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Saturday, October 21, 2023



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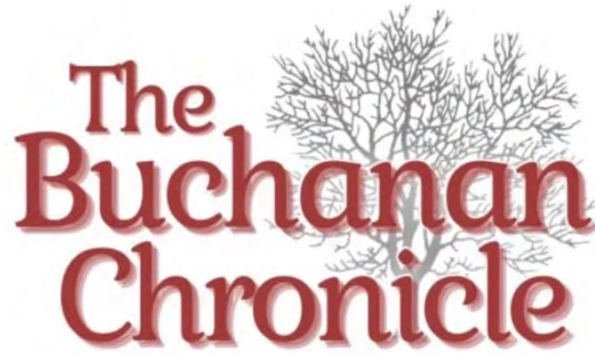
Scarecrow Invasion kicks off Fall 2023 in Buchanan, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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Mayor's Memo – Thrill on the Hill Decision



Thrill on the Hill Decision

by Mayor Sean Denison

Recently, the city commission voted to pause the annual, Thrill On The Hill event. After the conclusion of this past summer's event, it was determined that significant investment would need to be made in order to keep the event safe and effective. The wooden platform used for the last 10+ years needs to be replaced, as does the plastic used on the slide itself, and the sand that is used to put the plastic on top of is being used at the Department of Public Works building, currently under construction. The total investment needed would be anywhere from \$13-\$15 thousand dollars, just for the items that I mentioned. This past summer's event closed with the City making a profit of somewhere around \$500. Not nearly enough to cover the costs needed to fix the items previously mentioned.

The city has several infrastructure projects that are a very real priority. The rising prices for building materials and skilled labor over the last two years has had a very real impact on the city's budget and is making it even more difficult to get projects completed. We have no choice, but to be a little more conservative and thoughtful with the tax dollars we are responsible for.

Please refrain from blaming or shaming the city staff, the DPW workers or any of the volunteers that did so much to make the past events successful. They put in an enormous amount of time and effort to make the Thrill all that it is. We hope to have future Thrills, and we look forward to the time when we can. In the meantime, I would ask that you contact me with questions or concerns, I am happy to discuss them with you.

Thank you, see you around town,
Sean Denison, Mayor



Mayor Sean Denison, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

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BCS Events – Homecoming 2023



BCS Homecoming Week 2023

Posts Shared by Buchanan Community Schools

Check out these graphics so you can mark your calendars for these upcoming events for Homecoming Week 2023! Don't miss the Homecoming Parade through Downtown Buchanan on Friday, October 13, 2023 beginning at 6pm! 🦌

MONDAY 10/9 DRESS FOR SUCCESS Wear your favorite outfit to look your best at school! <i>Herd Shirt Pick Up at BHS</i> 3:30-6:30 	TUESDAY 10/10 NEON DAY 	WEDNESDAY 10/11 WACKY HAIR/ MISMATCH DAY 
HOMEcoming WEEK 2023 October 9-13 Elementary Days		
THURSDAY 10/12 FAVORITE JERSEY DAY 	FRIDAY 10/13 BUCKS SPIRIT DAY! 	PARADE 10/13 6:00 pm THROUGH DOWNTOWN 

Elementary Homecoming Days 2023, Graphic shared by Ottawa & Moccasin Elementary Schools



Homecoming Celebration

October 9th-13th

Dress Up-Days





Monday- Dress for Success (Career Day)

Tuesday- Neon Day

Wednesday- Wacky Hair & Mismatch Day

Thursday- Jersey Day

Friday- Spirit Day (Go Bucks!)

Parade on Front Street @ 6:00 pm

Football Game at High School @ 7:00 pm

Homecoming Celebration 2023, Graphic shared by Buchanan Community Schools

 NO MIRROR MONDAY HERD SHIRT PICKUP DRIVE THRU 3:30-6:30 PM. @ BHS MONDAY 10/09	 PATTERN DAY 8 - POLKADOTS 9 - STRIPES 10 - PLAID 11 - CAMOFLAUGE 12 - TIE DYE POWDERPUFF 6:00 PM. MEMORIAL FIELD TUESDAY 10/10	 RHYME WITHOUT A REASON EXAMPLES: FBI & BUTTERFLY, BROWN & CLOWN, DJ & PJ WEDNESDAY 10/11
HOME COMING OCTOBER 9 - 13, 2023 HOMECOMING THEME - VIDEO GAMES 12 - SUPER SMASH BROS. , 11 - GUITAR HERO, 10 - ANGRY BIRDS, 9 - SUBWAY SURFER, 8 - MINECRAFT		
 JERSEY DAY THURSDAY 10/12	 SPIRIT DAY TRAVELING PEP RALLY FRIDAY 10/13	 PARADE 6 PM. THROUGH DOWNTOWN FOOTBALL GAME VS. DOWAGIAC FRIDAY 10/13
BHS HOMECOMING FORMAL SATURDAY 10/14 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS GRADES 9-12 MAY ATTEND. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT BHS. (\$15 EACH)		

Homecoming 2023, Graphic shared by Buchanan High School



Buchanan Homecoming 2023, Graphic shared by The Herd Buchanan Spirit Team



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

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Local Business – Buchanan Business Incubator Set to Open Next Month



Buchanan Business Incubator Set to Open Next Month

Submitted by Ashley Regal, City of Buchanan Main Street Manager/Assistant Director of Community Development

Buchanan, MI – September 28, 2022

Buchanan's first business incubator is on track to open in just a few weeks. The incubator, which is being run by Buchanan's downtown development organization, LiveBuchanan, will host several food and retail businesses filling a big need in Buchanan's downtown.

LiveBuchanan Director, Ashley Regal, says the incubator will help grow small businesses and encourage them to stay in the area. "Starting in the incubator gives businesses a lot of advantages. One of the most significant is data. If a business has a proven sales record, it's easier to make the tough decisions. You know what you can afford, lenders know what you can afford, and investors can see what you're capable of." Incubators, accelerators, and pop-ups are becoming more common around the country. At a time when starting a business often requires huge financial risk and the cost of everyday goods has steadily risen, business incubators can help level the playing field for opportunity without requiring immense start-up funds.



Hometown and Co Mercantile and Food Market, Photo provided by LiveBuchanan

LiveBuchanan has decided to focus on food and retail businesses in their incubator space. This, they say, is because of the community's desire for these businesses in their downtown. "We have a lot of locals and visitors who want to spend more time downtown. We need to give them more reasons to visit, but more importantly, more reasons to stay," says Regal.

The incubator, to be called Hometown and Co. Mercantile & Food Market, will have a market experience with vendors offering hot meals, grocer and farm goods, and retail items. Confirmed vendors include Taqueria Don Chepe, McBain Lane Farms, Diana's Kitchen, and Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks.

The incubator is made possible through a partnership with Honor Credit Union. Honor has a history of community involvement, regularly donating to organizations and participating in community events. This partnership is more than financial support. It also includes classes provided by Honor to the incubator participants. Classes are tailored to the unique needs of entrepreneurs including topics like "How to be Loan Ready," or "Financial Bootcamp for Entrepreneurs."



Honor Credit Union funding is helping to launch Hometown and Co, Photo provided by LiveBuchanan

“This is exactly the type of project we are excited to get involved with,” says Community Development Officer, Karol Behrle, “We can’t wait to see the impact this will have on our community for years to come.”

The Hometown & Co. Mercantile & Food Market is set to open in mid October and will run their first cohort of businesses as a Holiday Market through February. A new cohort will join in the incubator each year. To learn more visit livebuchanan.com/business-incubator.



About LiveBuchanan: Our mission is to preserve, improve, and revitalize downtown Buchanan, the core of our community. LiveBuchanan is an organization whose task it is to coordinate communication and promotion, make design improvements, and encourage ongoing economic development by leveraging our unique history, culture and physical assets.

