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Local Arts – Buchanan Art Center

Buchanan Art Center – “Through Their Eyes” by Madelyn Kitchell This week I took an adventure to the Buchanan Art Center downtown. Currently they have an exhibit titled Through Their...

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Local Arts – Musician Dave Van Dyke

A Chat With Local Buchanan Musician Dave Van Dyke by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer If you attended the summer concerts down at the Common, there's a good chance you...

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Upcoming Event – Small Town Big Christmas 2021

Small Town Big Christmas Returns for 2021 The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and The City of Buchanan are excited to bring our small town, Buchanan, this event. For more...

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Upcoming Event – Veterans Day 2021

Buchanan Events for Veterans Day 2021 Buchanan, MI – November 11, 2021 5 Separate Activities Donations Appreciated All Events FREE and open to the Public (except BCS 11/12 presentation) Special...

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Special Word of Thanks – Cans for Veterans

I want to thank again all the people that helped me in the can support for our local veterans of Buchanan. I also want to thank the local businesses that...

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Mayor's Memo – Good News

Buchanan Good News by Mayor Sean Denison There are so many good things happening in Buchanan right now it's hard to list all of them, but I wanted to update...

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BCS Superintendent's Note – November 2021

A Note from BCS Superintendent by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent Buck Families, The first nine weeks are completed and students have had a full array of engaging activities...

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Local Places – BASC

Upcoming Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center
Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator
Below are some programs for BASC November calendar:
The Berrien County Health Department will be hosting...

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The Clark Barker – Issue 15

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back! So, that time of year is here as I have been told by my humans that we gain another hour of sleep and...

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Past Event – HCU & Chippewa Project

Honor Credit Union Sponsors Chippewa Project at the NODE Submitted and written-up by Karol Behrle, HCU Community Assistant Vice President, and Rebecka Hoyt, The Buchanan Chronicle Editor & Photographer On...

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Now That's Funny! – Tongue Twisters Day

Tongue Twisters National Day ~ November 8 Enjoy a few below: How can a clam cram in a cream can? If a dog chews shoes, whose shoes does he choose? ...

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Upcoming Event – BACC Reverse Raffle 2021

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle
2021 Who: Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce What:
Reverse Raffle When: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 –
5:30pm (drawing) Tickets will be sold until...

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Remembering – Obituary Audrey Jean Hayden

Buchanan Loss • Obituary Audrey Jean Hayden • Oct. 29
2021 Name Age Born Died Audrey Jean Hayden 87 July
26, 1934 October 29, 2021 “Audrey Jean Hayden, age
87,...

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by Thomas Hoyt The other day, not too long ago, I got a
call from my mom asking me to go pick up a prescription
for her. I was sure...

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Community Press Release – Office of Governor Whitmer

Refund Checks for Michiganders State of Michigan –
November 1, 2021 Dear Michigander, I wanted to take a
moment to make sure you saw today’s exciting news:
Today, I called...

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Remembering – Issue 15

Buchanan Losses • 10/11-11/5 Name Age Born Died
Melody Kay Weaver 80 June 18, 1941 November 4, 2021
Mary O'Bryant Wawrzynczak 62 March 31, 1959 October
31, 2021 Olive Rose...

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Community Press Release – DAR

Grave Rededication in Dowagiac Eau Claire, MI –
October 15, 2021 The Rebecca Dewey Chapter of Three
Oaks met Sunday, October 10th at the Allen Cemetery in
Silver Creek Township,...

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Community Press Release – Buchanan-Galien Lions Annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser

Buchanan-Galien Lions package product for Annual Nut
and Candy Fundraiser Write-up and photos submitted by
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packaged product for their Annual Nut and Candy
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Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 15

Marriage Laughs by Garrick Stubblefield What happens when a husband or wife has a occupation: If the wife was a librarian, the husband could get a lot of stories from...

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Upcoming Event – St. Anthony Winter Bazaar and Food Drive 2021

St. Anthony Winter Bazaar and Food Drive 2021 Who: St. Anthony's Conference of Catholic Women Where: St. Anthony Parish Hall ~ 509 W Fourth St, Buchanan, MI What: Winter Bazaar...

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Community Press Release – Berrien County Road Closures

Madron Lake Road Closure Berrien County, MI – October 27, 2021 CONTACT: Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
aboone@bcroad.org – 269-925-1196 ext. 4410
TOWNSHIP: Buchanan Township LOCATION:...

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 15

Police Call Log : 10/5 – 10/25 Buchanan City Police Department Description Total Calls of Type Sex Offenses
3 Parental Kidnapping 0 Larceny 8 Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle...

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Community Press Release – Berrien County Road Closures

Walton Road Bridge Temporary Closure Berrien County,
MI – November 3, 2021 WALTON ROAD BRIDGE
TEMPORARY CLOSURE TOWNSHIP: Buchanan
Township LOCATION(s): Walton Road Bridge over the St
Joseph River CLOSEST CITIES: Buchanan, Niles...

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Community Press Release – City of Buchanan

New Clerk Joins the Team at Buchanan City Hall
Buchanan, Michigan – November 2, 2021 The City of
Buchanan welcomes our new City Clerk, Kalla Langston.
The role of City...

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City Commission Meeting Agenda • October 11 2021

Write-Up by Editor Rebecka Hoyt, Agenda by City Clerk
Barbara A. Pitcher Please note that only the City
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City of Buchanan Sees Uptick in New Residential and
Commercial Starts, Attributes success to “A Vision for
Buchanan” Project Buchanan, Michigan – October 30,
2021 Prior to January 1st of...

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Community Press Release – City of Buchanan

New Executive Director to Lead Buchanan’s

Programming Buchanan, Michigan – October 1, 2021 The City of Buchanan welcomes our new Chamber Executive Director/Main Street Manager, Ashley Regal. The Chamber Executive...

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Puzzler Page – Issue 15

by Garrick Stubblefield Hi all, my name is Garrick Stubblefield and I live here in Buchanan. I joined the military right out of school. Recently, I was asked to join...

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Community Press Release – HCU at Buchanan Middle School

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Buchanan Jr. Herd Student Credit Union Submitted by Kayla Smith, Honor Credit Union Brand Specialist on behalf of Christy Layman, Member Center Manager at Honor Credit...

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Homeschooling Spotlight – Current Learning

Homeschooling Learning Spotlight by Editor Rebecka Hoyt with Photos submitted by Ashley Hanson Been learning about the many health benefits of different teas. We have here raspberry leaves, lemon verbena,...

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Winner – Pet Costume Contest



Buchanan Pet Costume Contest!

by The Buchanan Chronicle Team

Well, we have a Winner: Kane 🐾



WINNER: Kane, Photo submitted by Dianne Watson

With an honorable mention for the adorable taco pup below! Thanks so much for participating.



Honorable Mention: Photo submitted by Lindsay Weldy

Keep an eye out for more pets contests with The Buchanan Chronicle!

The Buchanan Chronicle

2021

Pet Costume Contest



The Buchanan Chronicle is having a Pets Costume Contest! If you've dressed your pet for the occasion, enter a photo for your chance to win!

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

We are looking forward to seeing all of your cats, dogs, birds, snakes, fish, gerbils, hamsters, even spiders, etc...! Good Luck!!

Contest: October 31 - November 6
Winner Announced in our Nov. 6 Issue

Pets Contest flyer

Health Huddle – Juice Plus



Cooking with Juice Plus products, Photo by TraciLee Smith

Juice Plus

Submitted by TraciLee Smith

Who sees a Rainbow 🌈 in the sky with all the BeaUty and all the colors and realize that our very plates at every meal should look like a rainbow? Do you eat a rainbow every day for every meal? Lots of laughter on that as very few of us do! And we rarely get all the servings in each day of the total variety in the cup size that we need! God put powerful nutrition in every color represented in our fruits and vegetables!!



