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Local News for Buchanan, MI

Note from the Editor

Seasons Greetings and welcome to the 2023 Winter Printed Edition! What a fall season we have had: our first snowfall on Halloween, then temperatures getting up into the high 60's. With El Nino predicted this winter, it there may be some snow in the beginning and then a lot at the end, or who knows if it will go as predicted! However the weather goes, we will adjust and deal with it the best we can.

In this issue, we have ribbon cutting ceremonies, Christmas memories, a very special holiday spread of local businesses/organizations wishing you holiday cheer, and more. If you go to any of these businesses/organizations, please tell them *thank you* for helping The Buchanan Chronicle afford these printed editions we mail to you and make available for pickup around town. As the new year approaches, I look back on our stories and many are of new and exciting things happening in town! It's been great getting to know business owners and others that I have come into contact with.

If you picked up this issue locally and would like to have it sent to your mailbox next time, see the back page of this issue for more information. As always, feel free to share it with your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors so they can learn what is going on in and around Buchanan, MI. Perhaps they would like to subscribe as well!

Thank you for your support and reading our publications, whether in print or online. Our next online issue is December 16. The Spring printed issue will be out in March 2024. I wish you a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and a Happy New Year! May you have great memories during these holidays shared with family and friends. 🍂



Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Jen Garry, Publisher

Note from the Publisher

The Winter Holidays (and weather) are upon us! Our third printed edition is here as well! We've gotten so many great comments on our first several editions, and there has been a lot of interest in our advertising opportunities.

The best part of providing a hometown newspaper is getting to know our community and readers, and knowing we can help to connect people with local businesses, services, and events. This season we thank our readers, supporters, advertisers, and community for helping us do what we do, for our Buchanan neighbors and friends. No matter what you celebrate, may it be a joyous time with those you love!

Special Thanks to these places that host copies of our printed editions for our community to pick up for free:

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- Buchanan City Hall
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- Buchanan Honor Credit Union

Happy Holidays, Buchanan Community! 🍂

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Mayor's Memo - Regarding City Manager

By Sean Denison, City of Buchanan Mayor



Comments Regarding City Manager

As many of you know, a recall petition was filed against me last week because of my decision to suspend the City Manager, with full pay and benefits, until the City could conclude an investigation of employee workplace complaints against the City Manager.

These complaints were shared with all members of the Commission, who were asked to keep the complaints confidential to protect all parties, until the City could investigate the complaints. If confidentiality had been maintained, the City could have left all employees working in place until conclusion of the investigation. However, one Commissioner could not honor this request and disclosed the employee complaints to the City Manager before a full and fair investigation could even be started.

To protect all of the parties, including the City Manager, from further workplace complaints or claims of retaliation, I made the decision, as chief executive of the City under Michigan law and on the advice of the City's attorneys, to suspend the City Manager with full pay and benefits, until the investigation could be concluded and reported to the Commission for consideration in a public meeting. In this process, we gave the City Manager, with his attorney present, notice of the complaints against him and an opportunity to present his side of the story.

No laws or contract rights have been violated. Some disagree with my decision, but the choice was between removing one person from the work environment or many City Hall staff members, to the harm of the City operations and citizens. The process remains underway now and I will ask the Commission to consider this matter as soon as possible after the Thanksgiving holiday. Consistent with the City's Code of Conduct and Ethics, this statement is mine and does not represent the position of the City or City Commission.

Thank you,
Sean Denison

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Sean Denison, Mayor - Photo by City of Buchanan

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The Buchanan Chronicle Holiday Memories of Christmases Past



Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

My younger sister and I shared a bedroom and in that room was a phone jack. I can't remember what year this was or how old we were. We knew what that plug was for and we kept on asking mom and dad for a phone. Well Christmas morning came and it had both of our names on the present. It was a bright pink phone and we were super excited. We plugged it in that morning and I am pretty positive that we called our best friends that day and the rest of Christmas vacation!

