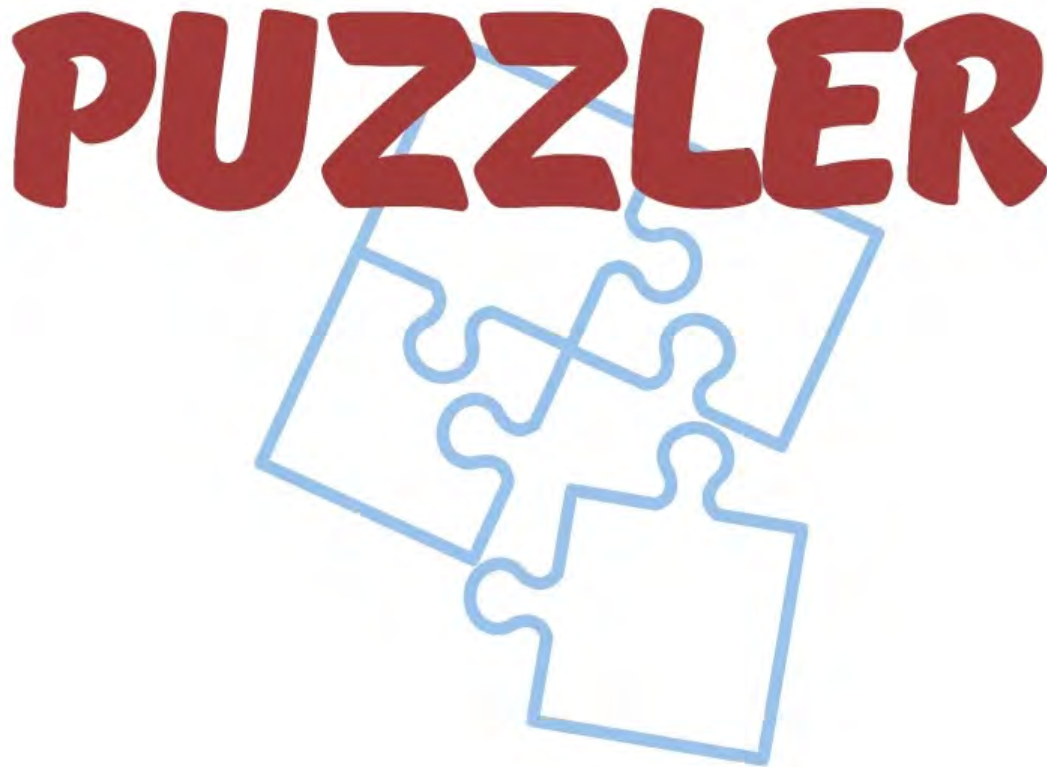
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Puzzler Page – Issue 09

by Garrick Stubblefield



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.
- Example Puzzles:
- 6 Letter –
 - STREAM
 - SMART
 - MART
 - ART
 - AT
 - A
- 5 Letter –
 - BRAIN
 - RAIN
 - AIR
 - AR
 - A
- 4 Letter –
 - BARE
 - BAR
 - AB
 - A
- 3 Letter –
 - TEA
 - AT
 - A
- THIS ISSUE Puzzles:

- 6 Letter –
 - STRIPE
 -
 -
 -
 -
 -

- 5 Letter –
 - TAKEN
 -
 -
 -
 -

- 4 Letter –
 - NEAT
 -
 -
 -

- 3 Letter –
 - ART
 -
 -

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 States have a SWEETNESS to singer Neil Diamond.
 2. This State has a metal to make STEEL.
- CAPITALS:
 1. This Capital may be a priest of a CHURCH.
 2. This Capital is NOT the host of the PGA Masters Tournament.

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

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

BACKSTOP

1. On your body, not your FRONT but your ____.

2. When driving a car, you may need to do THIS at a light.
3. When you were young, you did THIS to blocks.
4. Mom always did THIS to your lunch before school.
5. Any body of water has land as its ____.

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.

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1. TAKE THE TWO EVEN NUMBERS, ADD THEM TOGETHER, AND MAKE THAT THE MIDDLE DIGIT;
2. then, TAKE THE 2 AND CHANGE IT TO A 3;
3. then, TAKE THE 4 AND MAKE IT A 1;
4. last, TAKE THE TWO OUTSIDE NUMBERS, ADD THEM TOGETHER, AND PUT IT IN THE THIRD DIGIT PLACE;
5. WHAT IS THE FINAL 3 DIGIT NUMBER?