Juice Plus products and Tower Garden, Photos by TraciLee Smith

Our bodies were uniquely created to feed and be nourished by whole fruits and vegetables to grow properly, age well and FIGHT disease and sickness! Without enough of them our body is malnourished. We age poorly with less vitality and are sick more often!

Children need to eat 5 to 9 servings of the “rainbow” each day. Adults need 9-13 and athletes need up to 16. We try to do our best but it can be difficult. Juicing is expensive, messy, time consuming and tricky to get ALL you need by that and the amount you need!

Finding Juice Plus which is Whole Food Whole Fruits and Veggies concentrated, cold pressed into capsules or gummies and plant protein shake, using the skin, leaves and seeds NOT leaving out any possible nutrient God put into them! There are no fillers, NO artificial ingredients of any kind and NO table sugar! This is an easy way to help get the needed fruit and vegetable servings of the Rainbow. It bridges the gap between what you do eat and what you don't get everyday! And it only takes a few seconds to consume! And has 44 collegiate medical clinical studies behind it starting with Yale, Harvard, Cornell Medical University, The Texas Cancer Research Center out of Anderson, Texas as well 40 other top notch medical centers around the world! It is the most researched company in the world!

Using Juice Plus I lost weight, long term brain medication, antibiotic use, hospital and doctors visits AND I don't want any of those back in my life! My husband was told heart meds, but got on Juice Plus and he's Heart Med Free!! God brought this to us along with their Year Round Tower Garden growing system to eat fresh daily ALL year round not worrying about “poopie on the plate” in my veggies or pesticides invading my body! It lives indoors or outdoors giving life all year round!

Juice Plus is simply good for the body and will help get the nutrition every person needs with the products and the Tower Garden! It's simple and can be FUN and Yumellucious! Cooking with cold pressed spices such as Watkins Spices are best for your health. Adding Watkins Turmeric, Whole Garlic Pepper Blend, Cayenne, Ginger and Cinnamon, Black Pepper, Whole Lemon & Pepper Blend, Garlic Powder and Onion Powder and coarse sea salt grinder should be an everyday use with food.

Here are some photos and links to follow www.tracismith.juiceplus.com ,
www.tracismith.towergarden.com

Connect with me for help on both. I can help you be and eat healthier. Ask about our Free Children's Program!!! 🙌🌱

TraciLee Smith ~ (269)683-2180

Past Event – Buchanan Tree Planting



Tree Planting Community, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Buchanan Tree Planters Making a Difference While Setting a Record!

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan Tree Friends hosted the “ReLeaf Michigan” Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 8:45am – 1pm. A record breaking, statewide of 150 volunteers from an infant being carried on its parents' backs to kids and adults of all ages showed up to plant 50 trees in Buchanan, MI! A chilly morning was cured by some donuts and coffee before the volunteers were sent on their way to plant the many varieties of trees.



Gathering to begin Tree Planting, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

How to plant a tree was shown and explained to the crowd outside at the entrance of Buchanan City Hall. If you want to plant a tree, heed this good advice from Marvin Pettway, "Plant it too low, and it will not grow. Plant it too high, and it will not die! When trees die quickly, they are not watered properly."



Gathering to begin Tree Planting, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

"ReLeaf Michigan, a non-profit tree organization, is partnering with the city of Buchanan, Buchanan Tree Friends, Davey Resource Group, St. Joseph River Basin Commission, Indiana DNR and Michigan DNR Urban and Community Forestry Program to increase Buchanan's overall tree canopy and provide environmental, health, economic and aesthetic benefits," (ReLeaf Michigan Volunteers Needed for Tree Planting event flyer, 2021).

"Thank you to the DPW guys drilling with the auger, I'm excited for the trees but I am more excited to see all of you. Everytime we need something the people step up and it makes me proud to be a part of this community. So thank you to everybody," Mayor Sean Denison expressed to the volunteers.



Gathering to begin Tree Planting, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Richard Martin of Buchanan Tree Friends stated, "We're doing this because trees have so many benefits to making Buchanan a more beautiful place we're combating climate change. And thank you to everybody."



Mayor Denison waters a planted tree, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

As I was starting to write this article, the oldies were on my radio, and Jackie DeShannon's "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" ©1969 song came on. Her song goes great along with this event. Here are a few of the lyrics: "And the world will be a better place for you, and me, you just wait and see. I hope when you decide, kindness will be your guide. Put a little love in your heart. And the world will be a better place, for you, and me, you just wait and see." ©1969 You can listen to it [here on YouTube](#).



New Tree Donation Tags, (Redmond American Linden on 3rd St. by Lehman's Farmhouse parking lot donated by Honor Credit Union; Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry on 3rd St. by Lehman's Farmhouse parking lot donated by The City of Buchanan; Bloodgood London Planetree at City Hall entrance donated by River St. Joe), Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Due to the outstanding amount of volunteers, it did not take long to plant the trees. My crew consisted of my family and our daughter's friend as we joined Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent Patricia Robinson and her son in the middle of the front yard at Buchanan Middle School. We all enjoyed getting to know each other and had fun planting this River Birch tree (even though our shoes got covered in clay).



Gathering Community for Tree Planting, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

So, what kind of trees were planted? They ranged from: Tulips, Blackgum, GLL Linden, Hackberry, Birch, Redmond Lindens, Lilac, Oaks, Planetrees, Ginkgo, and Serviceberry. You will find 30 new trees in front of Buchanan Middle School and along their sidewalks on 4th Street. There are 7 trees on East 3rd St. by City Hall and east of Redbud Fitness lining the street. Then 13 more trees on both sides of River St. between Michigan and Fulton Streets.



Go ahead and drive around town to see all of these trees that 150 proud Buchanan volunteers planted in the "Nicest Place in America"! Enjoy the photos.

(This is a hashtag that the City of Buchanan used on one of their Facebook posts of the tree planting event: #smalltownwiththebigheart)

Nature Notes – Osage Orange

Nature Notes

Osage Orange

by Jill K. McDonald

Scattered along roadsides and the edges of fields, large green orbs the size of grapefruits can be observed with a watchful eye. The surface appears interestingly wrinkly and bumpy. They stand out vividly among bare autumn trees, though only the female trees produce fruit. When cut open, the sap is sticky and white and there can be up to 200 small seeds! This is the Osage orange tree.



Osage Orange, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

Named after the Osage Indian tribe of its native region, this tree grew primarily in parts of Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas. The latter part of the tree's name is due to the orange aroma of the skin after it's ripe, as well as the orange color of the bark, roots, and wood.

This unique tree goes by many names including hedge apple and bow-wood, which Native Americans used the wood to make bows. Early pioneers discovered the tree's great strength, durability, and rot-resistance. It was

used for the hubs and rims of farm, chuck, and covered wagons. Eventually it was harvested for fence posts and railroad ties.



Osage Orange, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

During the mid-1800s, Osage orange trees were planted to create field borders for cattle. It made a great hedge, hence the name hedge apple. It was easily propagated from seed, grew fast, and had thick, thorny branches. According to www.motherearthnews.com, "It was "horse-high, bull-strong and pig-tight." As a result, Osage hedges were planted far beyond their original range, including the Midwest.