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



18th Annual Trek-or-Treat 2023

Shared by Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail

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

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



Trek-or-Treat 2023 graphic

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

Event Info:

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

Buchanan's Trick-or-Treat 2023

Shared by City of Buchanan MI

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



Trick-or-Treat 2023 graphic

Event Info:

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



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

[Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Facebook Here.](#)

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Local Events – Upcoming Holidays 2023



Buchanan Holiday Events 2023

Events Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

Events List, Find More Details Below:

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



8th Annual Shop 'Til You Drop Holiday Market 2023

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



St. Anthony Annual Holiday Bazaar and Food Drive 2023

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

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



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

Fernwood Holiday Market 2023



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

Annual Holiday Open House with Flowers by Anna



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

LIGHTS at Fernwood 2023



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

Bucktown Christmas 2023



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

Buchanan Community Christmas Concert 2023



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

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



- **When:** **Saturday, December 9, 2023 ~ 6-8pm**
- **Who:** Buchanan District Library
- **Where:** Buchanan District Library, 128 E Front St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** Enjoy hors d' oeuvres, drinks, a silent auction, and live music from Redbud Ramblers. Adults 21+ are welcome. All proceeds benefit Buchanan District Library. Celebrate the season and support the library!
- Our popular holiday event returns for another year! Combining the best of live and virtual events, this fundraiser features a week-long online silent auction that will end at our festive holiday party on December 9. This year's live music will be provided by Buchanan's own Redbud Ramblers! Don't miss this opportunity to dress in your holiday best and celebrate the season, all while supporting the Buchanan District Library.
- This year's event features LIVE music from Buchanan's own Redbud Ramblers! www.facebook.com/RedbudRamblers
- Tickets can be purchased in the library or on our website: www.buchananlibrary.org/support-us/not-so-silent-night
- Anyone can participate in the online silent auction, even if you are not able to attend the event. The silent auction starts on December 1 and ends on December 9.
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About Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce: Since 1960, the Chamber has promoted a spirit of community in order to enhance the growth, prosperity, and quality of life in the Buchanan area. Life truly is better here!

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Annual Dues:

Citizen Supporter/Individual: \$50

Non-Profit Organization: \$100

Single Owner Business/Sole Proprietorship: \$150

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

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

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



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

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

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- Fri-Sat ~ 1130am-9pm



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

www.fernwoodbotanical.org

info@fernwoodbotanical.org

[269-695-6491](tel:269-695-6491)

[13988 Range Line Rd](#)

[Niles, MI 49120](#)

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- Garden Hours:
 - Tues-Sat 10a-5p
 - Sunday noon-5p
- Cafe Hours:
 - Fri-Sun noon-3pm
- Garden Admission:
 - **Members** – Free
 - Adults – \$10
 - Seniors (65+) – \$7
 - Student (with ID) – \$7
 - Military & First Responders – \$5
 - Children (ages 5-17) – \$5
 - Children (4 and under) – Free
 - *An additional or separate fee may apply for some special events including LIGHTS.

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Dowagiac Location:

[111 Commercial St](#)

[Dowagiac, MI 49047](#)

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

discovermass.com/church/st-anthony-buchanan-mi/

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[269-695-3863](tel:269-695-3863)

• MASS TIMES:

• **Saturday** ~ 4:00pm

• **Sunday** ~ 8:30am

• OTHER SERVICES:

• **Confessions** ~ 3:00-3:45pm

St. Anthony of Buchanan

[509 W Fourth St](#)

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

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Buchanan

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

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BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics Early Fall Scores



Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 09/21 – 10/04

Scores Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

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

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

SPORT: Varsity Football (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
9/29	7pm	Away	Berrien Springs	LOST 14-35
9/22	7pm	Home	Niles Brandywine	WON 20-16

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Football (Boys) Recent Scores Fall 2023

SPORT: Varsity Soccer (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
10/4	5pm	Home	Berrien Springs	TIED 3-3
10/2	5pm	Home	Constantine	WON 1-0
9/28	5pm	Home	New Buffalo	WON 4-0
9/27	5pm	Away	Niles Brandywine	WON 5-0

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Soccer (Boys) Recent Scores Fall 2023

SPORT: Varsity Volleyball (Girls)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
10/5	6:30pm	Home	Watervliet	LOST 23-25 25-20 24-26 17-25
9/30	12pm	Home	New Prairie Invitational Syracuse Wawasee (IN)	WON 25-22 25-11
9/30	11am	Home	New Prairie Invitational South Bend Clay (IN)	LOST 25-21 26-28 11-15
9/28	6pm	Away	Berrien Springs	WON 25-20 25-7 25-18
9/25	9pm	Away	Edwardsburg	LOST 19-25 17-25 20-25
9/23	10am	Home	St. Joseph	WON 25-21 25-12
9/23	9am	Home	Bangor	WON 25-11 25-5
9/23	9am	Home	Tournament St Joseph Michigan Lutheran	WON 25-9 26-24
9/23	9am	Home	St. Joseph	WON 25-21 25-12

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Volleyball (Girls) Recent Scores Fall 2023



GO BUCKS!

Buchanan Community Schools – Buchanan Athletics

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BCS Spotlight – New Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures at BMS



New Procedures Streamline Drop-off and Pick-up at Buchanan Middle School

Submitted by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley

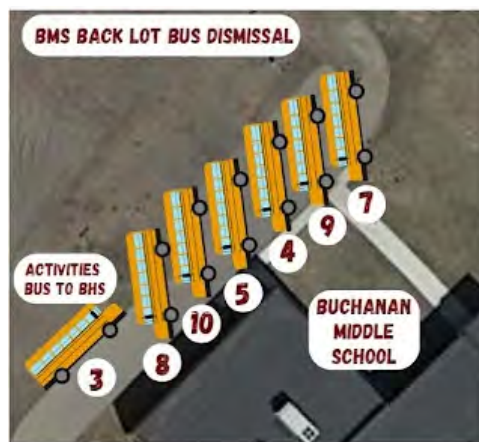
If you have ever taken a drive down Fourth Street any day around 2:25, there's no way to miss it – an extremely long line of cars waiting to pick up students at Buchanan Middle School. Years of traffic jams, tense drivers, and frustrated neighbors are hopefully going to be a thing of the past with Buchanan Middle School's new procedures.



BMS New Dismissal Procedures, Image provided by BMS

Transportation Director, Nate Will, partnered with Buchanan Middle School principal, Shelby Beasley, and behavior interventionist, Ryan Frontczak, to create a new and improved plan. Thanks to the Buchanan Community Schools operation department working to prepare the back lot, all of the buses are able to pick up students in the back of the building. This move freed up space in the front of the building, allowing cars to pull all the way up to the back entrance to load students into cars. After one week of the new plan, bus departure times have drastically

improved and the car line is moving quickly. Official dismissal time is 2:25 pm and the buses pulled out and the front was clear consistently by 2:28 pm each day. Safely and successfully dismissing over 340 students in 3 minutes is pretty impressive!



BMS Back Lot Bus Dismissal, Image provided by BMS

Mornings have also been smooth with cars pulling all the way up to the front of the drive. Previously, a line of cars extended out of the lot in the morning and that has not happened with the new and improved plan. The administration at Buchanan Middle School is incredibly grateful to the parents and community for their patience and flexibility throughout the transition.



About Buchanan Middle School: Welcome to Buchanan Middle School, the home of the Jr. Herd! "Committed to Care, Striving for excellence" The staff, students and parents of Buchanan Middle School are committed to providing challenging learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment that promotes self-esteem, self-motivation and respect for others.

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Local Opinion – Thrill On The Hill Idea



Proposed Resolution for 2024 Canceled Thrill on the Hill

Submitted by Shelbi Ruppert

I understand the budget cuts and I am not upset about this event being canceled. I wanted to write a proposed idea that I and many others have stated as a good alternative. Why can't we move this event to Redbud race track? One they have a very good hill, ample parking, concessions, can host live music, you don't have to replace dirt if it's covered with the tarps used, we won't block downtown, less likely for cars to hit people who clearly don't pay attention to traffic. These are just a few reasons why. I personally dread this event every year due to backed up traffic and having to take alternative routes to get to anywhere on front street.

Thank you for your time,

~ Shelbi Ruppert, Buchanan

The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for public opinion to be heard. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submitted opinions as received.