Thomas Hoyt, Writer

What jumps out the most of all my Christmas memories includes old things and old people. This was the time of year when my dad would go visit his surviving family, which included aunts and uncles. Also, Christmastime was when my dad would bake what I now call man-sized chocolate chip cookies! I've now taken up that tradition. Also, I have fond memories of going with dad out to a tree farm to find and cut down the Christmas tree that we would put up and decorate.



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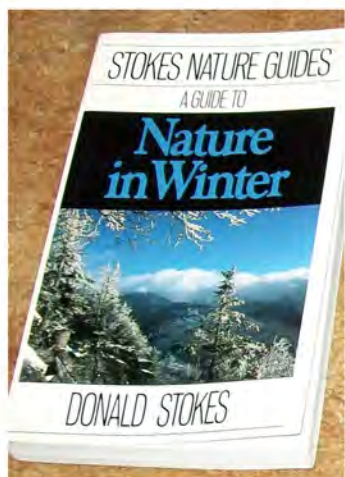
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A Winter Wonderland Awaits You

The season of winter brings joy and beauty all its own. As you walk among the great outdoors, look up, down, and all around. Let your senses guide you to fully become aware of your surroundings. You will discover the peacefulness and uniqueness of nature in winter.

This year the winter solstice officially occurs on Thursday, December 21 at 10:27pm EST, marking the transition of autumn into winter in the Northern hemisphere. Let's delve in and explore the joys of the winter woods.

Animals and birds are easier to spot with leaves fallen. Small movements are more noticeable and colors stand out, such as blue jays and cardinals. Nests are more visible in trees. Look up in the trees to enjoy nest remains from birds and paper wasps, as well as leaf clusters, called dreys, from squirrels.



Stokes Winter Field Guide - Photo by Jill K. McDonald

Tracks can be easily found in the snow. Look for the tiny tracks from birds near your feeders, coyote and deer tracks in fields, or turkey tracks on freshly fallen snow. Observe a trail of mammal tracks closely. Do you think the animal was running or walking? Which direction was it traveling?



Winter Trees - Photo by Jill K. McDonald

Delving deeper into the joys of the season, textures and patterns in nature can also be enjoyed. Trees are unique in winter as the branches and overall shape stand out. Each type of tree also has a unique appearance and texture to its bark. Plants and flowers leave behind their intriguing skeletal appearance and seedpods, expanding the joy from the summer gardens.

Challenge yourself to closely observe snow crystals and continue to enjoy winter's beauty. Individual snowflake patterns can be observed as they fall on your coat. Wearing a dark colored coat or mittens makes for best viewing. Enjoy catching falling snowflakes on your tongue! Leave your own imprint in the snow from your tracks or have fun making a snow angel.

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Though the winter woods may seem quiet, signs of life are everywhere. Tune yourself in to the slow, peaceful rhythm of the winter woods. Some may wait in quiet slumber for days of warmth, as spring will surely return. May you enjoy the beauty each season has to offer, if only you take the time to notice.

To learn more about the winter woods, visit your local library. One great and condensed book is Stokes Nature Guides: Nature in Winter by Donald Stokes. Perhaps enjoy a visit to your local nature preserve or botanical garden as well. Enjoy all the simple delights nature has to offer!



Squirrel Nest, Drey - Photo by Jill K. McDonald

Here are some fun checklists to perhaps cut out and hang on your refrigerator. Check the boxes as you enjoy the sights and activities throughout the beautiful season of winter. 🍂

Nature all around us:



- ☐ Notice different shapes of snowflakes
- ☐ Follow some animal tracks (carefully)
- ☐ Spot a bird's nest in a tree
- ☐ Find a drey, or squirrel nest
- ☐ Ponder the unique skeletal shapes of trees with their empty branches
- ☐ Look for ice forming along the edges of a pond or creek
- ☐ Pause to appreciate the silence and peace of freshly fallen snow
- ☐ View the Geminid meteor shower, peaking mid-December
- ☐ Count all the kinds of birds you see