Today, Osage orange trees still remains a valuable resource. Besides fence posts, it is used by woodworkers and for natural dyes, as well as great windbreaks and animal cover. Squirrels relish the seeds. As for human consumption, many websites say they are not edible. According to www.eattheweeds.com it states, "In all fairness, not all of the fruit is edible. Only the seeds are." As with any wild food, do your own thorough research before consumption of anything.



Osage Orange, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

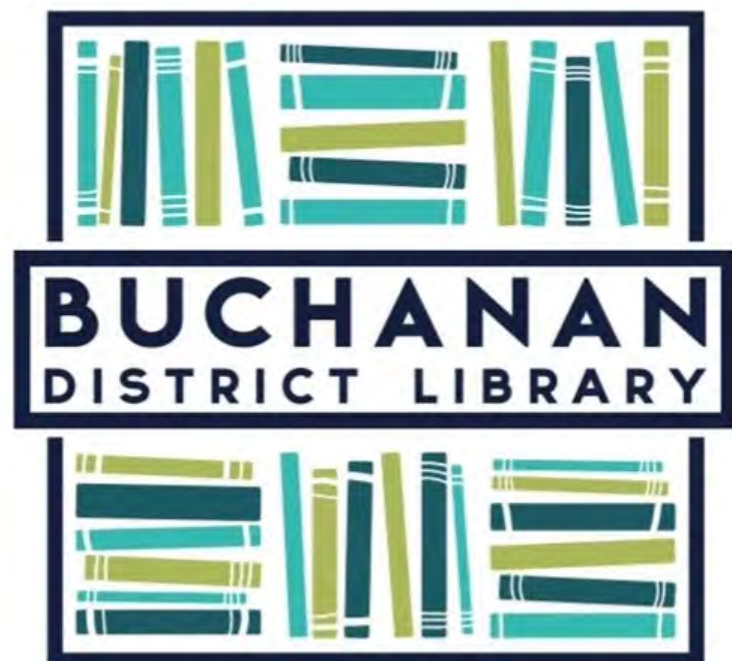
For further information and enjoyment check out:

www.eattheweeds.com/maclura-pomifera-the-edible-inedible-2/ and

USDA Plant Fact Sheet: http://plants.usda.gov/factsheet/pdf/fs_mapo.pdf.

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Buchanan District Library – November 2021



BIG News from Buchanan District Library

Submitted by Sarah Gault, Community Outreach Coordinator Buchanan District Library



BIG NEWS! The Buchanan District Library will change our hours starting November 1st, 2021. This change is in response to data collected during our Strategic Planning Survey last spring. Our new hours will keep us open later in the day, extend our Saturday hours, make effective use of library resources and funding, and encourage a healthy work-life balance for our fantastic staff. Please help us spread the news, and as always, thank YOU for supporting YOUR library!

NEW LIBRARY HOURS
STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST

TUESDAY-FRIDAY | 9AM-7PM

SATURDAY | 10AM-4PM

CLOSED
SUNDAY & MONDAY



BDL New Hours

Meet the Author: Stacey MartinSaturday, November 13th, 11:00am

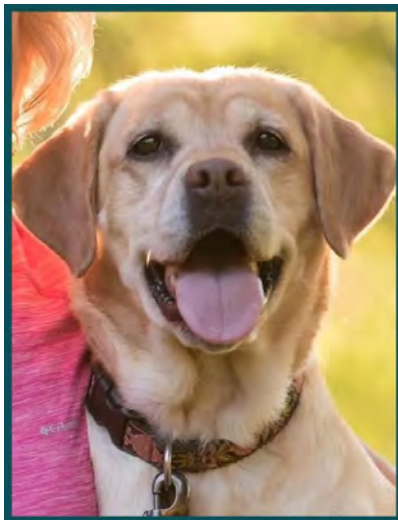
Join local author Stacey Martin to hear about her latest book, *We Grow Kids Here*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Stacey Martin is a Buchanan native who recently stepped down from her executive position as VP of Marketing to stay home and raise her children and pursue her passion as a podcast host and writer. She is the author of two books – *We Grow Kids Here* and *New Girl at Church*.

In addition to marketing, Stacey's professional background includes experience in the political realm in both Lansing and Washington, D.C., a decade of teaching social studies at the secondary education level, and a venture into real estate sales. She is also a blogger, published author, and the creator and host of "The Folks Back Home" podcast – a weekly production highlighting the faces and places of Buchanan. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in History and a Master's Degree of Education in Curriculum and Design.

She is highly involved in her hometown and serves as the Secretary for the Board of Directors for the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce. She received the award of Buchanan's Most Influential Young Leader Under 40 in 2017, was named as one of Moody on the Market's 40 Under 40 recipients in 2019, and was awarded the 2019 Young Business Leader of the Year by the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber. Her latest book, *We Grow Kids Here*, debuted in the Top 50 on Amazon (#42) in the essay category.

She enjoys being a mom to four growing kids (ages 6 months to 12 years), being an active member of Gospel City Church, and exploring the outdoors with her husband, Dave.

**READ WITH JOURNEY THE DOG**

Wednesday, November 17 | 4–5:30pm

Journey the yellow lab, would love to be read to! Sign-up for your 15 minute spot and read to Journey by calling the library, 269-695-3681.



KIDS STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:30am ~ November 3, 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15

Join us for Preschool Story Time at the Library. Come sing, dance, and hear stories! Designed for preschool-aged children, but families with children of all ages are welcome. Don't miss special days like a visit from Santa in December!



ADULT CRAFT WITH CLARE HAGAN

Thursday, November 18 | 10am–Noon

Join crafty library volunteer Clare Hagan to make an winter gnome just in time for the upcoming holidays! All materials will be supplied. Space is limited and sign up is required.