OPINION

Local Faith – HOPE Suicide Prevention Guide for Faith Leaders



HOPE: A Guide for Faith Leaders on Youth Suicide Prevention-Webinar

Shared by Nathan Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor

HOPE: A Guide for Faith Leaders on Youth Suicide Prevention-Webinar, Sept. 26, 3pm.

Join the Action Alliance and the HHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships on September 26 at 3 p.m. ET to hear how faith and community leaders can be and are involved as partners in youth suicide prevention. As trusted messengers in their communities, faith leaders have an especially important role to play in their healing process.

This webinar will celebrate the launch of the new resource guide, HOPE: A Guide for Faith Leaders on Youth

Suicide Prevention, developed in partnership with the HHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention. The purpose of this guide is to provide faith leaders with guidance for identifying and helping youth who may be at risk for suicide. Join in fostering a sense of connectedness, meaning, and hope for our youth.



About Berrien County Suicide Prevention Coalition: BCSPC's mission is to connect the people of Berrien County to the information and resources they need for emotional wellness, thereby preventing suicide.

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Upcoming Event – Faith and Blue Weekend 2023



Faith and Blue Weekend 2023

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Below you can find details for the upcoming National Faith & Blue Weekend, to be celebrated in Buchanan October 7 & 8, 2023.



Saturday October 7

- Blood Drive: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Buchanan Common)
- Pastries with Police: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (Community Building)
- Food Drive for R.A.M. (Stuff a Squad Car; Buchanan Common)

Sunday October 8

- Buchanan Police Officers visiting Buchanan congregations during their worship services (I will send the itinerary in the next day or two)
- Cookout & Ice Cream Social: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (Buchanan Common)
- Food Drive for R.A.M. (Stuff a Squad Card; Buchanan Common)



Saturday, October 7th

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Buchanan Commons

131 S. Oak St., Buchanan, MI 49107

Sign up online at

www.GiveBloodNow.com

October donors will receive their choice of a pink or black beanie. SBMF is making a \$5 donation to **Hello Gorgeous!** on behalf of each donor.



Registration and/or donation are voluntary and confidential. Please call a health care provider before donating if you are a patient of a health care provider who has been notified of a possible blood-borne infection.



FAITH & BLUE BLOOD DRIVE!

Saturday, October 7 ~ 9am-1pm

Hey Buchanan! We need your help! In order to get the blood drive to Buchanan, we need at least 20 people to sign up ahead of time!

The poster has a QR Code to make the sign up quick and easy! Here is the link to the page as well:

<https://givebloodnow.com/donorportal/donate-blood/>

STUFF-A-SQUAD
 October 7th & 8th 2023 @ The Buchanan Commons
 131 S. Oak St
 RAM LOVE NEEDS OUR HELP!



If you would like to help by donating any items, you may call our department to make arrangements for a no contact pick up. Our number is 269-695-5120.

The first 150 people to donate receive a "BUCHANAN STRONG" bracelet!

FOOD DRIVE

HOW MANY squad cars can we fill with food?!

ITEMS NEEDED: canned fruits, canned meats, jelly, pancake mix, syrup box potatoes, cereal, spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, juices, ramen noodles, cream soups, dried potato flakes, ramen noodles, pasta, peanut butter, juices, etc. Dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo / conditioner.

If you are a family in need, please contact RAM Love and see how they can help you, 269-695-5083.
Monetary Donations Welcome!

STUFF-A-SQUAD

Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) needs our help to refill its resources.

If you would like to help by donating any items, you may call our department to make arrangements for a no contact pick up. Our number is 269-695-5120

ITEMS NEEDED: Canned fruits, canned meats, jelly, pancake mix, syrup box potatoes, cereal, spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, juices, ramen noodles, cream soups, dried potato flakes, ramen noodles, pasta, peanut butter, juices, etc. Dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo conditioner.

Monetary Donations Welcome!

So come out and enjoy the fellowship with your neighbors, friends, family and the Faith & Blue. The events for the weekend are sponsored by The Buchanan Police Department, Life Action Ministries and the Buchanan Area Ministerial Association (BAMA).



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About Redbud Area Ministries: RAM is an interdenominational and interracial ministry center started to organize the churches in the Buchanan and Galien School Districts to respond to individual and family needs.

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About Life Action Ministries: We help people thrive by inspiring them toward a lifestyle of saying YES to God. We do this through relationships, church experiences, camps, retreats, and resources.

Life Action Ministries

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

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

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

www.cityofbuchanan.com/police

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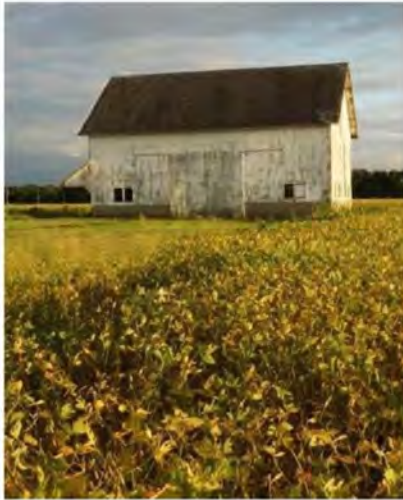
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- Hours: 24HR EMERGENCY SERVICE – 911
- Office lobby hours: Monday – Friday ~ 8am-4:30pm, except holidays.

Local Arts – Artists' Reception at Roti Roti Art Center



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Artists' Reception
Sunday, October 15, 2 - 4pm ET

Northern Indiana Pastel Society
Pastel Kaleidoscope

David Coulston
Glimpses of Berrien County
Exhibit runs

September 18 - October 29, 2023



Artists' Reception at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan



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Artists' Reception at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan flyer

Event Details:

- *Who:* Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* Artists' Reception with Northern Indiana Pastel Society and David Coulston
- *When:* **Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 2-4pm**
- *Where:* Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
 - 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Exhibit runs September 18 – October 29, 2023
 - Northern Indiana Pastel Society ~ *Pastel Kaleidoscope*
 - David Coulston ~ *Glimpses of Berrien County*



About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The mission of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan is to provide a place in our community dedicated to nurturing the arts by providing a quality educational program for all ages, as well as gallery exhibits, sales opportunities, and a gift shop that are supportive of class offerings and local artists, thereby enabling the Center to creatively enlist the power of the arts in promoting positive social change. It was founded in 2005 as the Buchanan Art Center, and renamed in 2022 as a result of an endowment from Joseph and Patricia Roti Roti.

www.rotirotiartcenter.com

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

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Local Faith – 2023 Buchanan Community Christmas Concert



Call for Music for 2023 Buchanan Community Christmas Concert

Submitted by Daniel Barz, St Paul Lutheran Church Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As announced last year after many years of faithful service both Judy Earnst and Carol McKean have stepped down from their leadership of our annual Buchanan Community Christmas Concert. They have certainly been a great blessing in organizing and leading this wonderful annual event.

In the short term I have accepted the responsibility of organizing the concert, which will be Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. Buchanan Christian Church will again as our host. Because I plan to retire within the next three years, volunteers for organizers are willingly accepted.

We are looking for music from our area churches. This can be a solo, small group or if you are so blessed a full choir. Instrumentalists are also welcome and if we have enough they could play together. If there is interest we can also resume singing the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of the concert. We will follow our tradition of singing a couple verses of Advent or Christmas carols and hymns between each vocal number and of a Scripture reading before the song.

In order to give time to prepare, I ask that you give me the information about your song choice by Tuesday, November 14th. You may send it by e-mail or text. Since I am semi-retired, I am only at our church office on Tuesdays & Wednesdays so it is easiest to reach me by those methods.

May God grant you a blessed season as we move through the busy weeks ahead.

Pastor Dan Barz



Event Details:

- *Who:* St. Paul Lutheran Church of Buchanan with BAMA
- *What:* Buchanan Community Christmas Concert
- *When:* **Sunday, December 03, 2023 ~ 6:30pm**
- *Where:* St. Paul Lutheran Church of Buchanan, 212 W Front St, Buchanan MI



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Press Release – LWV Program Delayed

The logo features the letters 'LWW' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A thick, red, hand-painted style brushstroke curves underneath the letters, starting from the left and ending to the right.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF BERRIEN AND CASS COUNTIES

Delay Announced for League of Women Voters' "What's New at the Parks" Program

Submitted by Faith Schoon, League of Women Voters of Berrien & Cass Counties

Bridgman, MI – September 25, 2023

The League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties has announced there will be a delay in its "What's New at the Parks" presentation originally scheduled for September 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake Street, Bridgman, MI. The delay has been caused by a scheduling conflict.