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

Puzzler Page – Last Issue's Answers (July 17 2021)

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER

- 6 Letter –
 - STRAPS
 - TRAPS
 - RAPS
 - RAP
 - RA
 - A

- 5 Letter –
 - STEAK
 - TEAK
 - TEA
 - TA
 - A

- 4 Letter –
 - PARK
 - ARK
 - AR
 - A

- 3 Letter –
 - PIE
 - PI
 - I

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

- STATES:
 1. WASHINGTON
 2. MICHIGAN

- CAPITALS:
 1. DENVER
 2. LINCOLN

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

1. GROUND

2. FOUND
3. FAIRS
4. ROUND
5. FARGO

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

Answer: 517

The Clark Barker – Issue 09



Be Careful Where You Put Your Wood Pile

Not too long ago, I found out that one of my canine friends jumped over its human's fence. How did they do that?

Well, a wood pile was near to it, and they must have seen something that caught their eye. So, as we know how all dogs are curious, they got on top of the wood pile and jumped over the fence. Luckily, my canine friend didn't get away as they had a long leash on and their owner was able to get them back where they belonged.

So my advice, be aware of where you put your wood pile and hopefully my canine friends won't be jumping fences anytime soon as they are there for our protection. Woof – Woof!

Now That's Funny! – Issue 09



by Thomas Hoyt

Now I'm about to share a story from my childhood. It was the first time we as a family went on a summer vacation. We spent a couple weeks in the UP of Michigan at a resort in a little town called Curtis, MI. I can't remember the name of the resort, but I believe it was on South Manistique Lake.

So the day we left home to drive up north from where I grew up, Niles, MI, we drove up to either Grayling or Gaylord, I can't remember for sure, and spent the night at a hotel. After it got dark out and we all went to bed, the lights went out and we said our good nights. It was nicely quiet and peaceful when all of a sudden, the sound of flatulence pierced the silence! 🤢

It was my dad who let that one out and without missing a beat he simply said, "Fire one!" LOL! All of us broke out in laughter. It took us a while to settle down and finally get to sleep.

Keep laughing folks! 😄

Past Event – Common Concert Series



Concert in Buchanan Common, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The Chippewa Project – Thursday Night Summer Concert Series

by Thomas Hoyt

I'm going to be honest and transparent here and say that I cannot say a whole lot about the band, The Chippewa Project, who performed simply because of the setting. For those who know, the Concert at the Common are free and people can come and go as they please.



Buchanan Common concert, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

My family and I did arrive after the band had already begun performing their songs. It really is much like a party. You can come and go as you please, have conversations with family and friends, bring a picnic supper or a pizza from Milano's, bring a cooler with your favorite beverage, and just have a good ole time. The Buchanan District Library was raising funds by selling ice cream and pop, which my family and I enjoyed.



Hoyt family listening to the band, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The Chippewa Project is a good size band of a lead vocalist, a lead guitar, and bass guitar, a drummer and I believe a mandolin player. They played a mix of songs from oldies to country, and I enjoyed listening to all of it. I think I may have even heard something bluesy.

Here are the rest of the Thursday night 2021 Summer Concert Series. They are held at the Buchanan Common, Thursdays at 7 P.M.

- June 17: Work in Progress Reloaded (enjoy your favorite country, blues and rock-n-roll)
- June 24: Blue Shoes (wide variety of tunes from swing to rock)
- July 1: Backsliders (acoustic arrangements of popular songs)
- July 8: 3 Shots (formerly Gypsy Red – country, classic rock & 3-part harmony)

- July 15: Red Deluxe Band (mix of rock, country, blues)
- July 22: Chippewa Project (mix of music from 60's to present)
- July 29: Past Time (sounds of the 50's & 60's; Billy Shelton (Godfather of Do Wop) as guest vocalist)
- August 5: The Dean Allrick Trio (music from The Great American Songbook)
- August 12: Lake Effect Jazz Big Band (blend of traditional & contemporary jazz big band music)



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JULY 9TH

WAY DOWN WANDERERS

JULY 16TH

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SINGER SONGWRITER
COMPETITION**

**AUGUST 13TH
+ 14TH**

**CHIPPEWAPALOOZA
ON THE COMMON**

AUGUST 20TH

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THE TOONA'S

SEPTEMBER 25TH

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Listen to our classic Thursday Night Town Concerts to our [Last Saturdays on the Common Concert Series](#).