Sign up at the library or by calling 269.695.3681

SMALL TOWN, BIG CHRISTMAS

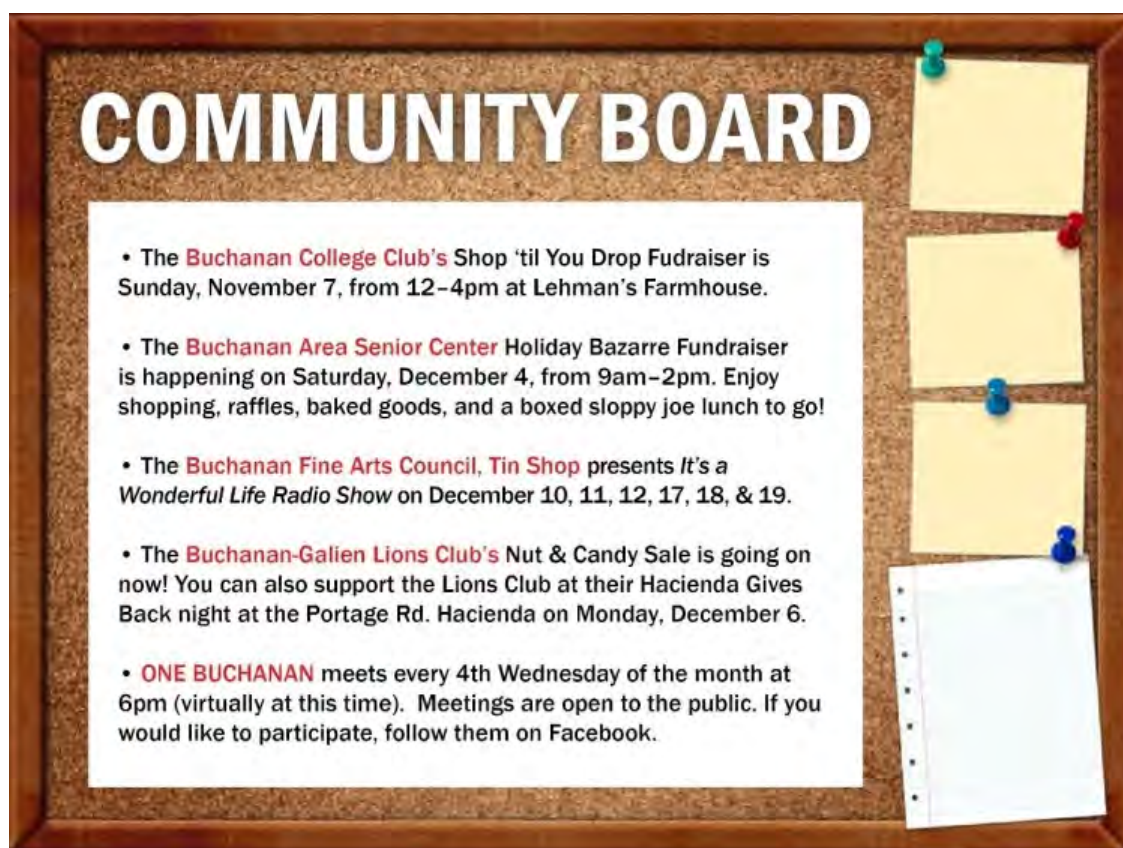
Saturday, November 27th

Big day in Buchanan! Stop by the library for our many activities!



- 1:00-2:30pm: Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Kids area
- 1:00-1:30pm Santa & Mrs. Claus Story Time
- 1:30-2:30 – Decorate a cookie
- 1:30-5:00pm: Make a craft and write a letter to Santa
- 4:00-5:00pm: Visit the LIVE REINDEER outside of the library!
- 5:00pm: Head to the streets to get ready for the 5:30pm Holiday Parade!
- 5:30pm: Parade
- 6:00pm: Lighting at the Commons

PLEASE VISIT OUR COVID-19 PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON LIBRARY POLICIES.



Buchanan District Library Community Board

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!

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

Buchanan District Library

269.695.3681

Contact: Sarah Gault, Community Outreach Coordinator

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s.gault@buchananlibrary.com

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Local Arts – Buchanan Art Center



"Through Their Eyes" exhibit, Photo by Madelyn Kitchell

Buchanan Art Center – "Through Their Eyes"

by Madelyn Kitchell

This week I took an adventure to the Buchanan Art Center downtown. Currently they have an exhibit titled Through Their Eyes which contains photographs by Fred Slaski and Frances Sherwood. The exhibit is dedicated to Fred's late wife Frances Sherwood. I found this exhibit very interesting and would recommend checking it out. It was as though I went on a trip with the two photographers on their travels together.

One of my personal favorites in this exhibit was a landscape photo with a pond, lily pads, and a little "shack" on the land. I loved the reflection on the water and scenery. There are many varying subjects in the photos such as buildings, people, and more. I would recommend going to check out this exhibit.

The art center also has an amazing little gift shop with art from local artists. This would be a great opportunity for those looking to find Christmas gifts while also supporting the local economy. Go check out this exhibit from now until November 6th.



About Buchanan Art Center: The mission of the Buchanan Art Center 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.

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

<http://www.buchananartcenter.com> buchananartcenter@gmail.com
[269-697-4005](tel:269-697-4005)
[117 West Front Street](#)
[Buchanan, MI 48858](#)
[USA](#)



Local Arts – Musician Dave Van Dyke



Dave Van Dyke presents The Nicest Place in America Concert flyer



Dave Van Dyke, a songwriter from Buchanan, Michigan, announces the live premiere of his album **"Small Town Come On Home To Me and Other Seasonal Songs."**

In the summer of 2020, Van Dyke nominated his hometown Buchanan, MI to be chosen as Reader's Digest's **"Nicest Place in America."**

Van Dyke was inspired to write the title song and accompanying tracks after Buchanan **won the contest** and he was featured on national media including **The Mitch Album Program, The BBC and The Today Show.**

"Small Town Come On Home To Me and Other Seasonal Songs." was written and recorded at Davis Studios in South Bend, IN during the shut down.

A Chat With Local Buchanan Musician Dave Van Dyke

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

If you attended the summer concerts down at the Common, there's a good chance you heard Dave Van Dyke's song, "Small Town Come on Home to me." Perhaps you did not hear it. However, you are in luck because there are a few concerts the week of Thanksgiving to hear Dave Van Dyke & Friends performing (details at the end of article). Dave has a new album out, a Christmas album that is, titled Small Town Come on Home to Me & Other Songs. It was just released on October 15, 2021. I had the pleasure of talking with him and learned about his inspiration for music and the stories behind the songs on this album.

So, how did Dave Van Dyke get inspired to write and perform music? It was his Dad, John Van Dyke who is also a musician and plays alongside Dave in the Van Dyke Revue Band. The Beatles and Michael Jackson were his favorites. When you see Dave perform, he plays a number of instruments. His favorite to play is the guitar, dulcimer, banjo and bagpipes. He's been playing the bagpipes for the last 2 years and has been told that when he plays it outside others can hear it from quite a ways and some canter that goes along with it. Writing music can take him 20 minutes for short songs and for the album, 2 weeks to write and 3 months to record.

There are a couple of songs that surprised him on the reviews that he has received. No Xmas Songs Before Halloween was a song that he didn't like. However, it is popular. I am sure that you can figure out what the song is about just based on the title of it, and there is no guitar in it. And then his favorite song, George Bailey Never Left Home, is his favorite but it didn't turn out to be popular. "This is my favorite song on the album, and the first one I wrote specifically for the project. One of our favorite movies is "It's a Wonderful Life." I was insistent everyone sing the chorus," Dave stated in his liner notes. I could sympathize with him as I recently watched a documentary on a singer and they talked about what songs you think people will like and then those songs don't get that kind of response.

Dave wrote this album during the pandemic because he was bored and couldn't teach or do gigs. He practices everyday in the morning and recording was held at Davis Studios in South Bend, IN. You can access his songs on Spotify/Amazon Music along with his QR Code.

Some last words from Dave: "Come to the show and buy the album."

To purchase tickets: <http://www.tinshoptheatre.org/reservations.html>

For more information: www.vandykerevue.org

Performance Times for THE NICEST PLACE IN AMERICA CONCERT with Dave Van Dyke &

Friends:

- **Wednesday, November 24 7:00 pm**
- **Friday, November 26 7:00 pm**
- **Saturday, November 27 (following the tree lighting ceremony)**

The Tin Shop Theatre ~ 108 E. Roe ~ Buchanan, MI 49107



Upcoming Event – Small Town Big Christmas 2021



Small Town Big Christmas Returns for 2021



Small Town Big Christmas 2021 flyer

The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and The City of Buchanan are excited to bring our small town, Buchanan, this event. For more details on where each event is held, click on this link: [Small Town Big Christmas information](https://thebuchananchronicle.com/wp-content/uploa...).

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and The City of Buchanan
- *Where:* Downtown Buchanan
- *What:* **Small Town Big Christmas**
- *When:* Saturday, November 27, 2021



EVENT LINEUP

Come for the shopping...stay for Santa!