The program was to feature naturalist Lamanda Hilty providing an overview of the many new highlights available this summer to the public at Berrien and Cass County area parks with family-oriented activities.

According to Faith Schoon, League President, the program will be rescheduled for another date in the future.

As originally planned, the delayed program will be offered as a hybrid effort. As such, the League's program was to be available in both Zoom broadcast format and presented as an in-person program.

For more information, visit the League website: lwbcc.org



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About League of Women Voters of Berrien/Cass Counties: The LWVBCC, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Local Roads – BCRD Fall Grind Projects



Berrien County Road Department Fall Grind Projects

Berrien County, MI ~ September 27, 2023

Road Work Project Details:

- **LOCATION(S) AND ANTICIPATED PROJECT ORDER:**

- 1) **Able Road** (Buchanan Township) between Wagner Road to 2000' east of Boyle Lake Road
- 2) **Buffalo Road** (Galien Township) between Andrews Road to Mt. Zion Road
- 3) **Pardee Road** (Weesaw Township) between Kruger Road to Warren Woods Road
- 4) **Wee-chik Road** (Weesaw Township) between township line to California Road
- 5) **Holden Road** (Baroda/Lake Township) between Shawnee Road to Snow Road
- 6) **Highland Avenue** (Benton Township) between Euclid Avenue to US-31
- 7) **Highland Avenue** (Benton Township) between Benton Center Road to US-31

- **START DATE:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023

- **END DATE:** Contractor and weather dependent

- **PROJECT:** A contractor has begun work to pulverize or grind existing pavement in Buchanan Township, Galien Township, Weesaw Township, Baroda/Lake Township, and Benton Township. Road improvement construction will result in temporary road closures with a possible moving work zone. Motorists should anticipate possible temporary delays as work progresses. Gravel additions will follow. All work progression is subject to contractor and weather dependent.

- **SAFETY BENEFITS:** Grind and gravel projects will provide needed structure to road base which is anticipated to be prime and double sealed during the 2024 construction season. Improvement projects will correct some structural issues, provide greater stability and a smoother road surface.

- **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Temporary road closures or traffic delays will occur when contractor and equipment is present. Traffic will be permitted through by the contractor when safe to do so. Please reduce speeds and be alert when traveling through work zones. Individuals might wish to seek alternative routes or be prepared for possible delays until work is completed. Highly recommended to seek alternative routes during road grinding.

- **QUESTIONS:** For any questions regarding this process please contact the Road Department. Schedule and work is dependent on both contractor and weather.

One Page PDF [HERE](#).



About Berrien County Road Department: Our mission since 1882 is to maintain a county road system that is safe and convenient for public travel. This mission is carried out by a skilled, hard working staff.

Berrien County Road Department

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Press Release – HCU Offers First-Time Homebuyer Grant



Honor Credit Union Announces Annual Teacher Awards

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Berrien Springs, MI ~ October 02, 2023

Honor Credit Union is extending a new opportunity to help aspiring homeowners make their dreams come true.

The HomeBoost Minority Down Payment Assistance Program provides \$15,000 in grant funding to qualified first-time home buyers in Indiana and Michigan. The funds can be used toward a down payment, closing costs, or housing counseling costs.

The program is designed to help make homeownership more equitable for first-time home buyers who identify as ethnic minorities, have a household income at or below 120% of the local area median income, and who purchase a primary residence in Michigan or Indiana.



Homebuyer Assistance Grants, Image provided by HCU

Funding is provided by FHLBank Indianapolis (FHLBI) who designed the program to reduce increasing disparity in homeownership rates between white Americans and Americans of color. In fact, the Black-White homeownership gap (42% vs. 80% respectively) is wider today than it was in 1968 when the Fair Housing Act became law, according to the Housing and Urban Development's office of fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

For would-be homeowners who don't qualify for HomeBoost, Honor offers several other programs including special loans for rural homebuyers, medical professionals, first responders, and others. Learn more at <https://www.honorcu.com/mortgage/>.

"We're always looking for creative ways to support the communities we serve and help all our member-owners achieve their financial and life goals. HomeBoost will help borrowers tackle a huge barrier to homeownership: saving for a down payment," stated Lynneise Gaddie, Honor's VP of Real Estate.

The program launched on Sept. 5 with \$2.5 million available. Applicants will be assisted on a first-come first-served basis until grant funds are exhausted or March 5, 2024, whichever occurs first.

Learn more by contacting a mortgage lending expert at [honorcu.com/mortgage/lending-team](https://www.honorcu.com/mortgage/lending-team) or call 800.442.2800.



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution serving over 110,000 members in 28 member center communities throughout western and northern Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities we serve remain the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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

Press Release – HCU Announces Shred Day Final Numbers



Honor Credit Union Announces Final Numbers from 2023 Free Community Shred Days

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Berrien Springs, MI ~ September 25, 2023

Honor Credit Union is excited to share the results of its Free Community Shred Days. This year, Honor hosted 10 free events across its 28 member center communities in partnership with Data Guardian and the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority. In total, 94,620 pounds of paper was safely shredded and destroyed.

These events are held annually for the public at no cost to encourage waste reduction in our communities and promote protecting personal information and confidential documents through a recycling service. This service aligns with Honor's commitment to supporting a green initiative through digital services offered to members, such as mobile banking and e-statements.



Shred Days 2023, Image provided by HCU

Honor extends its gratitude to its business partners who offered to host a shred day event at their locations, including Crossroads Restaurant & Lounge, Lakeshore High School, Moonraker Lounge & Restaurant, and Paw Paw Brewing.

The 2024 Free Community Shred Day schedule will be released early next year.



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution serving over 110,000 members in 28 member center communities throughout western and northern Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities we serve remain the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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

State Press Release – MI Dept of LEO Update September 2023



Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Update September 2023

State of Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity – September 22, 2023

Gov. Whitmer Awards \$21.5 Million for Blight Elimination to Communities Across the State and more!

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Governor Gretchen Whitmer awarded \$21.5 million for blight elimination grants to communities across Michigan under next round of the program. The funds are part of \$75 million in blight elimination resources allocated in the bipartisan Fiscal Year 2023 budget to make communities across Michigan more attractive to live and work.

"Eliminating blight frees up space for homes and small businesses and makes our communities safer, better places to live, work, and invest," said Governor Whitmer. "I am grateful to cities and towns across our state who are utilizing these resources to clear blight, supporting economic development and job growth in downtowns and main streets. Let's keep working together to help more families and businesses 'make it' in Michigan and make long overdue investments to foster stronger, healthier, and more vibrant communities."

The bipartisan FY 2023 Budget appropriated \$75 million to the State Land Bank Authority (SLBA) to help the state build safer, more prosperous communities and convert underutilized land into productive space.

Earlier this year, round one of the program provided nearly \$8 million in grant funding to address 198 properties across Michigan. Of those properties, 159 will be demolished, 37 will be stabilized and two grants provide gap funding for an environmental remediation project.

Most recently, round two provided a competitive grant process with \$13.5 million awarded to 43 counties for demolition, renovation and stabilization of blighted properties. [Details of the awards made in Rounds 1 and 2 are available on the State Land Bank website.](#)

[View the full press release here.](#)

Michigan Earns National Ranks, International Awards for Projects and Places



Michigan earned the No. 13 top state for doing business, the No. 4 state economic development agency and two international accolades for redevelopment projects.

Michigan continues to be recognized as the home of opportunity for projects and places that make the state a leading place to live, work and do business.

Area Development's [Top States for Doing Business 2023](#) lifts Michigan to the No. 13 spot overall, with the second-best ranking for industrial water availability and a top ten ranking for a cooperative and responsive state government. At the annual International Economic Development Council (IEDC) conference, the Development Counsellors International (DCI) named the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) as the No. 4 best-in-class state economic development agency. Also at the conference, the IEDC awarded two MEDC-supported projects gold and silver for Real Estate Redevelopment & Reuse.