In the future we look forward to expanding our offerings to live theater and outdoor movies. The best part of the Common, all of the events held here are FREE to the public and just another way we remind residents and show visitors how great Buchanan truly is. Hopefully you can grab a blanket, bring a picnic and enjoy some live entertainment in the warm summer air.

Buchanan Common

<http://www.buchanancommon.wordpress.com>

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Answer to Puzzle 3 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

BACKSTOP

1. BACK
 2. STOP
 3. STACK
 4. PACK
 5. COAST
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City Commission Meeting Agenda • July 26 2021

Write-Up by Editor Rebecka Hoyt, Agenda by City Clerk Barbara A. Pitcher

Please note that only 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 will 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 Buchanan City Commission met for their Monday meeting July 26th 2021 at 7:00 pm, in person again, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

Begin Agenda:

MONDAY, July 26, 2021 – 7:00 PM

I. Recognition

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

V. Agenda

- Additions to the Agenda
- Approval of the Agenda

VI. Public Comment

- Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

VII. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve Meeting Minutes July 12, 2021, Regular Meeting; July 20, 2021, Special Meeting
2. Approve Expenditures for July 26, 2021, in the amount of \$487,371.00 Includes Summer Tax Distribution checks in the amount of \$387,751.67 (Lake Michigan College \$19,938.35, Berrien County Treasurer \$94,752.73, Berrien Resa \$20,837.62, Dial-A-Ride \$8,733.54, Buchanan Schools \$76,023.74 and City of Buchanan \$167,465.69). Other payment of note: Custom Computer Company for \$26,899.00.
3. Accept Staff Activity Reports – Period Ending July 7, 2021
4. Accept Staff Activity Report – Period Ending July 21, 2021

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

1. Community Development Department Report

- Social District Update – Community Development Director Rich Murphy will provide an update related to the City's pending Social District, including recent verification from the Michigan State Liquor Control Commission that the City can reimburse applications for their application fees.
- Developer's Toolkit Update – Director Murphy will provide an update regarding the progress of his work to finalize the underlying paperwork necessary to implement the City's plans for new "Developer's Toolkit" programs, such as façade grants, etc.

2. Planning Commission Report

Director Murphy will report on the Planning Commission's recent approval of the Special Use Permit for Zen Leaf, as well as provide a progress report that this issue will be placed on a future agenda after we receive the updated marihuana permit application from Zen's attorney. Consequently, no action is required from the City Commission at this point.

3. Landfill Board Report

Consider Appointment of City Manager Heather Grace to the Southeast Berrien County Landfill Board – Landfill Board Member & Commissioner Patrick Swem reports that the Landfill Board has voted to recommend that the City of Buchanan appoint City Manager Heather Grace to serve as the City's second member on the Landfill Board.

4. Buchanan Area Fine Arts Council –

At their regular meeting on July 8, 2021, the Buchanan Area Fine Arts Council (BAFAC) voted to recommend to the City Commission they consider approving the following appointments and reappointments:

- Reappoint Kelly Carlin and Trevor Hough to 4 -year terms, retroactive to July 1, 2021
- Reappoint Alice Kring, Karin Falkenstein, and Lee Lyon to 4- year terms, effective July 1, 2021
- Appoint Honorable Patricia A. Moore to the board with a 4 – year term, effective July 1, 2021
- The BAFAC currently has 6 vacancies; 1 Buchanan Township, 1 Niles Township, 1 School Corporation, and 2 Members at Large. Consider Resolutions Regarding Name Change –
- The BAFAC also reports that its Board has voted to rescind its previous requisition to change its name from the Buchanan Area Fine Arts Council to the Buchanan Area Performing Arts Council. With approval from the Commission, City Administration will work to prepare updated Resolutions reflecting this subsequent name change, as the previously requested name change was already approved and memorialized in past Resolutions, and thus will need to be updated.

5. Buchanan Tree Friends

Discuss plans to plant 50 trees and the proposed tree planting sites for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative tree planting grant, October 16, 2021. ReLeaf Michigan will seek to find Black Gum, Tuliptree, River Birch, American Hophornbeam, Bald Cypress, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Hackberry, Swamp White Oak, Basswood, Littleleaf Linden, Princeton Sentry Ginkgo, Downy Hawthorn, Hawthorn, Serviceberry, and Crabapple trees. ReLeaf will competitively bid the trees with wholesale nurseries. The tree purchasing budget must adhere to the US Forest Service budget limitations for the cost and the delivery of the trees. The tree bids specify one and a half – inch to two – inch caliper diameter trees.