1-5pm

Shop Special Deals at Downtown Stores
Holiday Vendors at Farmer's Market
Fernwood Wreath Building
Artist Market & Activities at the Art Center
Cookies, Crafts, Santa & Mrs. Claus at The Library
Live Reindeer
Storefront Decoration Contest

5pm - Kids Costume Contest at Duck Pond

5:30pm - Parade on Front Street

6pm - Lighting Ceremony at Common

6:30pm - Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus

***ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS MUST LINE UP AT DUCK
POND PARKING LOT AT 5PM**



Small Town Big Christmas 2021 Events flyer

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324 Dewey St, Suite 202

Buchanan, MI 49107
USA

Upcoming Event – Veterans Day 2021



Buchanan Events for Veterans Day 2021

Buchanan, MI – November 11, 2021



Algonquin Chapter
St. Joe/Benton Harbor

Presents:

Veterans Day 2021

11:00 a.m. November 11

On the Bluff, St. Joe

DAR Annual Veterans Day wreath
laying ceremony in tribute to the
100th Anniversary of the
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



One Hundred Years of Sacrifice

1921 - 2021



Stuart Aspinall, a Tomb Guard
from 2018 - 2020, will be present
at all of these functions. You will
hear about his assignment and
duties as well as the history of
**The Tomb of the
Unknown Soldier.**



58900 Cherry Grove Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Presentation at Lyons
Auditorium: 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021**



Buchanan American Legion

403 E Front St. Buchanan, MI 49107

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 11, 2021

**Buchanan
Community Schools**

Student Presentation

1:45 p.m.

Friday, November 12

Students Only



Mendel Center 2:00 p.m.

Free Veteran Photos 1-1:45

Lake Michigan College

2555 E. Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Sunday, November 14



Southshore Concert Band

Director, Dale Reuss

Veterans Day Program

An afternoon of
Patriotic Music
and the story of
**The Tomb
of the
Unknown
Soldier**

LMC Mendel Center

Sunday - Nov 14

2:00 p.m.

**5 Separate Activities
Donations Appreciated**

**All Events are FREE and
Open to the Public** (except High School)

**For Information:
269-429-2098**

Buchanan Area Events Veterans Day 2021 flyer

- 5 Separate Activities
- Donations Appreciated
- All Events FREE and open to the Public (except BCS 11/12 presentation)
- Special Guest *Stuart Aspinall*
- For information: 269-429-2098

- 11/10 – 6pm ~ Dowagiac Lyons Auditorium
 - *Presentation*

- 11/11 – 11am ~ On the Bluff St. Joe
 - *DAR Annual Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony in tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.*
 - *Stuart Aspinall, a Tomb Guard 2018-2020, will be present, you can hear about his assignment and duties, as well as the history of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.*
- 11/11 – 5pm ~ Buchanan American Legion
 - *Presentation*
- 11/12 – 1:45pm ~ Buchanan Community Schools
 - *Student Presentation (students only)*
- 11/14 – 2pm ~ LMC Mendal Center
 - *Southshore Concert Band presents an afternoon of Patriotic Music and the story of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.*

About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter:

Chapter History – The Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR, Three Oaks, Michigan, was organized July 9, 1909, with a membership of seventeen. It was chartered December 21, 1909, with fourteen members. Since Three Oaks had secured the Dewey Cannon at the close of the Spanish-American War, it was decided to name the Chapter after Admiral Dewey's great grandmother. Rebecca Dewey Chapter NSDAR currently has 30 Members.

Dewey Cannon – This cannon, captured in the Spanish-American War by Admiral Dewey, was presented to Three Oaks when its citizens raised \$1,400 for a memorial to the men of the battleship Maine. This was the largest contribution, per capita, of any community in the nation. "Three Oaks Against the World," a local paper proudly boasted. This park was dedicated October 17, 1899, by President William McKinley, and others. Presentation of the cannon took place on June 28, 1900. Guest of honor was Helen Miller Gould, called the Spanish-American War's "Florence Nightingale." Thousands of people were in attendance on each occasion.

<http://www.dar.org>

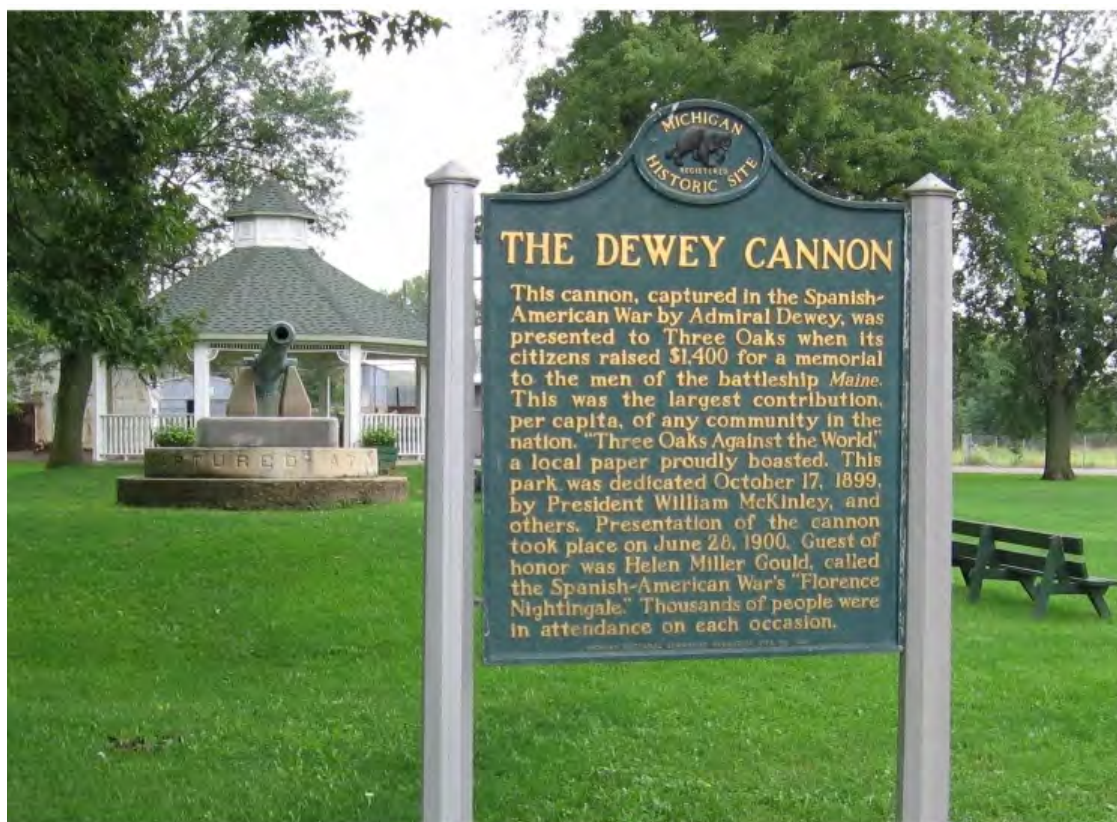
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter

Contact: Kathleen Avery Alton, Chapter Regent

<http://www.dewey.michdar.net>

rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com

Three Oaks, MI 49128



Historic Marker "The Dewey Cannon", Three Oaks, MI

Special Word of Thanks – Cans for Veterans



Boxes for collecting Cans for Veterans, Photo by Garrick Stubblefield

I want to thank again all the people that helped me in the can support for our local veterans of Buchanan. I also want to thank the local businesses that participated in the collection event (Buchanan Hardings, Buchanan Redbud Hardware, Buchanan District Library, and Buchanan Area Senior Center). With all the collection of cans and bottles we were able to raise \$750 in donations to be shared with local veterans. So please give yourself and a fellow neighbor a big thank you.

~ Garrick Stubblefield

Also keep an eye out for when we put the boxes out for collection again next year! Thank you all so much again for helping us honor our local veterans.