Fun in the great outdoors:



- ☐ Catch a snowflake on your tongue
- ☐ Make a snow angel
- ☐ Enjoy sledding or a sleigh ride
- ☐ Try ice skating or snowshoeing
- ☐ Have fun skiing or snowboarding
- ☐ Build a snowman
- ☐ Construct a snow fort
- ☐ Help a neighbor with snow removal
- ☐ Take in the Lights at Fernwood
- ☐ Examine snowflakes on black paper with a magnifying glass

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Remembering

Recently gone from our Community



Name	Age	Born	Died
David Harold Ahonen	84	Sep 9, 1939	Nov 27
Dawn Renee Dinges	48	Sep 6, 1975	Nov 24
Marilyn Jean Eldred	88	May 28, 1935	Nov 23
Kenneth K. "Kenny" Lockamy	72	May 16, 1951	Nov 22
Debra Lynn Grafford	65	Jul 28, 1958	Nov 20
Mark Allen Flowers	65	May 7, 1958	Nov 19
Wolfgang Rudiger Kurt Gless	72	Oct 21, 1951	Nov 19
Diane Adele de Kuyper	87	Jun 22, 1936	Nov 18
Leon Benjamin Hollingsworth	65	Mar 25, 1958	Nov 12
Jerry Allen Lausch	84	Nov 14, 1940	Nov 11
Gregory A. Morrow	74	Aug 23, 1949	Nov 11
Christie Jean Stovall Mitchell	72	Nov 27, 1952	Nov 7
Deborah Sue Ott-Romeo	71	Nov 24, 1951	Nov 4
Casey Jo Kener	32	Mar 14, 1991	Nov 3
Shannon Lea Bennett-Winger	54	Oct 14, 1969	Nov 2
Dennis A. Drudge	73	Jun 12, 1950	Oct 31
Beverly Sue Phelps	87	Apr 5, 1936	Oct 30
Lynford Morgan	86	Nov 21, 1936	Oct 29
Thomas Pearson Scott	58	Sep 27, 1965	Oct 28
Greg F. Dellinger	84	Mar 26, 1939	Oct 26
Lois Garvin	70	Apr 2, 1953	Oct 20
Robert Frederick "Bob" Troike	83	Oct 14, 1940	Oct 18
Thomas T. "Tom" Mooney	81	Oct 15, 1942	Oct 17
Betty Lou Russell	99	Dec 19, 1923	Oct 14
Karen Larkin Johnson	83	Apr 30, 1940	Oct 11
Nancy Anne "Shrimp" Wallquist	74	May 19, 1949	Oct 11
Joyce Gail "Joycee" Robinson	67	Jan 8, 1956	Oct 10
Marvin Alan Lowery	69	Oct 18, 1953	Oct 9
Kenneth Raymond Richards	73	May 8, 1950	Oct 9
Carol Mae "Carrot" Crawford	84	Oct 23, 1938	Oct 7
Judith Carolyn Hillis	79	Aug 24, 1944	Oct 7
Viola Mary Roundy	82	Mar 6, 1941	Oct 6
William David "Bill" Salisbury	61	Oct 31, 1961	Oct 6
Dianne Kay Lott	76	Oct 8, 1946	Oct 3
Dean LeRoy Luther	83	Oct 15, 1940	Oct 3
Christina Marie "Chrissy" Moten	53	Jan 4, 1970	Oct 1
Adam Christopher Vigansky	38	Jan 15, 1985	Sep 30
Leonard Allen "Larry" March	71	Mar 17, 1952	Sep 29
Della Carter	80	Feb 9, 1943	Sep 25
Richard Paul Porter	69	May 24, 1954	Sep 24
Elizabeth Ann Briggs	71	Feb 18, 1952	Sep 23