X. Unfinished Business

- Update on Storm Sewer Issues on Third Street at Redbud
 - Quotes for the repair of the collapsed storm sewer infrastructure on Third Street at Redbud will be considered, with a quote from Green Construction & Engineering having been submitted, and a secondary quote from Selge Construction Co. Inc. anticipated to be submitted prior to Monday's meeting.

XI. New Business

1. Closed Session to Discuss Matters Subject to Attorney – Client Privilege Consider a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss matters subject to attorney – client privilege, pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(h).
2. Consider Approval of Employment Agreements Draft employment agreements for select staff will be submitted to the Commissioners for consideration for approval. Said agreements were drafted to clarify the employment relationships between select employees and the City of Buchanan and include provisions designed to implement

the compensation -related expenditures approved in the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget, including the following: transition to a salaried position with no compensatory time at a rate of \$51,000 annually for both the Treasurer and the Clerk; transition of the Chief of Police to the position of "Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police" with an increase in pay of 5%; memorialization of the Community Development Director's current pay and compensation, and the transition of the Building Inspector Position to include a 3% increase in pay as well as increased part – time hours.

XII. Communications

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

XIII. Public Comment

- Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

XIV. Executive Comments

- City Manager Comments
- Commissioner Comments
- Mayor Comments

XV. Adjourn

You may view [the meeting minutes here on The City of Buchanan's website](#).

You may view the completed July 26, 2021 City Commissioner Meeting Minutes on [the City of Buchanan Website](#).



Police Points – Call Log Issue 09



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 7/8 – 7/19

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	0
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	5
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	0
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	0
Family/Other	0
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	0
Intimidation/Stalking	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	0
Damage to Property	3
Liquor Violations	0
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	6
Disorderly Conduct	0
Public Peace / Other	12
OUIL	1
Driving Law Violations	2
Health and Safety	3
Trespass	1
Juvenile Complaints	1
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	4
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Accidental Fire	0
Property Checks	3
Alarms	5

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	4
Suspicious Situations	5
Lost/Found Property	4
Natural Death	1
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	22
General Assist	20
Ordinance Violations	12
Missing Person	0

Total Calls 7/8 – 7/19 : 115



Police Points

A Note from the Publisher – Issue 09



by Jen Garry, Publisher

The Buchanan Chronicle Wants to Hear from You!

Just a note about submissions:

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Articles

We welcome contributors of all ages and persuasions. (If you're reading this we're probably interested in anything that interests you - and our readers will be too - as long as it pertains to our Buchanan community.)

We have editors to assist with grammar, spelling, and style, but we appreciate having all our contributors take care of those issues first.

- Send us a summary or entire article.
- 600-800 words is ideal for a feature, 150-400 for short informational pieces.
- We also welcome essays, cartoons, poetry, artwork, etc, but space is limited.
- Please check your facts. We do our best to ensure accuracy but count on our writers to do it first.
- We will do our best (time permitting) to email a proof before publishing.

Calendar & Events

- We're happy to include any events that are open to the public. Simply email us with the date/time/location and a brief description.
- All life event announcements (celebrations, births, deaths, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, retirements, etc.) are welcome as ads with a 25% discount.
One image (provided by you) can be included.

Letters

Revised April 14, 2021.

Our readers have opinions and we want to provide a place to express them - regardless if we agree with them.

- Please keep it under 400 words.
- We don't accept anonymous letters and will publish name and city. (We contact all writers to verify their veracity.)
- Check your facts. Letters that are factually inaccurate will not be printed. (If we see inaccuracies, we will ask the writer to verify them.)
- We do not publish *ad hominem* attacks, rudeness or foul language, or personal grievances.
- Space is limited for letters and we must give priority to the ones that are most timely, well-written, relevant, and/or provide a unique perspective.
- We edit and/or trim letters as little as possible, but we reserve the right to do so as necessary.

Notes

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☐ #16.	Nov 6	Oct 18	Oct 20
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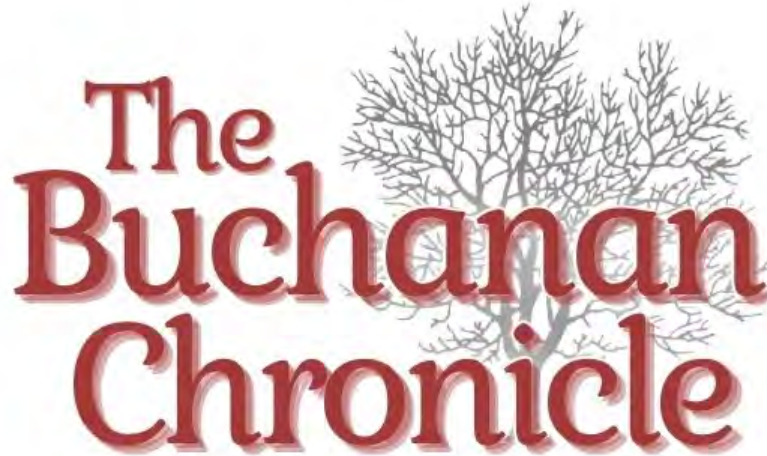
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We look forward to reading and publishing many things from our community!