"Team Michigan is proud of this recognition of our efforts alongside businesses, employees and entrepreneurs to continue to attract and retain business investment for long-term economic resiliency across both peninsulas. By building on our state's innovation and problem-solving heritage and creating even more vibrant communities, we're encouraging everyone to join us in Michigan," said Quentin L. Messer, Jr., CEO of the MEDC. "We're always working hard to increase opportunities for people and businesses, and with this recognition, while significant work remains, we're showing the world that everyone can – and should consider – Make It in Michigan."

[View the full press release here.](#)

\$1.5M Student Success Grants Awarded to Increase Completion Rates at Michigan Community and Tribal Colleges



Office of Sixty by 30, Global Detroit and Michigan College Access Network partner to help students complete degree and certificate programs.

Today, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity's (LEO) Office of Sixty by 30, Global Detroit and Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) awarded \$1.5M Student and Immigrant Success Grants to support 12 Michigan community and tribal colleges in their innovative efforts to increase college completion for adult learners, international, immigrant, refugee or first-generation students.

"By increasing our state's college completion rates, we are setting Michigan up to be a front-runner in a

globally competitive economy,” said Susan Corbin, LEO director. “The Student Success Grants will support community and tribal colleges across the state in doing what they do best – help more people get the skills and credentials they need to succeed in high-demand, high-skill jobs.”

The grants were awarded in two categories – both of which work toward achieving the same goal of equipping 60% of Michigan’s workforce with a degree or credential by the year 2030.

The Sixty by 30 Adult Student Success Grant provides grants up to \$200,000 over two years to selected Michigan community and tribal colleges to implement new, or upscale existing, strategies to improve persistence and completion rates among adult students, with a particular emphasis on Futures for Frontliners and Michigan Reconnect students.

The Immigrant Student Success Grant provides grants of up to \$150,000 over 18 months to selected Michigan community and tribal colleges to increase enrollment, retention and program completion rates for international, immigrant, refugee or first-generation students.

In conjunction with the Immigrant Student Success Grants, all Michigan community colleges interested in better serving immigrant students are invited to participate in the Immigrant Student Success Learning Cohort. The yearlong, virtually-held learning cohort offers community colleges the opportunity to expand practitioners’ depth of knowledge on the make-up of local immigrant populations and their needs, lift up best practices to meet the population’s need and foster community among professionals who are leading this work.

All community colleges taking part in the Immigrant Student Success Grant are also receiving stipends to take part in the learning cohort. Community colleges wanting to learn more about the learning cohort can email Shanea Condon at shanea@globaldetroitmi.org.

[View the full press release here.](#)

\$14.6M Available to Help Remove Barriers to Employment for At-Risk Michiganders



The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) encouraging organizations who can assist Michiganders with removing barriers to employment to apply for funding from the \$14.6 million Barrier Removal and Employment Success Expansion Grant Program.

“The \$14.6 million Barrier Removal and Employment Success investment provides critical resources to partner organizations across the state who are joining us to close equity gaps and ensure all Michiganders have a path to economic prosperity,” said LEO Director Susan Corbin. “By removing barriers to employment, we are creating more opportunities for Michiganders to succeed in good-paying careers and helping the state’s employers address critical talent shortages.”

Eligible applicants for funding include, but are not limited to, community-based organizations, educational institutions, Michigan Works! agencies, private for-profit agencies, private non-profit agencies, and other established, experienced providers of supportive services.

The funding will facilitate diversity, equity and inclusion, increasing opportunities to remove barriers to employment for at-risk individuals, including the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) population.

Proposals will be accepted beginning Tuesday, September 19, 2023. The application deadline is Friday, October 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Awards will be announced Tuesday, November 28, 2023. The grant period is anticipated to begin December 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025.

More information about the Request for Proposals opportunity is available at [Michigan.gov/BRES](https://michigan.gov/BRES).

For questions regarding the Barrier Removal and Employment Success program and this RFP opportunity, contact Workforce Development Targeted Services Division at LEO-TSDIV@michigan.gov.

[View the full press release here.](#)

Spotlight: WWJ features LEO Deputy Director of Prosperity Kim Trent

As Deputy Director for Prosperity, Kim Trent is charged with guiding and building support for efforts to boost the economic security of Michigan citizens through strategic initiatives, programming and partnerships. [Listen to her recent conversation with WWJ](#) on her fierce commitment to community service.

“We really needed to be intentional about efforts to help struggling Michiganders — whether that means lowering costs for them [or] helping them get credentials so they make more money,” said Deputy Director Trent.

Visit michigan.gov/leo/prosperity to learn more about the progress being made across the state due to remove barriers to economic prosperity for all Michiganders.

New Resource Hub to Benefit Michigan Communities via \$1M in Federal Grant Awarded to LEO and MML

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity (LEO) and the Michigan Municipal League (MML), announced they have partnered to create the Michigan Local Capacity Enhancement Program through a \$1 million grant under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Under the new program, the League will provide local communities with a robust online resource hub (MIFundingHub.org) and technical assistance to support them in understanding, seeking and successfully deploying new grant funds for economic growth, infrastructure and other community projects.

“LEO is excited to partner with the League on this local capacity program and to develop the much-needed MI Funding Hub,” said LEO Director Susan Corbin. “Michigan Communities of all sizes will have the opportunity to gain knowledge on how to successfully deploy new grant opportunities that will have a direct impact on their community’s and help their residents thrive.”

With additional funding from LEO the League will significantly scale up its technical assistance program for communities including:

- Creating a robust online resource hub that provides information on new grants and funding opportunities as well as resources and tools for successfully managing projects.

- Providing technical assistance for local governments to assist them in understanding funding opportunities, evaluating local project options and potential grant matches, and directing them to applicable funding sources.
- Offering a variety of training and outreach efforts including funding newsletters, grant readiness training, webinars and more.

To learn more about this program or get technical assistance in navigating funding opportunities, visit MIFundingHub.org or contact the League team at: helpdesk@mifundinghub.org.

[View the full press release here.](#)



Local Charity – Salvation Army Bell Ringers

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The poster is for the Niles Salvation Army's bell ringers. It features a central text area with a white background and red and green text. On either side of the text are images of a red Salvation Army bell bucket and a brass bell. The text includes the address, phone number, and a call to action to sign up now. It also specifies the dates and times for bell ringing.

Call for Salvation Army Bell Ringers 2023

As we contemplate need this past year and look at our resources there has never been a time we have needed your support more than this Christmas season! Volunteer in your community! Even the smallest tasks, like helping with office work or ringing bells at Christmas, support our mission and, in the end, help change lives in our community for the better. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for helping us make our community a place of hope.

Register to Ring [HERE](#).

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Bell Ringers Needed flyer



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

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City Commission Regular Meetings • Agenda 09/25/23

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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

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

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

Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission • Monday, September 25, 2023 – 7pm

- Meeting Highlights:
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Mayor Denison.
 - Denison asked everyone to join in a moment of silence to honor the memory of Jason Leitz who passed away Sept 18th. Jason was the chair of our Planning Commission and had served since March of 1988. With over 25 years of service, his knowledge and contributions will be irreplaceable.
 - Open of Public Hearing for:
 - Public Hearing and Public Comment on Establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District for Longbranch Livery LLC 206 Days Ave. Buchanan, MI 49107
 - Reports by Departments, Committees, Boards Included:
 - Community Development Report – Community Development Director, Rich Murphy & Assistant Community Development Director/ Main Street Manager, Ashley Regal

- *Consider approving the sale of 123 Days Ave:* Motion made by Weedon, supported by Money to approve the sale of 123 Days Ave. to Lise Gustavsen. Roll call vote carries unanimously.
- *Consider Thrill on the Hill Investment & 2024 Thrill on the Hill Date:* Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Weedon to postpone Thrill on the Hill 2024. Roll call vote carries unanimously.
 - “Weedon acknowledges how difficult this will be for the community but if we sacrifice it for a year, we can ensure we’re stronger and more prepared in the future instead of pushing this because it was something we always did. It’s one of the most exciting and dynamic events and the amount of effort they put in this year cannot be undermined by this decision because it was second to none. He looks forward to the next one, but it must pause for a moment.”
 - “Vigansky comments this was the first year the books were done correctly. He doesn’t hate Thrill on the Hill; it has been a wonderful marketing tool for the City of Buchanan. There is no pleasure in making the motion to postpone Thrill on the Hill to 2024 but continues.”
 - “Denison: As far as the Thrill goes, it really is too bad. I think everybody knows how I feel about the Thrill. I think it’s a great event that brings in lots of people, not a lot of revenue. Getting our budget straight is what we are trying to do. As far as the DPW workers go and overtime, I hope it’s not misconstrued that we are somehow punishing them because that’s not our goal. If anything, we are challenging them to be more efficient and we are trying to do that everywhere we can because we don’t have a choice.”
- *Consider Resolution 2023.09/25 – A resolution to approve the MNRTF Grant Application for the Kayak Launch Project:* Motion made by Swem, supported by Weedon to approve Resolution 2023.09/25. Roll call vote carries unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned 8:03pm.
- Read the original agenda [HERE](#) (page 1).
- Read the full minutes [HERE](#) (page 3).