~ The Buchanan Chronicle Team

Mayor's Memo – Good News



Buchanan Good News

by Mayor Sean Denison

There are so many good things happening in Buchanan right now it's hard to list all of them, but I wanted to update the readers on just a few highlights:

- The new wastewater treatment facility is nearing completion and will soon be coming online.
- This year we have seen 5 new homes being built in the city limits. This after not having any housing starts in over 2 years in Buchanan, and is a strong economic indicator of good things to come!
- City Hall is full of bright new talent. From the City Manager to the new Chamber of Commerce Director/Main Street Manager.
- New computers and new software have replaced outdated equipment at City Hall, making things easier for city staff and residents alike.
- The new DPW building project is making great progress and its footprint will soon be unveiled.
- The Buchanan Area Recreation Board has combined their efforts with 2 new Buchanan Township members in an effort to make a lasting impact on all of our local parks.

This is a very small list, and there is so much more to be proud of. Thank you to all the City Staff, DPW workers and volunteer organizations that continue to work hard to make Life Better Here!

Thank you, see you around town,

Sean Denison, Mayor
sdenison@cityofbuchanan.com
Buchanan City Hall
302 N Redbud Trail
Buchanan, MI 49107
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Mayor Sean Denison, Spring 2021. Photo submitted by Sean Denison

BCS Superintendent's Note – November 2021



Superintendent of Schools
Phone: 269-695-8401 Fax: 269-695-8450
401 West Chicago Street Buchanan, Michigan 49107

"Educating students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical, and social and emotional lives."

A Note from BCS Superintendent

by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent

Buck Families,

The first nine weeks are completed and students have had a full array of engaging activities that have allowed for everyone to be energized for the school year. As a district, we remain committed and focused on our vision: to develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society, our mission: educating students for life-long success in their Civic, Academic, Physical and Social/Emotional Lives and our beliefs: to provide a safe, supportive, respectful environment, to provide opportunities for all students, to support student growth and achievement and to foster cooperative relationships among students, families, stakeholders and community members. With these areas as our guiding principles we will have what is needed to ensure all learners are successful.

Academics

Within the first few weeks of school, students in grades K-8 participated in an assessment called NWEA/ MAPs. This assessment is an adaptive achievement and growth test. It creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level—precisely measuring progress and growth for each individual student.

Parent teacher conferences took place during this period. Parents had opportunities to meet with their child's teachers allowing for ongoing dialogue about the child.

Other News

We held our first Superintendent and Buck Parent Conversation meeting this month. Parents and community members are invited and encouraged to attend. You do not need to stay the entire time but feel free to come and share thoughts or ideas. Our next meeting will be held December 8, 2021 at Buchanan Middle School from 4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

We were honored to have Hannah Roberts attend the homecoming event with us. Her presence made this year's event extra special and we are grateful that she took time out of her schedule to spend it with us.

Buck Appreciation is a way that we show our sincere gratitude for Buchanan Community Staff members. One of those nominated will receive a 50.00 appreciation gift. You can nominate someone by going to our website, scrolling down and clicking on the link in the Buck Staff Recognition section. Here you will find the nomination form.

Athletics

As fall athletics are coming to a close, please visit our website for the latest athletic information.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please feel free to contact our main office at 269-695-8400 or visit our website for more information.



SCAN ME

As always, Go Bucks!

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat L. Robinson'.

Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools

The Clark Barker – Issue 15



Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back!

So, that time of year is here as I have been told by my humans that we gain another hour of sleep and we know this as "Daylight Savings Time Ends" tomorrow, Sunday, November 7, 2021. Before you go to bed tonight, reset those manual clocks or some of your digital clocks – if they don't do them on their own an hour back. Oh and also, change the batteries in the smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. I hope that your kid(s) will feel refreshed on

Monday when they wake up for school. Hey now, does this mean that my eating times get pushed back too? Oh man, "Woof!"



BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021, Photo from BCS

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

- 6 Letter –
 - SCRAPE
 - SCRAP
 - CRAP
 - RAP
 - AR
 - A

 - 5 Letter –
 - PLANE
 - PLAN
 - PAN
 - AN
 - A

 - 4 Letter –
 - CAPE
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 - PA
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 - 3 Letter –
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Past Event – HCU & Chippewa Project



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Honor Credit Union Sponsors Chippewa Project at the NODE

**Submitted and written-up by Karol Behrle, HCU Community Assistant Vice President, and Rebecka Hoyt,
The Buchanan Chronicle Editor & Photographer**

On a Thursday evening of October 21, 2021 Honor Credit Union decided to make a big splash in Niles at one of their "Third Thursdays". The band to perform: CHIPPEWA PROJECT! This concert was to be outside at the NODE (Niles Outdoor Dining Experience) on the corner of 2nd and Main Streets – kiddy corner from the Nuggett Bar & Grille. However, with the never-ending rain, Karol Behrle, Honor Credit Union Community Assistant Vice President, contacted Niles City officials to see where the band could play, as the show must go on! Low and behold, just a block-and-a-half-away, they found themselves inside Front Street Pizza Pub on 510 N. Front Street in Niles.



The Chippewa Project performing at NODE, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

As many people know, the band is from Buchanan. Michael Rowland – CEO of Michigan Gateway Community Foundation is in the band as well as another well-known person from Buchanan, Richard Martin. Despite it being a rainy and cold evening, a good crowd filled up the pizza pub as the music uplifted them while enjoying their tasty entrees, snacks, beverages, friendships and community.

Honor Credit Union representatives handed out swag for a couple of hours. They also partnered with two restaurants/Honor businesses in downtown Niles.



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is proud to serve more than 91,000 members across the state of Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities it serves remains the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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

Now That's Funny! – Tongue Twisters Day



Tongue Twisters National Day ~ November 8

Enjoy a few below:

- How can a clam cram in a cream can?
- If a dog chews shoes, whose shoes does he choose?
- Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread.
- A skunk sat on a stump, the skunk thought the stump stunk, the stump thought the skunk stunk. But they both stunk.

Upcoming Event – BACC Reverse Raffle 2021



Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle 2021

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

REVERSE RAFFLE

Only 200 tickets available - \$40 per ticket
11 cash prizes & local merchant gift cards
(Last ticket drawn = \$1,000)



Talk to any Chamber of Commerce board
member for more info. or to purchase a ticket.
Drawing date: November 17, 2021 – 5:30pm

License # R61855

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle flyer

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce
- *What:* **Reverse Raffle**
- *When:* **Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 5:30pm** (drawing)
 - Tickets will be sold until they sell out! Selling fast!
 - Contact any BACC Board Member to purchase.
- Questions and Information Contact:
 - **Karol Behrle**, Committee Chairperson
 - karolbehrle@comcast.net

- 269-325-1005

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Remembering – Obituary Audrey Jean Hayden



**Buchanan Loss • Obituary Audrey Jean Hayden • Oct. 29
2021**



Audrey Jean Hayden, Photo provided by Wagner Family Funerals

Name	Age	Born	Died
Audrey Jean Hayden	87	July 26, 1934	October 29, 2021

“Audrey Jean Hayden, age 87, of Cassopolis, died peacefully Friday, October 29, 2021.