Look for future community involvements, like our upcoming Call for Submissions that will highlight Bucktown Recipes (so start getting those together for when we ask for them soon)!

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



Board of Education Meeting Agenda • June 28 2021

Agenda from Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

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

Begin Agenda:

I. Call to Order

- President Dr. Harvey Burnett opened the virtual meeting at 6:03pm.

II. Roll Call

- Physically Present: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett.
- Virtually Present: None
- Absent: None
- Others Physically Present: Superintendent P. Robinson, P. Place
- Others Virtually Present: M. Kurland, T. Tebeau, A. Berget

III. Adoption of Agenda

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED by Member R. Writer, the agenda for the board meeting of June 28, 2021 be adopted as written.
 - Roll Call Vote: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

IV. Public Hearing on Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

- Interim Director of Business, Mr. Tom Tebeau, presented the proposed 2021-2022 budget to the board.

V. Public Comment for Hearing on 2021-2022 Budget

- None

VI. Recognition of Visitors

- Superintendent Robinson welcomed:
 - Interim Director of Business, Tom Tebeau
 - Business Office Specialist, Carrie Brunsting
 - From RESA, Brian Brown

VII. Presentations

- Executive Team Updates – Superintendent Robinson and the Executive Team provided their updates respectively.

VIII. Superintendent/Department Reports

- Updates for BHS, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics/BVA/CTE, Special Education, Operations, Food Service, Information Technology, and Assistant Superintendent were provided respectively.

IX. Information/Reports & New Business

- Parent Advisory Committee – Mrs. Robinson reported to the board of their latest meeting. They discussed having a possible block party. The committee is planning a full meeting on August 24th.
- Finance Committee – Mr. Carlson briefed the board. The finance committee had met a few times regarding contract changes for the bargaining agreements and the upcoming budget.
- Public Relations Committee – Mrs. Laesch informed the board of their recent meeting. Ideas from the Parent Advisory Committee were shared with them and they covered topics of the strategic plan, instant alerts, videos, yearend communication, and social media.

- Human Resource Committee – Mrs. Berry shared they had spoken of adding an Administrative Assistant position, summer school position, 2 new coaching positions, a technology technician and 5th grade teacher position. They were also updated on the progression of negotiations.

X. Community Dialogue / Citizen's Concerns

- Mark Cahill was concerned with the excessive heat at graduation and no water, concessions, or trash cans available. He proposed if there are more than 100 people at an even to have drinking water and cups available. He was also concerned with the upcoming early release days on Wednesdays.

XI. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items

1. Minutes:

- 6-1-2021 Regular Meeting
- 6-8-2021 Special Meeting

2. Warrants:

- Treasury & Expenditure Reports – May 2021

3. Job Description & 1 FTE Approval:

- Administrative Assistant to Transportation, Operations, & Food Service

4. Employment Contracts for 2021-2022 School Year:

- Michelle Munyon, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Linsey Miller, A/P Coordinator
- Laura Morris, Payroll Coordinator
- Rebecca Kaltenbach, Food Service Coordinator
- Jesse Layne, Assistant IT Technician
- Lucie Behrle, Kid Kare Director
- Craig Kizer, Van Driver
- Jeremy Cauffman, Van Driver
- Sophia Williams, Utility Coordinator
- Chad VanBeek, Maintenance
- Al Berget, Director of Operations
- Cody Cauffman, Operations Utility Worker
- Ethan Cauffman, Operations Utility Worker
- Robert Cauffman, Operations Utility Worker
- Sandra Cheney, Operations Utility Worker
- Brianna Curtis, Operations Utility Worker
- Judith Harman, Operations Utility Worker
- Larry Kline, Operations Utility Worker
- Dawn Spielman, Operations Utility Worker
- Michelle Trail, Operations Utility Worker
- James Brohman, Interventionist
- Miranda Capron, Interventionist
- Sandra Emerick, Interventionist
- Karen McGuirt, Interventionist
- Dottie Prince, Interventionist
- Donna Southwell, Interventionist
- Christin Taylor, Interventionist
- Jody Tittle, Interventionist
- Donna Trigg, Interventionist
- Belinda Vaz, Interventionist
- Douglas Zundel, Interventionist
- Ryan Frontczak, Interventionist / Dean of Students / Assistant Athletic Coordinator