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Cheryl Culp	65	May 3, 1958	Sep 22
Opal Lee Peppers	77	Nov 27, 1945	Sep 22
Joe H. Traynham Jr.	64	Jan 25, 1959	Sep 22
Dorothy May Daniels	77	Sep 4, 1946	Sep 20
Kyle Miller Adair	57	May 28, 1966	Sep 18
Sharron Ann Cox	68	May 17, 1955	Sep 18
Joann Ruth Heimbuch	83	Oct 16, 1939	Sep 18
Jason William Lietz	51	Nov 8, 1971	Sep 18
Barbara Peckstein	79	Sep 23, 1943	Sep 17
Joseph Vincent Francipane	98	Mar 23, 1925	Sep 16
Orla Leroy Holcomb Jr.	93	Sep 20, 1929	Sep 16
Patty Jean Pierson	73	May 21, 1950	Sep 14
Brenda Kay Roberson	56	Aug 2, 1967	Sep 12
David M. Fay	82	May 30, 1941	Sep 11
Kale Dwight Burks	38	Jul 24, 1985	Sep 9
Doris Jean "Dorie" Canfield	85	Dec 4, 1937	Sep 9
Susan Kay Coleman	81	Dec 19, 1941	Sep 8
Brigitte Ann Cora	63	Jul 15, 1960	Sep 8
Maryanne Butt	73	Feb 4, 1950	Sep 7
David Allan Springett	80	Oct 12, 1942	Sep 6
Lonnie Joe Miller	70	Aug 5, 1953	Sep 5
Richard Lee Hopkins	71	Feb 23, 1952	Sep 4
Edward Baker	88	Oct 29, 1934	Sep 2
Nina J. Carlson	72	Dec 26, 1950	Sep 2
Christine Louise "Christy" Kozlowski	88	Jul 25, 1935	Sep 2
Virginia "Jenny" Sittig	89	Nov 24, 1933	Sep 2
Larry Clyde Bristol	84	Jul 31, 1939	Aug 29
Darlene Marie Lockwood	87	Jul 26, 1936	Aug 29
Claudia Lee Deckard	81	Sep 30, 1941	Aug 25
Thomas R. "Teedo" Mondschein	64	May 13, 1959	Aug 25
Michael Lloyd	57	May 17, 1966	Aug 24
Virginia Asmus	97	Nov 28, 1925	Aug 22
Jack "Bud" Hemminger Jr.	72	Jun 3, 1951	Aug 22
Essie Mickens	94	Dec 2, 1928	Aug 21
Judith Smith	84	May 3, 1939	Aug 21
Richard E. "Rick" Burger Jr.	55	Mar 10, 1968	Aug 19
Heather Fox Harwood	52	Dec 13, 1970	Aug 18
Margaret Ann "Margie" Walsh	64	Jan 27, 1959	Aug 16
Nadine Weightman	95	Jul 8, 1928	Aug 11

* 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 for the next publication.



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All kindergarten students participate in our "All Kids Bike" Program that teaches students to ride a bike in gym class! 

BCS operates a quality special education program in all four of our schools!

Buchanan High School offers a diverse array of Career Technical Education programs that provide students with the opportunity to learn real-world skills leading to certificates, licenses, and college credits in a variety of career pathways.

BHS offers approved College Board AP classes and access to the Berrien RESA Math and Science Center, Lake Michigan Early College, and Southwestern Michigan College Dual Enrollment Honors Academy.

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- Varsity Girls Basketball 2023 Regional Champs
- Varsity Baseball 2022 State Champs
- Varsity Girls Basketball 2022 Regional Champs
- Varsity Football 2022 Conference Champs
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Local Business - The Hometown & Co

By Jen Garry, Publisher & Ashley Regal, LiveBuchanan

New Business Incubator in Downtown Buchanan MI

A brand new idea has hatched in Downtown Buchanan. The Hometown & Co is a mercantile and food market that is now open for the public to shop and eat at several new businesses inside. The concept is actually a small business incubator that is currently hosting four cohorts: two food options, one shop of handmade goods, and one farm stand with items sourced from over 30 local farms, makers, and vendors.