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

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

- *City Commission Meetings:*

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

- Current meetings: **Buchanan City**
- Meetings prior to October 2021: **City of Buchanan, MI.**

www.cityofbuchanan.com/citycommission

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

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

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Buchanan Losses • 09/20 – 10/03

Name	Age	Born	Died
Dean LeRoy Luther		October 15, 1940	October 3, 2023
Adam Christopher Vigansky	38	January 15, 1985	September 30, 2023
Leonard "Larry" Allen March	71	March 17, 1952	September 29, 2023
Della Carter	80	February 9, 1943	September 25, 2023
Richard Paul Porter	69	May 24, 1954	September 24, 2023
Elizabeth Ann Briggs	71	February 18, 1952	September 23, 2023
Cheryl Culp	65	May 3, 1958	September 22, 2023
Opal Lee Peppers	77	November 27, 1945	September 22, 2023
Joe H. Traynham Jr.	64	January 25, 1959	September 22, 2023
Dorothy May Daniels	77	September 4, 1946	September 20, 2023

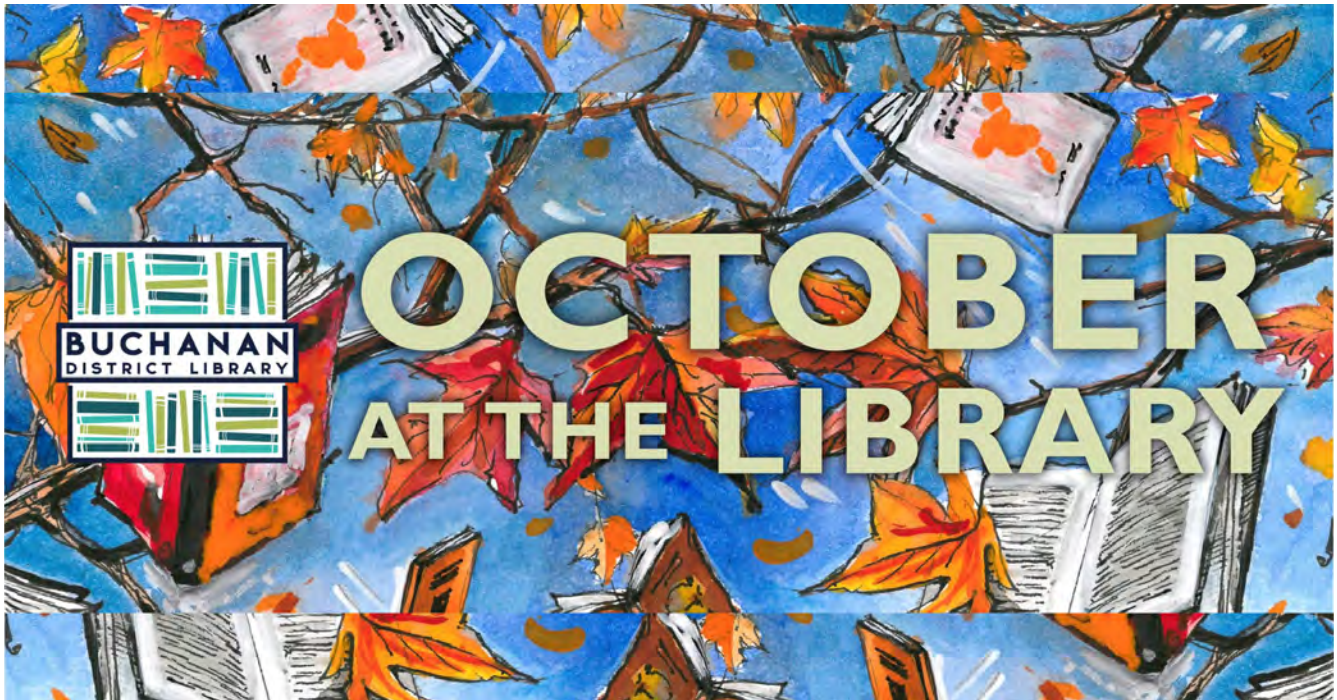
We wish to respectfully honor the memory of anyone we lose in the Buchanan community. Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list.

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www.hovenfunerals.com
info@hovenfunerals.com
269-695-2363
414 E Front St
Buchanan, MI 49107
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Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel
269-695-6881
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Buchanan District Library – October 2023



October at Buchanan District Library

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"Libraries were full of ideas—perhaps the most dangerous and powerful of all weapons."

Sarah J. Maas, from Throne of Glass

Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses with author Dianna Stampfler

Wednesday, October 11 at 6pm

Join us as we welcome author Dianna Stampfler to the library to learn all about Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses!

What is it about lighthouses that attract ghostly spirits? Maybe it's simply a passion that will not go away. Lighthouse keepers were known to be extremely dedicated to their profession and it seems that many were never able to give it up—even after death. More than 30 lights in Michigan are rumored to be haunted. From the smell of cigar smoke at Seul Choix Point Lighthouse to the mysterious housekeeping at White River Light Station and the antics at Waugoshance Shoal, these stories will entertain all ages.

No registration is required for this event, and light refreshments will be served.

Thank you to [Country Heritage Credit Union](#) for sponsoring this event!



ADULT PROGRAMS:

BUCHANAN BOOK CLUB 2023

Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7,
Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6

Come join our book discussion! The Buchanan Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00–7:00pm at the library. Please email laura.hauch@buchananlibrary.com if you'd like to join the club/ contact list.

Don't have the book and the library's copy is checked out? We can get it for you through MeLCat interlibrary loan! Go to www.mel.org or ask at the Front Desk to request it.



NEW! Puzzle Club

Fridays, September 29, October 27, & December 29 at 5:30pm

Get your puzzle on with other puzzle enthusiasts!



Open Mic at the Library

Friday, October 6 at 6pm

Enjoy an evening with fellow artists, musicians, and poets to share original works. Perform a song, poem, story, comedy routine, or bring a visual art piece and tell us about it! Sign up is required for performers; call the library at 269.695.3681 to register.



Spooky Tree Painting
 Thursday, October 12, 11am–12pm & 5:30–6:30pm
 & Friday, October 13, 11am–12pm & 5:30–6:30pm
 Get into the eerie spirit with Jen and paint a spooky tree on canvas. All materials are provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 269.695.3681 to register.



Save the Date!
A Not-So-Silent Night at the Library!
SAVE THE DATE! Our popular holiday event returns for another year! Combining the best of live and virtual events, this fundraiser features a week-long online silent auction that will end at our festive holiday party on December 9. This year's live music will be provided by Buchanan's own Redbud Ramblers! Don't miss this opportunity to dress in your holiday best and celebrate the season, all while supporting the Buchanan District Library.
 We are also seeking sponsors and silent auction donations for this important library fundraiser. Sponsorships include personalized advertising, tickets to the event, and more! Learn more on our website and contact Meg if you or your business is interested in supporting our Not-so-Silent Night!
[Click here to learn more](#)

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS:



Pumpkin Jamboree!
 Saturday, October 7, 3:00–5:00pm
 Join us to celebrate fall and Star Wars Reads with games, prizes, and more inside the library AND outside on the Common. This is a family-friendly event with activities appropriate for kids preschool through middle school. Costumes encouraged!