5. Recommendations to Hire (as submitted by: Superintendent, Mrs. Patricia Robinson; Director of Operations, Mr. Al

Berget; Utility Supervisor, Mrs. Sophia Williams; Moccasin Elementary Principal, Dr. Michael Dunn; BHS Principal, Mrs. Stacey DeMaio

- Recommended Employee – Title
- Carrie Brunsting – Business Specialist
- Corey Berget – Student Operations Utility Worker
- Bryce Placher – Student Maintenance Utility Worker
- Robert Bruce – Health Care Paraprofessional
- Bryan Pearson – MTTS Math Teacher (Multi-Tiered System of Supports)

6. Reconfirmation of Buchanan Community Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XII. Buchanan District Library Board Resignations

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED by Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education accepts the resignation of Dave Perez and Dennis Iler, Buchanan Library Board representatives for the Buchanan District Library Board of Trustees.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XIII. Appointment to Buchanan District Library Board

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED by Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education appoints Nathanael Lyon and Karen Quasny as the Buchanan Library Board representatives for the Buchanan District Library Board of Trustees.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XIV. BHS Course Descriptions & Academic Information

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED by Member C. Carlson, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the updated course guide for Buchanan High School.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XV. Neola Second Reading

- MOTION by H. Burnett, SECONDED by Member C. Carlson, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the second reading of the following NEOLA revised and new policies:
 - [POLICY – Description]
 - 1422 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
 - 1623 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
 - 1662 – Anti-Harassment
 - 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity

- 2260.01 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
- 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
- 3122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- 3123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
- 3362 – Anti-Harassment
- 4122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- 4123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
- 4362 – Anti-Harassment
- 5341 – Emergency Medical Authorization
- 5342 – Do Not Resuscitate Orders (DNR) For Minor Students (New)
- 5343 – Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (Post) (New)
- 5460 – Graduation Requirements
- 5517 – Anti-Harassment
- 6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds
- 6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
- 7440.01 – Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
- 7450 – Property Inventory
- 7455 – Accounting System for Capital Assets
- 8321 – Criminal Justice Information Security (Non-Criminal Justice Agency)
- 8330 – Student Records
- 8400 – School Safety Information
- 8450.01 – Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events
- 8500 – Food Services
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XVI. Adoption of the 2020-2021 Final Budget and 2021-2022 Budget Appropriation Resolution

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education, in accordance with the General Appropriations Act, accepts the Buchanan Community Schools budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 amended as presented and the 2021-2022 Budget Appropriation. Said documents to be entered into the minutes of this meeting and to take immediate effect. **[Follow this link to read the documents in the minutes].**
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XVII. 2021-2022 Administrative Contracts

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of
- Education approves annual contracts for:
 - Superintendent, Patricia Robinson
 - Assistant Superintendent, Mark Kurland
 - Business Specialist, Carrie Brunsting
 - Ottawa Principal, Stacey Denison
 - Moccasin Principal, Dr. Michael Dunn
 - Middle School Principal, Shelby Beasley
 - High School Assistant Principal, Brian Pruett
 - High School Principal, Stacey DeMaio
 - BVA / CTE Director, Mark Frey

- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XVIII. Ratifications of BEA Contract 2021-2024

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education ratifies the proposed agreement between Buchanan Community Schools and the Buchanan 5C Education Association, subject to ratification by BEA. Effective date of the agreement is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - Abstained: K. Berry, and C. Carlson
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XIX. Ratification of Buchanan Association of Paraprofessionals Contract 2021-2024

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education ratifies the proposed agreement between Buchanan Community Schools and the Buchanan Association of Classroom Paraprofessionals, Health Care Paraprofessionals, and Band Paraprofessionals. Effective date of the agreement is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XX. Ratification of Buchanan Transportation Contract 2021-2024

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson, the Buchanan Board of Education ratifies the proposed agreement between Buchanan Community Schools and the Buchanan Transportation Association. Effective date of the agreement is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XXI. Ratification of BAAMA Contract 2021-2024