Each business accepted into LiveBuchanan's incubator program gets access to specialized business training, one-on-one coaching, and connections to vital resources to support them on their journey, as well as shared market space at 101 Days Ave.

They begin with some time for learning and growing together in the incubator, and then the cohorts launch into their own long-term homes in and around Buchanan when they are



The Hometown & Co entrance at 101 Days Ave, Photo by Heather Foster

ready to fly the nest and have found the right space, each for their own needs and potential.

The building was bought and renovated by the Rowland Property Group, who lease the space to us at LiveBuchanan. Our team is devoted to downtown revitalization. We thought one of the best ways to support this goal would be to attract and support young local businesses and help aid their growth in our community.

Each vendor selected for the program is required to attend trainings, be present during open hours, and pay a monthly program fee.



Diana's Kitchen, Photo by Jen Garry



Goddess of the Moon, Photo by Ashley Regal



McBain Lane Mercantile, Photo by Jen Garry



Taqueria Don Chepe, Photo by Jen Garry

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Mercantile Goods for Sale inside Hometown & Co,
Photo by Jen Garry

If you're interested in learning more about *The Hometown & Co Mercantile & Food Market*, the small business incubator program, or to apply to be a part of this exciting new program, please visit our website for more at www.livebuchanan.com/business-incubator. 🍀



Food Market with Seating inside Hometown & Co,
Photo by Jen Garry

Bucktown Christmas 2023 Storefront Contest Winner

Hosted & Judged by City of Buchanan and
Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

**CONGRATULATIONS
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Contest Winning Grinch-Themed Storefront,
Photo shared by Bucktown Nutrition

The winner of this year's Bucktown Christmas storefront decorating contest held on Saturday, November 25, 2023 was **Bucktown Nutrition** at 105 Days Ave. Their snowy Grinch-themed windows were freehand painted by the very talented Kylee McDonald. Your festive artwork made our hearts grow three sizes that day - Great job!

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Buchanan Area Senior Center Sunroom

By Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Ribbon Cutting at BASC Sunroom

Thursday, October 26 at 4p was the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at Buchanan Area Senior Center (BASC) for the Russell Stephens Sunroom. Facing east and south, the sunroom enjoys gorgeous views of the hills and trees in the distance. In the room is the donor honor roll sign with some open spaces for more donors to be added.

This dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony has been in the works for a year, and about 55-65 people attended while enjoying the company of others, listening to a handful of speakers, appetizers and sparkling grape juice to toast the new sunroom after the ribbon was cut.



Ribbon Cutting at Russell Stephens Sunroom,
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

President of the BASC board, Jeanne Harris, opened the presentations, as she knew Russell Stephens, graduating with him from BHS in 1968. She quoted him as saying, "We're running out of room, and Adam knew of Russell's dreams."

Alice Kring shared memories of Russell noting he was on the Buchanan Chamber of Commerce Board. Alice said, "he made compromises and was very involved with overseeing construction and the vision for an extra room. His mother Connie loved it here and it (BASC) was a special place in his heart and wore many hats in the community."

The BASC received \$101,721 from donors and hope to get some more with their last annual appeal to the finish line. Some bequest donations have been made this year, if you want to leave a legacy. Adam thanked everyone for the many donations, no matter the size, as they are all greatly appreciated.