Her life began July 26, 1934 in Washington, Pennsylvania one of two daughters born to Harry and Jeanette Fulton. She married Richard Wallace Hayden, Jr. December 27, 1958. After almost sixty-three years of marriage, he preceded her in death November 18, 2020

After Audrey's early career as a school teacher in South Bend and having the three boys, she and Richard decided that a “stay at home mom” was the best option, as they built their new home in Buchanan and relocated. Quickly Audrey became active in the small country church down the road, Oronoko Methodist Church, where she served in various capacities over 20+ years, including playing the piano and organ for worship services, directing the children's choir, leading the Christmas play and teaching Sunday School each week. She served several years in Cub Scouts with the boys, was in a quilting and knitting group and always “running the boys around” for various sports, band, or other activities. She continued this heart of servanthood when they moved to North Carolina, becoming very involved in local church music and choir, as well as many other organizations. She and Richard LOVED to travel the country, and had visited every US State and Canadian province with the motorhome, except Hawaii.

Audrey will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by three sons, Ronald (Elayne) Hayden of Cassopolis, Harry Hayden of Buchanan, Alan (Stephanie) Hayden of Guide Rock, Nebraska; six grandchildren, Rick (Jenna) Hayden, Cameron Hayden, Chelcie Hayden, Cody Hayden, Tyler Strobl, Kaycie Strobl; four great grandchildren, Henry Hayden, Samuel Hayden, Lane Ruth, Dakota Ruth; sister, Marge Miller of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents.

The family will observe a private remembrance at this time but may hold a Memorial Service on a date and at a time to be announced.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a

memory or a message online, click here to view her obituary: wagnercares.com.”



www.wagnercares.com

Now That's Funny! – Issue 15



by Thomas Hoyt

The other day, not too long ago, I got a call from my mom asking me to go pick up a prescription for her. I was sure she said the pharmacy was Walgreen's. So, after dinner that evening, I went out to Walgreen's to get her prescription. I get there and the pharmacist tells me they do not have any prescription ready for my mom. Hmmmmmm... I give my mom a call and ask if the pharmacy is Walgreen's or Walmart. She tells me it is Walmart. DOH! 🤔

Later this same evening, I'm getting ready for bed which includes taking my meds and pouring distilled water into my CPAP. As I'm going to pour the distilled water into my CPAP, I notice no water is coming out of the container. I was puzzled, shook the container to confirm there was indeed water in there, and tried to pour it again. Then it hit me, I hadn't taken the cap off the container before pouring it! 🤔🤔🤔

Keep laughing folks! 😊

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

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

1. FALL
 2. ALL
 3. BRAKE
 4. BEAM
-

Community Press Release – Office of Governor Whitmer



Refund Checks for Michiganders

State of Michigan – November 1, 2021

Dear Michigander,

I wanted to take a moment to make sure you saw today's exciting news:

Today, I called on the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) to deliver refund checks to every Michigander with auto insurance.



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LANSING

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LT. GOVERNOR

November 1, 2021

R. Kevin Clinton
Executive Director
Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association
17584 N. Laurel Park Dr.
Livonia, MI 48152

Dear Mr. Clinton,

My office recently reviewed the Annual Report of the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) to the Legislature issued in September 2021. The report stated that the MCCA had a surplus of \$2.4 billion at the end of 2020. In your annual statement issued on June 30, 2021, the surplus is now \$5 billion. I am calling on you today to refund money to Michiganders.

As we stay laser-focused on growing our economy and ushering in a new era of prosperity, we need to use every resource we have to help people thrive. These refunds will help us continue to put Michiganders first and drive down costs for working families.

The surplus reflects premium overcharges and is partly a reflection of the cost-saving measures implemented in the historic, bipartisan no-fault reform legislation I signed into law in 2019. Since then, many Michiganders have experienced financial hardships during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Now is not the time for the MCCA to withhold money owed to Michiganders. I urge you to move swiftly to return the surplus funds to policyholders in the form of lump-sum checks.

Billions in surplus funds should not be held by insurers to invest for their own profit or be conditioned on the renewal of a policy. **The surplus belongs to Michigan policyholders and should promptly be returned directly to them in full, in the form of refund checks.**

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

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www.michigan.gov
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This refund is available in part because of the historic, bipartisan auto insurance reform I signed into law in 2019 and would return money to every Michigander with auto insurance.

The over \$5 billion surplus accumulated by the MCCA belongs to Michiganders and should be put in people's pockets immediately with a refund check. As we stay-laser focused on growing our economy and ushering in a new era of prosperity, we need to use every resource we have to help people thrive. A refund check to working families will help us continue to put Michiganders first and make a real difference in people's lives.

To read the full letter I wrote to the MCCA, you can [follow this link](#) or click on the photo included in this email. I am proud to fight for lower costs on behalf of all Michiganders and will continue to put Michigan families first.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

Remembering – Issue 15



Buchanan Losses • 10/11-11/5

Name	Age	Born	Died
Melody Kay Weaver	80	June 18, 1941	November 4, 2021
Mary O'Bryant Wawrzynczak	62	March 31, 1959	October 31, 2021
Olive Rose Critzer	82	December 29, 1938	October 30, 2021
William J. Karpinski Jr.	85	June 9, 1936	October 31, 2021
Donald W. Holmes	94	September 29, 1927	October 23, 2021
Lewis "Joe" Leroy Hostetler Sr.	82	May 30, 1939	October 23, 2021
Mary Jane Fagras Georgen	91	January 10, 1930	October 18, 2021
Carl "Jack" Runyan	88	July 18, 1933	October 18, 2021
Mildred F. "Millie" Olmstead	89	September 25, 1932	October 15, 2021
Chester Arthur Patton	93	August 22, 1928	October 15, 2021

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

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

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

Community Press Release – DAR



Grave Rededication in Dowagiac

Eau Claire, MI – October 15, 2021

The Rebecca Dewey Chapter of Three Oaks met Sunday, October 10th at the Allen Cemetery in Silver Creek Township, Dowagiac for the grave rededication of American Revolution patriot James Selleck and his wife Chloe Rider Selleck. The event was a culmination of over three years of research by Chapter Registrar Mary Ellen Drolet, Treasurer Teri Showalter, and Chapter Historian Carol Kent, along with the physical repairs of the broken headstones completed by Regent Kathleen Avery Alton and her husband David. Honored guests included State Historian Pamela Pillow Hotary and State Director Christy Moore Saniga. Visiting Regents from the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph Algonquin Chapter Sylvia Fagal and Elizabeth Kraatz of the Lucinda Hinsdale Chapter. Chapter President of the Col. Westnedge Sons of the American Revolution, Stephen Wales and President Geoffrey Hickock from the Sons of the Revolution of Michigan gave greetings. The Dowagiac VFW Post 1855 provided the Colors, taps and salute. C.A.R. of Michigan representatives included State President Mr. James Kraatz, and Miss Deborah Ditz, President, Ki-ka-ma-sung Chapter.

Cookies, cider, and fellowship were enjoyed by all. For further information about NSDAR, contact rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com.

See photo below.



Grave Rededication at Allen Cemetery, Photo submitted by DAR

[About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter:](#)

Chapter History – The Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR, Three Oaks, Michigan, was organized July 9, 1909, with a membership of seventeen. It was chartered December 21, 1909, with fourteen members. Since Three Oaks had secured the Dewey Cannon at the close of the Spanish-American War, it was decided to name the Chapter after Admiral Dewey's great grandmother. Rebecca Dewey Chapter NSDAR currently has 30 Members.

Dewey Cannon – This cannon, captured in the Spanish-American War by Admiral Dewey, was presented to Three Oaks when its citizens raised \$1,400 for a memorial to the men of the battleship *Maine*. This was the largest contribution, per capita, of any community in the nation. "Three Oaks Against the World," a local paper proudly boasted. This park was dedicated October 17, 1899, by President William McKinley, and others. Presentation of the cannon took place on June 28, 1900. Guest of honor was Helen Miller Gould, called the Spanish-American War's "Florence Nightingale." Thousands of people were in attendance on each occasion.