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education ratifies the proposed agreement between Buchanan Community Schools and the Buchanan Association of Administrative and Media Assistants. Effective date of the agreement is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XXII. Buchanan Virtual Academy Graduation Certification

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of Education hereby approves:
 - Buchanan Step Up Student:
 - Keshara Gibson

- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XXIII. Adoption of the 2021-2022 Activity Fund Budget Appropriation Resolution

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves that this resolution shall be the General Appropriations of Buchanan Community Schools for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; a resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the Buchanan Community Schools Activity Fund.
- Be it further resolved, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance \$124,636 of the total available in the Activity Fund is appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth. **[Follow this link to read the documents in the minutes]**.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
 - Nays: None
 - MOTION ADOPTED

XXIV. Questions & Comments From Board Members

- Mr. Carlson congratulated the baseball and softball teams.
- Mrs. Writer congratulated the 2020 & 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees. She also recognized the BCS staff members that received awards by the Buchanan Chamber of Commerce, Wendy Murphy and Brian Pruett. Mrs. Writer also commented of two Buchanan alumni who will be completing in the Olympics.
- Mrs. Berry expressed appreciation to Mrs. Robinson for the negotiation process. She commented to the Hall of Fame ceremony and Mr. Frey and coaches running the athletic clinics. She also spoke of the formal statement coming of the Superintendent evaluation.
- Mr. Lee thanked Mr. Tebeau for all his efforts and welcomed Carrie Brunsting and Brian Brown.

XXV. Next Board Meeting:

- Monday, July 19th at 6pm
- Board Work Session/Retreat: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 5:30pm

XXVI. Adjournment:

- 7:08pm

You may view the completed June 28, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes on [the Buchanan Community Schools website here](#).

Stay tuned-in for the next issue as Superintendent Patricia Robinson updates the community on returning to school this fall. Buchanan Community Schools start August 30th, so keep an eye out for the Buck Bulletin.



Past Event – Honor Credit Union



Honor Credit Union CASH MOBBED Buchanan Farmers' Market

Buchanan, MI – July 24, 2021

Write-up and photos submitted by Karol Berhle, CAVP at Honor Credit Union

On the morning of Saturday, July 24, 2021 which was a hot summer day at the Buchanan Farmers' Market, representatives from Honor Credit Union made a surprise visit and did a one-hour CASH MOB! They purchased everything from flowers and veggies to dish towels and freshly made cinnamon donuts for the morning shoppers. Not only did they have fun, but patrons enjoyed being surprised and hearing a little about what Honor has to offer. Flyers were also handed out with a \$250 new checking special to "join the fam." Check out the photos below of the lucky ones who were cash mobbed.



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Buchanan Sports – Upcoming Football Picks

by Garrick Stubblefield

Hello all you Buchanan Sports Fans!

Its August and myself, Nik, and Tom will be covering local sports this fall. We are looking to have an action-packed season all around. The three of us (if not the whole Chronicle Team) will have a contest of who has the best picks this season in College Football and NFL, and we plan to give some prizes in this regard. So at the end of the season we'll see if you can beat us or others to win something, so get ready for this fall! We will explain in the next issue how to play along with us, see you soon, good luck!

Local Art – Comic Strip



Gymnasticats

by Madelyn Kitchell



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Name	Age	Born	Died
L. Dewey Spencer	93	May 21, 1928	August 04, 2021
David Kent Faulkner	51	December 17, 1969	August 03, 2021
Ruth E. Olmstead	84	September 27, 1936	August 03, 2021
Dr. Alfred D. "Al" Hanson	96	April 29, 1925	July 27, 2021
Michael Anthony Greene	53	January 23, 1968	July 19, 2021
Robert Devon Albrecht	83	March 30, 1938	July 19, 2021
Gregory Dean Smith	63	December 29, 1957	July 17, 2021
Jeffery Nathaniel Antisdel	35	December 05, 1985	July 12, 2021

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
 414 E Front St
 Buchanan, MI 49107
 USA

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

Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 09



Golfing Gaff

by Garrick Stubblefield

I love to play golf in the summer and bowling in the winter. So, this story happens to be an experience I had while golfing. I was golfing at our local Brookwood golf course with a buddy of mine that I enjoy golfing. Well, we were 5 holes in when it started to mist on the 6th hole and that is where the funny part comes into play.

I had a very good drive but on the next 4 hits I may have driven it a total of 25 yards on those 4 shots combined. So, I turned to my friend and said, "If I flub this shot, I'm done for the day." Well, I lined up and sure enough I flubbed it and I was so mad I accidentally threw my club into a tree to where it was too high for me to retrieve it.