Russell Stephens Sunroom at BASC,
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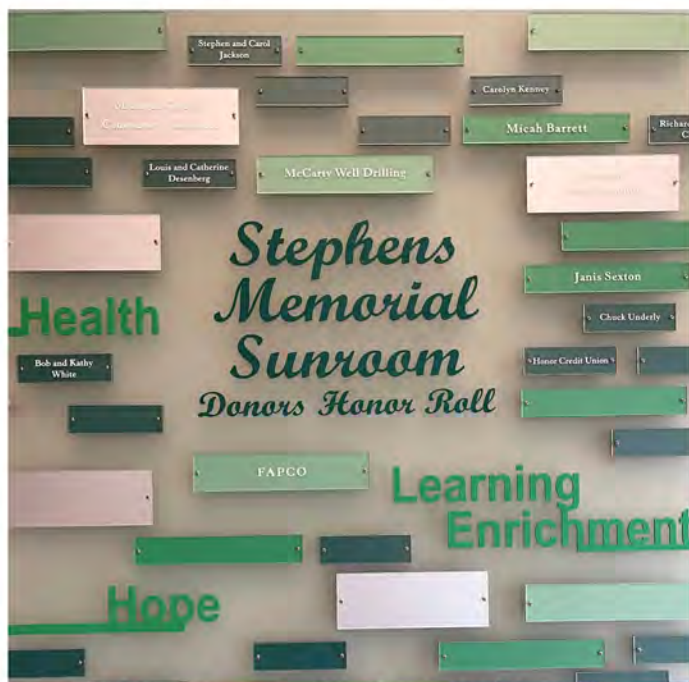
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Brandon DeJaynes (Executive Director) and Fran Terry (President), of Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC), said a few words. Brandon stated he “was glad to see the growth in Buchanan as this is the 4th ribbon cutting this month, and to honor Russell Stephens and the contributions Russell has made to get the sunroom here.” Fran Terry has “known Russell for quite some time. He had dedication and did it 110%. He was honest, committed, dedicated, a friend and he never forgot you, he is very much missed and the community is much better off for having known him.”

The Russell Stephens room is being well used even after hours by other groups and organizations. Everyone 55 years old and up are welcome to come and enjoy it!



Russell Stephens Sunroom at BASC,
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The Buchanan Chronicle The Tin Shop Theatre

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By Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting at Tin Shop Theatre

The Buchanan Area Fine Arts Council, along with the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, invited the community in to help celebrate the grand re-opening of The Tin Shop Theatre in Buchanan, MI on October 5th, 2023. The Open House took place from 5-7pm. The newly remodeled theater now boasts brand new seating, along with new carpeting, ahead of the 2024 season. In conjunction, the cast of the current production “Title of Show” conducted a 30 minute performance to christen the updated theater. Appetizers and refreshments were served by Fork In The Road Restaurant.



New Seating inside The Tin Shop Theatre,
Photos by Miranda Barger



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Fork In The Road Restaurant

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Ribbon Cutting at Fork In The Road

Smiles and quality is what Fork in the Road restaurant is known for. The popular food truck known as Fork in the Road had their ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, October 8 from 4-6pm, at their new location on 111 Main Street in downtown Buchanan, MI which was also the location of The Meeting House. To add more eating establishments quickly, they put a tarp over the back to walk the food in from the food trailer.

They were just approved to get donuts to come in, their soda machine can be worked, different buffet options will be coming in the future, smoked goods from Cotton Gin Smokers based in Niles will be here and will help to elevate their lunch menu.



Fork In The Road's Ribbon Cutting Event,
Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Fork in the Road is run by Anthony Houser and his wife Tiffanee, his mother in-law Nancy, and their young daughter Lyla, and their friend Monroe helps out on the weekends. Anthony states, "Smiles and their best product with a focus on quality, for you to feel welcomed and feel at home when our customers are here. This has been 22 years in the making for me."

Forks Boards (also known as charcuterie boards) are now available for your events and holidays. They can accommodate many different catering options, have an idea? Just ask! If you want something unique made easy just for you, give Fork in the Road a call!

At this celebration, Tony's wife Tiffanee and daughter Lyla cut the red ribbon as they counted down "1, 2, 3" with big smiles, while Tony and his mother in-law Nancy looked on with pride. So head on in and grab some great food, Thurs-Mon 8a-2p (Sun 8a-1p)!