Read with a Dog
 Saturday, October 14, 11:00am–1:00pm
 Sign up for a 15 minute time slot to read with a certified therapy dog from Best Friends 4H! Call the library at 269.695.3681 to register.



Preschool Storytime
 Wednesdays at 11:00am
 September 6–December 20
 Join us for Preschool Storytime with Ms. Julie. Come sing, dance, and hear stories! Recommended for ages 2–6 but families with children of all ages are welcome.



Teen Scene
Wednesdays at 2:30pm
September 13–December 20

Come hang out with Ms. Jen and fellow teens at the library. Play games, do crafts, and just chillax!



Pajama Storytime
Thursdays October 19 & November 16 at 6:00pm

Join us for a special evening storytime once a month. Pajamas encouraged!



Lego Club
Fridays, October 27 at 4:00pm
Join Ms. Jen to have fun building with Legos!

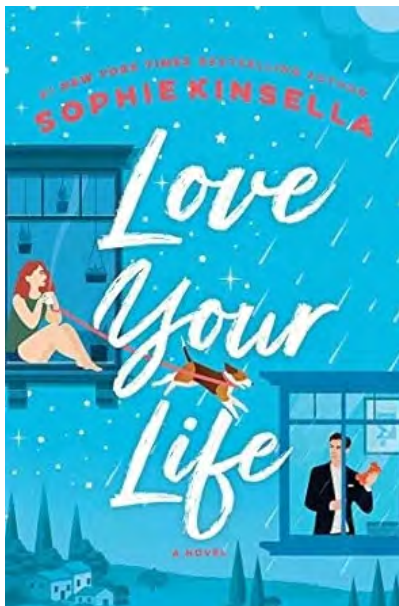
WHAT WE'RE READING:

KAREN IS READING...

LOVE YOUR LIFE
SOPHIE KINSELLA

Call Ava romantic, but she thinks love should be found in the real world, not on apps that filter men by height, job, or astrological sign. She believes in feelings, not algorithms. So after a recent breakup and dating app debacle, she decides to put love on hold and escapes to a remote writers' retreat in coastal Italy. She's determined to finish writing the novel she's been fantasizing about, even though it means leaving her close-knit group of friends and her precious dog, Harold, behind.

At the retreat, she's not allowed to use her real name or reveal any personal information. When the neighboring martial arts retreat is canceled and a few of its attendees join their small writing community, Ava, now going by "Aria," meets "Dutch," a man who seems too good to be true. The two embark on a baggage-free, whirlwind love affair, cliff-jumping into gem-colored Mediterranean waters and exploring the splendor of the Italian coast. But then their real identities—Ava and Matt—must return to London. As their fantasy starts to fade, they discover just how different their personal worlds are.

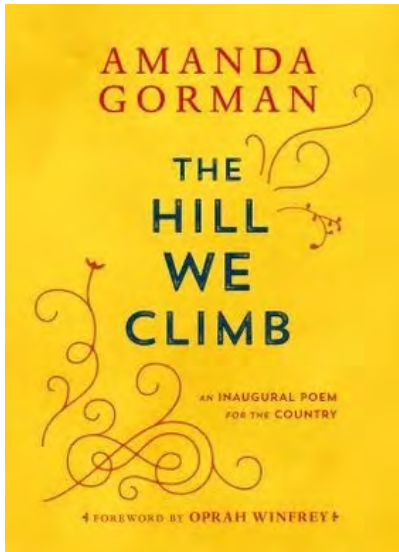




LAURA IS READING...

HAN SOLO
MARJORIE LIU

Everyone's favorite scoundrel goes Solo! Han is given a top-secret undercover mission for the Rebellion: rescuing several informants and spies! His cover for the assignment? Only the biggest and most infamous starship race in the galaxy, the Dragon Void! A tournament he has dreamt of winning his entire life. With a chance of glory, can Han keep his mind on the mission? Or is failing Leia worse than losing? If that wasn't enough, there's also the small matter of finding a traitor within the Rebellion. As the Dragon Void heats up, can a certain Wookiee pal lend a hand in the mole hunt? Place your bets for the ultimate space race! Our money's on Han and the Millennium Falcon – after all, it's the ship that made the Kessel Run in less than twelve parsecs!



ERIN IS READING...

THE HILL WE CLIMB
AMANDA GORMAN

On January 20, 2021, Amanda Gorman became the sixth and youngest poet to deliver a poetry reading at a presidential inauguration. Gorman captivated the nation and brought hope to viewers around the globe with her call for unity and healing. Her poem The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country can now be cherished in this special gift edition, perfect for any reader looking for some inspiration. Including an enduring foreword by Oprah Winfrey, this remarkable keepsake celebrates the promise of America and affirms the power of poetry.

LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEM:

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NEW! HEDGE TRIMMER

This hedge trimmer operates for up to 60 minutes on one full charge of its 40v battery. Its 24" dual action blade provides 3/4" cutting capacity. The rotating handle makes reaching around large bushes so much easier.

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

ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

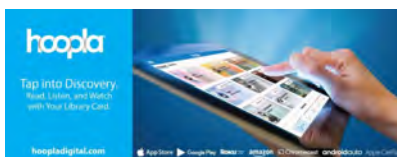
Did you know you can request materials for the library to purchase? To make a request, log into [your LIBRARY ACCOUNT](#) (in the upper right-hand corner, use your library card number and 10-digit phone number), click on the Reserves/Requests tab, and click the request link.

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Unlike Libby (don't worry, Libby is still available too!), hoopla is a cost-per-circulation service, which means that the library pays for each item checked out so you can have it instantly—no waiting or reserve lists! Checkouts are limited to 5 per month, so choose your items wisely! Checkout limit resets on the first of each month.

How do I sign up?

Download the hoopla app on your mobile device or [go here](#) to get started. Search for Buchanan or enable your location and choose Buchanan District Library. Log in with your 14 digit library card number with no spaces. Your pin is your 10 digit phone number. You will need to set up an account with an email address and password. After signing up, you will log in with your email and the password you created.

[Click here to learn more about using hoopla](#)



NEW! Join the Reading Dragons challenge!

Kids 5–17, join our new Reading Dragons challenge on [Beanstack](#) and earn your own magical menagerie! Earn a new set of creature cards each week from September 1 through April 30. Register for the challenge and learn more details in the Beanstack Tracker app or on our [Beanstack site](#).



Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt BINGO

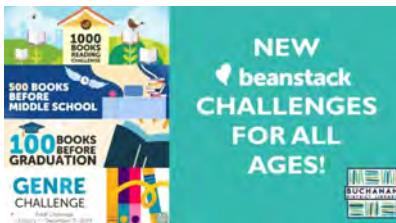
Join our [Beanstack](#) challenge and go on a Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt around town to check them all out! Fill in your bingo card by finding the featured scarecrows. Get a bingo and earn a small prize. Fill your bingo card and be entered to win a larger prize! This challenge is open to all ages and will run through October 31, 2023.

Get started on the Beanstack Tracker app or go to <https://buchanan.beanstack.org/reader365>

New Beanstack Challenges!

The library has made new on-going challenges for kids and teens and a seasonal challenge for adults on our Beanstack site to encourage everyone to be a life-long reader!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: This challenge promotes early literacy skills for children from birth to age six and encourages parent and child bonding through reading. Reading helps build social and emotional skills, sparks creativity and imagination, and helps kids do well overall in school. It doesn't matter if your child is three, or just three months – there's no better time to start than now! Take that motivation, open one book, and get started. And remember, 1000 is just a number. The goal is to work reading aloud into your regular routine, and let the magic of stories do the rest. This is an ongoing challenge with no end date, and readers can participate in this challenge at the same time as other challenges. Parents, don't forget to pick up your welcome packet at the library.