So, a lesson to all you all golfers or wannabe golfers, don't throw fits and throw your club to where you can't retrieve it. The true funny thing about this other than the club going in the tree, you could see it lodged in between two tree branches and every time I play that course, I ask the owner if someone turned it in.

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

- 6 Letter –
 - STRIPE
 - STRIP
 - TRIP
 - RIP
 - PI
 - I

 - 5 Letter –
 - TAKEN
 - TAKE
 - ATE
 - AT
 - A

 - 4 Letter –
 - NEAT
 - EAT
 - AT
 - A

 - 3 Letter –
 - ART
 - AR
 - A
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Buchanan Sports – Olympian Hannah Roberts



Hannah Roberts at Tokyo 2020 Olympics, Photo from Hannah Roberts Facebook

Hometown Hero Brings Home Silver Medal

by The Buchanan Chronicle Team

Saturday evening (July 31, 2021) at Buchanan Common was hopping, when approximately 1,400 Buchanan citizens came out to watch Olympian Hannah Roberts earn the silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics! Most of our team was able to attend and experience this great community event together. Special thanks goes out to the City of Buchanan for supporting this watch party and to NBC for broadcasting the Olympics live (and for showing our Watch Party to the world, of record size we learned)! Below is some of the team's reaction to the event and to Hannah winning the silver medal.

Hannah, we are SO proud of you, and even if you hadn't received a medal, you were a spectacular representative of our country and our town!

Garrick ~ Hey Buchanan Michigan fans and surrounding towns and cities! We have a local hometown hero. Her name Hannah Roberts. Hannah qualified for the Olympics for a event she is very good at: BMX freestyle. She went to Tokyo 2020 with the ambition to medal, not only for herself but her country, the United States. Saturday, July 31 she earned herself a Silver medal in BMX Freestyle.

Tom ~ Wow Buchanan! I have to admit I thought I'd never live in a small town where one of its own becomes an Olympic Silver Medalist! All I can say is just...WOW! To Hannah, way to go kid! Being at the watch party was exciting to say the least. It was like a big block party. I wish Buchanan had more events like this, especially around the summer holidays like the 4th of July. Thank you to the Roberts family for putting this all together.

Rebecka ~ Being a part of this watch party and history being made was exhilarating for me that I am glad I got to experience it with my family and a great team along with our community. Being the photographer for the night at the party, I was able to get alongside of the stage and capture Hannah's parent's reactions as they watched Hannah intently on her first and second run of the BMX Women's Freestyle. After the first run score of 96.10, I quickly went back to my team and family. The team was showing lots of excitement and I jumped up and down and hugged my husband, Tom! I had tears of joy as I am sure that I wasn't the only one in the crowd. After her second run, Hannah placed second on an injured foot, wow! I had let others in my family know about this watch party and

told them to tune in at 9:00 that night. When the event was done, I had to call my parents who live out of town, told them all about it along with my happy tears. They were able to watch some of it as it was a little tricky for them to find the live feed of the BMX Freestyle. My Dad said, "It's just an honor to be at the Olympics." And I told him "Yes, it is!"

Jill ~ First of all, a BIG shout out of Congratulations! to Hannah Roberts for qualifying for the Olympics and representing Michigan and our city of Buchanan!! That in itself is definitely noteworthy!! Congratulations as well on earning an Olympic medal!! Being part of Hannah's watch party was an honor and an amazing experience! To see the community come out and support their Olympian was a beautiful sight!! And the turnout was also amazing!! The energy of the people was filled with great excitement and cheers! Watching Olympic history in the making in that atmosphere of support was definitely the Olympic highlight I will always remember!

Jen ~ Tears of pride definitely made an appearance while watching Hannah's tremendous BMX run at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics! Personally I'm blown away when watching her just doing her thing, her talent and passion are undeniable! Hearing her speak about the sport and its past and current inequities was inspiring, she's spearheading necessary change! YOU GO, GIRL!! Moreover, I was so very proud to see our Buchanan Common full of people once again, such a welcome sight after pandemic separations. Buchanan community really showed up to support our own Hometown Hero, GO HANNAH!!!

Our writers, Nik and Garrick, are planning a big write up on her when she returns to the states, planning to visit Buchanan in September. There is a parade planned for her arrival back home and as soon as we know details, we'll share them. Until then we wait for her to come back home, so very proud.



Hannah Roberts honored by WNDU