Fork In The Road's Ribbon Cutting Event,
Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

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Preschool Storytime
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Music, Songs, Dance, Stories for Ages 2-6, all ages welcome at Buchanan District Library



Teen Scene
2:30pm-3:30pm
Wednesdays until Dec. 20
Come hang out with Ms. Jen and fellow teens at the library. Play games, do crafts, and just chillax! at Buchanan District Library



A Not-So-Silent Night at the Library!
6-8pm, Saturday Dec. 9
Annual Holiday Party and Fundraiser at BDL! at Buchanan District Library



Adult Craft Class
11am & 5:30pm
Thurs & Fri Dec. 14 & 15
Materials Provided, Sign-Up Required at Buchanan District Library



Grinch Storytime
2pm Saturday, Dec. 16
Special Holiday Storytime with a Visit from the Grinch! at Buchanan District Library



Puzzle Club for Adults
5:30pm-7:30pm
Friday, Dec. 29
Puzzle Fun with Other Adults at Buchanan District Library

Upcoming Events - Senior Center:

Holiday Sing with Greta Pope:
December 5, 6, & 7 ~ 1pm
Concert December 7 ~ 6pm

Holiday Sewing Project - Pillow:
December 5, 12, & 19

Coffee Chat with Kim Pruitt of Roti Roti Art Center:
Wednesday, December 6 ~ 9am

Movie Matinees ~ 1pm:
Friday, December 8 - *A Boy Called Christmas*
Friday, December 22 - *Jingle Jangle*

Play at The Tin Shop Theatre "Game Show":
Sunday, December 10 ~ 4pm

Fireside Chats with Gayla:
Thursdays, December 14 & 28 ~ 10:30am

Holiday Lunch at Carrabba's:
Friday, December 15 ~ 11:30am

Fraud & Safety Information with Buchanan City Police:
Tuesday, December 19 ~ 2pm

Holiday Party & Potluck:
Thursday, December 21 ~ 12pm

BASC Closed for the Holidays:
December 25 & 26, and January 1

New Year's Social:
Friday, December 29 ~ 1-3pm

Please contact Buchanan Area Senior Center with any questions or to register for an event: 269.695.7119

Puzzler Page

By Garrick Stubblefield

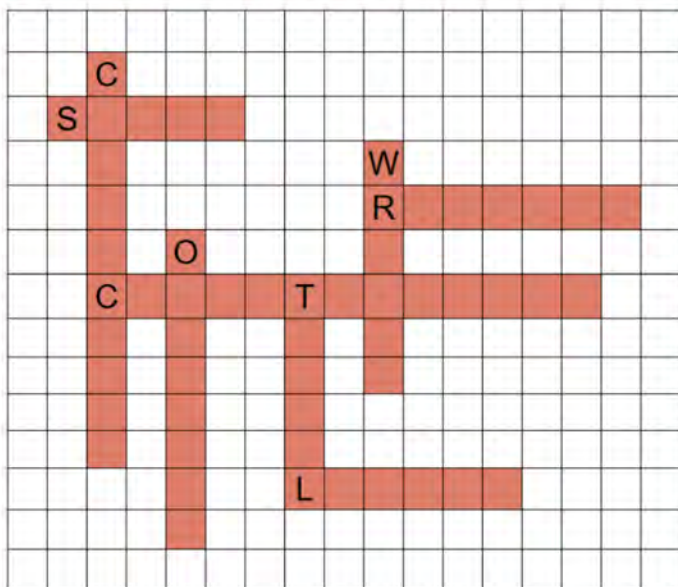
WORDS IN A PHRASE:

" TIME TO OPEN PRESENTS "

1. Not CLOSED but _____.
2. Set up the CHRISTMAS _____.
3. When you NAP you are at _____.
4. CHRISTMAS will be here very _____.
5. Young HORSES are called _____.
6. SNEAK down the stairs on _____.
7. Keep your HANDS warm with _____.

BOXGRAM:

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. (find 8 words)



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