500 Books Before Middle School: Kids ages 5-11, are you up to the challenge? Read 500 books before middle school! Log your reading to earn badges along the way. Every 100 books you read earns you a pin-on button! This is an ongoing challenge with no end date, and readers can participate in this challenge at the same time as other challenges.

100 Books Before Graduation: Teens and pre-teens ages 11-19, read 100 books before graduating, log your reading in Beanstack, and earn a new set of badges, as well as a pin-on button at 50 and 100 books! This is an ongoing challenge with no end date, and readers can participate in this challenge at the same time as other challenges.

Genre Challenge 2023: Challenge yourself to read beyond what you can imagine and explore new genres! This challenge runs from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, and readers can participate in this challenge at the same time as other challenges.

[CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUT THE NEW CHALLENGES!](#)
or find the challenges in the [BEANSTACK app!](#)



Community Cookbook

Did you know we're working on a Community Cookbook? Your recipe may be printed off and shared around the library, and when we collect enough recipes, we'd like to create a printed book. If you want to submit a recipe, use the form on our website!

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Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



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

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – October 2023



A Few of October's Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

We want to sustain the BASC now and for future generations, so, in 2019, the Berrien Community Foundation gave a presentation on how to leave bequests for charities, and this year we received two bequests from dearly departed patrons. To celebrate this support and facilitate future bequests, our Board has decided to launch BASC Legacy, a program to celebrate those who designate bequests and to facilitate the planned giving process for our supporters. No matter the size of a bequest, we are honored by the expression of support.



We will officially launch the program in November, Thanksgiving month, and share more details at that time. We thank the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation for an early Thanksgiving gift of a capacity building grant to help us create BASC Legacy.

One more expression of gratitude will occur on October 26th, 4:00 – 6:00 pm, when we dedicate the Stephens Memorial Sunroom. Due to an early snowstorm last November 17, 2022, we had to cancel the ribbon cutting planned for that day, so we hope October 26th will be early enough to avoid any snow! Please join us. RSVPs are recommended by calling 269-695-7119.



BASC BOARD ELECTIONS & ANNUAL MEETING:

We currently have three 3-year term Board of Directors positions open. Incumbent Jess Minks and Josetta Bibbs are running again for their seats, and we have one open seat. If you are interested in running, please pick up an application at the center, fill it out, and return it no later than 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 10. We welcome your interest in the BASC.

Patrons may vote for Board of Directors by stopping at the BASC and fill out a ballot form on Tuesday, October 17, 9:00—3:00 pm. Absentee ballots are available.

Board of Directors Application is due by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 10.

Board of Directors Elections are on Tuesday, October 17, between 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

The BASC Annual Meeting is on Thursday, October 19, 2:00—4:00 pm.

Note that the office will be closed between 2:00 and 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 19.

Upcoming Events:



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT... KNEES:

Knees... Whether yours are healthy and pain free or painful or even artificial, we can all benefit from learning how they work, why they hurt and what we can do to keep them going. We will go over how to assess your own knee function, how to decrease pain, and how to build resilience. Whether you just want to be able to walk to the kitchen without hobbling or want to win a pickleball tournament the information will be applicable. Even if a doctor has told you "Its bone on bone, there isn't much we can do" come hear what Becky Roush PT has to say.

This class will include some knee movement and education so wear clothing that will allow access to your knees.

What You Need to Know About... Knees

Tuesday, October 17, 1:00 pm

Registration is required.

Call 695-7119 to reserve your seat.



INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER:

Heyde Mitchell from Indiana Michigan Power and a representative from SEEL will be at the BASC and will share about the bill assistance and weatherization programs at I&M Power. Uncertain if you are already a participant? Learn how to know.

I&M Power Bill Assistance and
Weatherization Programs
Friday, October 6, at 1:0

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

Read the full BASC Newsletter for October 2023 [HERE](#).

Buchanan Area Senior Center—October 2023 Calendar				
Fitness / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
² 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	³ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing—Make a pumpkin placemat 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	⁴ 9:00 Coffee Chat 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Matter of Balance 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	⁵ 11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Advance Planning Workshop	⁶ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 I&M Energy
⁹ 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	¹⁰ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:30 Nursing Homes & Assistant Living 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing—Make a pumpkin placemat 2:00 Hearing Aid Check 2:30 Veteran's Outreach 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	¹¹ 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Matter of Balance 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	¹² 9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00—10:30 Blood Pressure Check 10:30 Fireside Chats 11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 3:00 Board Meeting	¹³ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: The Young Victoria
¹⁶ 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 12:30 Memory Rescue Day 1 of 3 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 2nd Pick-Up Monthly CSFP Commodities 2:00 Qigong Exercise	¹⁷ 9:00 am—3:00 pm BASC Board Elections 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing—Make a pumpkin placemat 1:00 What You Need to Know About Knees 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	¹⁸ 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Matter of Balance 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	¹⁹ 9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:30 Book Club 11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 am—1:30 pm Mah Jongg 2:00 Annual Board Meeting No Afternoon Programs	²⁰ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 10:00 Field Trip 1:00 Fiber Friends
²³ 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 12:30 Memory Rescue Day 1 of 2 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	²⁴ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing—Make a pumpkin placemat 3:00 Cell Phone & Tablet Assistance 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	²⁵ 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Birthday Bingo 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Matter of Balance 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	²⁶ 11:00 Chair Yoga 10:00—10:30 Blood Pressure Check 10:30 Fireside Chats 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 4:00 Russell Stephen Memorial Sunroom Dedication	²⁷ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:30 Lunch Bunch 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Killers
³⁰ 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 12:30 Ice Cream Social 12:30 Memory Rescue Day 1 of 3 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	³¹ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Halloween Party 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	Tin Shop Play Sunday, October 8 4:00 pm Must have registered.	Halloween Party Tuesday, October 31 1:00—3:00 pm Call 695-7119 to reserve your seat.	Assistance with your cell phone and tablet. Tuesday, October 24 3:00—4:00 pm Call 695-7119 to register



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

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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 61



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by Jen Garry, Publisher

Now that we're done for the summer, we can say we had a great market season 2023 at Buchanan Farmers Market with our three weekend booths: June 10, July 29, and September 16. Thank you all so much for stopping by to support us at our bake sale, get a peek at our latest Printed Editions, sign up for subscriptions, find out more information, tell us your story ideas, and for all of those who stopped by just to chat – we love to see you there, Thank You!

We APPRECIATE our Buchanan community and all our readers – our goal is to share all of Buchanan's local news, and you're helping us do just that, online and now in print too! Our second Printed Edition (Autumn 2023) dropped with the leaves around town, and you may still be able to pick up your own FREE copy at these locations around Buchanan (if there are any left): Buchanan City Hall, Buchanan Area Senior Center, Buchanan District Library, Buchanan Harding's Market, or Honor Credit Union in Buchanan; also don't forget you can subscribe [HERE](#) to get our Printed Editions sent directly to your door!

Be on the look out next for our very special Winter Edition 2023 in early December filled with holiday delight! We'll be inviting the community's support through a festive spread of ad spaces and special message spots available for very reasonable prices, more info soon.

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- Total Website Views by Month 2023:
 - January – 3,821 (2,482 in 2022)
 - February – 3,528 (1,961 in 2022)
 - March – 4,390 (2,481 in 2022; 2,668 in 2021)
 - April – 3,813 (2,102 in 2022; 4,444 in 2021)
 - May – 3,282 (1,915 in 2022; 3,517 in 2021)
 - June – 3,234 (1,595 in 2022; 3,016 in 2021)
 - July – 4,357 (1,986 in 2022; 2,927 in 2021)
 - August – 5,003 (2,101 in 2022; 3,227 in 2021)

- September – 3,233 (2,209 in 2022; 3,460 in 2021)
- Recent Issues:
 - Issue 59 (September 09) Views: 1,480
 - Issue 60 (September 23) Views: 1,589
- WordPress Subscribers: 106
- Email Subscribers: 131
- Facebook Followers: 1,857 (Top Reach: 11.4K)
- Instagram Followers: 254
- NEW CATEGORY ~ Printed Edition Subscribers: 19

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), fill out our online form [HERE](#). We really appreciate any communication – we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community! Also, we love to publish Opinion pieces and Guest Writer spots 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!

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