<http://www.dar.org>

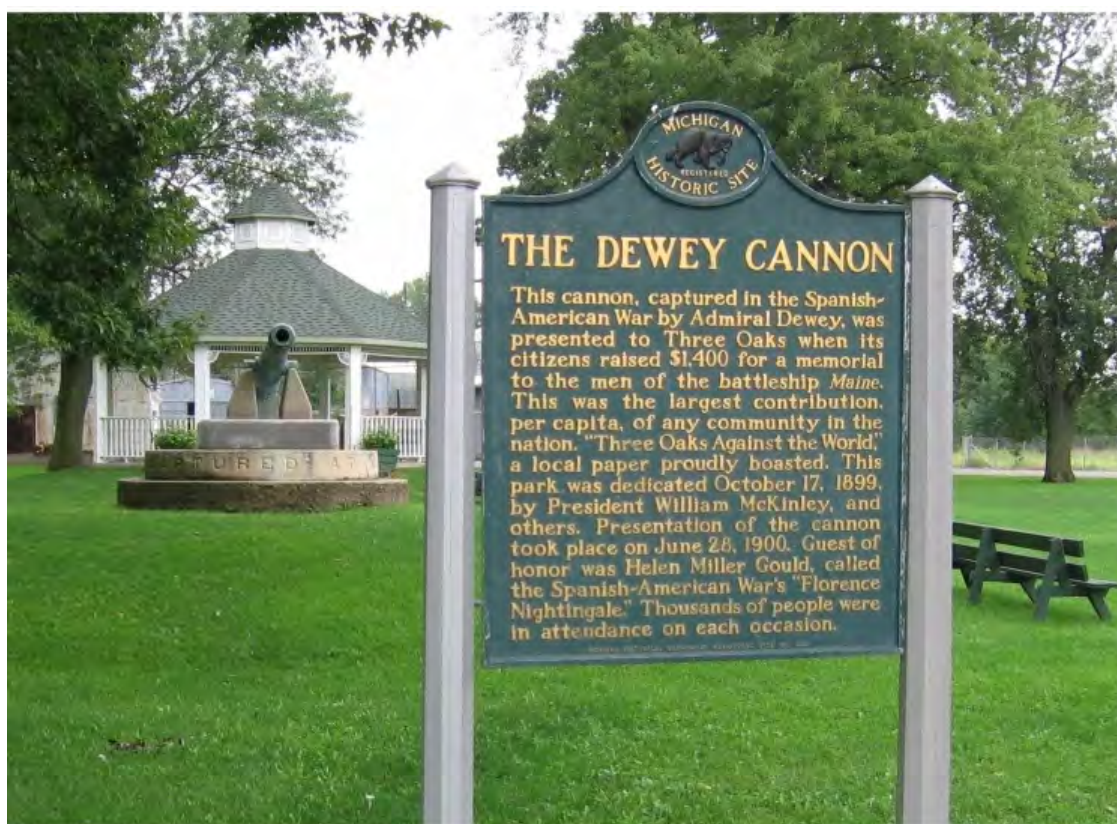
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter

Contact: Kathleen Avery Alton, Chapter Regent

<http://www.dewey.michdar.net>

rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com

Three Oaks, MI 49128



Historic Marker "The Dewey Cannon", Three Oaks, MI

Community Press Release – Buchanan-Galien Lions Annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser



Smiles at the Packaging Event, Photo submitted by Alice Kring

Buchanan-Galien Lions package product for Annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser

Write-up and photos submitted by Alice Kring, Treasurer



The Buchanan-Galien Lions packaged product for their Annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser on the evenings of October 27th and 28th.

Candy and Nut distribution stands will start being set up October 29th and sales will continue until all product is sold.

Lions Club "Special Thanks" to XPO Logistics, Buchanan American Legion, and our local businesses who host a sales stand.

And of course- Thanks to our local communities, families and friends who purchase and enjoy our product.

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



About Buchanan-Galien Lions Club: Buchanan-Galien Lion's Club has been serving the community for more than 75 years. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Buchanan American Legion Hall – to learn more about becoming a Lion, contact us. Buchanan-Galien Lion's Club is a part of Lion's Club International, the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs in 192 countries and geographical areas. Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Lions extend their commitment beyond sight conservation through countless local efforts that include youth outreach programs, improving the environment, building homes for the disabled, and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

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

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

Local Places – BASC



Upcoming Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Below are some programs for BASC November calendar:

The Berrien County Health Department will be hosting a COVID-19 Booster Clinic at the Buchanan Area Senior Center on Thursday, December 2, from 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Please call the BASC at 269-695-7119 to schedule your booster shot.

Learn more about identifying the leading causes of most falls, steps to prevent falls, plus more at the Buchanan Area Senior Center on Tuesday, November 16, at 10:00 am.

Receive help with technology and social media at Cyber Seniors on Wednesday, November 10, at 12:15 pm located at the Buchanan Area Senior Center.

Conversations with Friends Ft. Herb Boyersmith on Friday, November 5, at 2:00 pm.

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

Buchanan Area Senior Center - November 2021 Calendar				
Exercise / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
¹ 10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg	² 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 11:00 GrandPad Orientation & Training 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	³ 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 9:00 Coffee Chat 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	⁴ 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Tic 1:30 Tai Chi for Balance	⁵ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 11:00 People Inspiring People 1:00 Fiber Friends 2:00 Conversations with Friends Ft. Herb Boyersmith
⁸ 10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg	⁹ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing Veteran Support Pinning Ceremony Call 695-7119 to reserve your time slot.	¹⁰ 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 12:15 Cyber Seniors 6:00 Pinochle	¹¹ VETERANS DAY 9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 11:00 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Tic 1:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 1:30 Tai Chi for Balance 3:00 Board Meeting	¹² 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Miracle on 34th Street
¹⁵ 10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Craft Class: Snowman Painting	¹⁶ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:00 Fall Prevention 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 Hearing Aid Clinic	¹⁷ 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:00 Quarterly TEFAP Commodities 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	¹⁸ 9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 10:30 Book Club 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Tic 1:30 Tai Chi for Balance	¹⁹ 9:00 Field Trip: South Bend South Bend Chocolate Factory 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 11:30 Lunch Bunch 1:00 Fiber Friends
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²⁹ 10:00 Line Dancing with Linda 11:15 Chair Exercise with Linda 12:30 Ice Cream Social 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg	³⁰ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	Medicare Open Enrollment Oct. 15—Dec. 7 MMAP Counselors at the BASC Call to schedule your appointment 	Reserve your seat with the BASC for the Christmas play at the Tin Shop Theatre on Sun. Dec. 12. Call 695-7119 to reserve your seat by Nov. 19, \$10 See page 8 for more information.	Be an Ambassador for the BASC at Fernwood's Festival of Lights. Call 695-7119 to volunteer. See page 8 for more information.
TIME CHANGE—NOVEMBER 7—TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR				

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BASC November Calendar

Buchanan Area Senior Center
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adam@thebasc.org, Adam Burck, Executive Director
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 Buchanan, MI 49107
 USA

Community Press Release – Berrien County Road Closures



BERRIEN COUNTY
ROAD DEPARTMENT

Madron Lake Road Closure

Berrien County, MI – October 27, 2021



- **CONTACT:** Adri Boone – Berrien County Road Department Administrative Assistant
 - aboone@bcroad.org – 269-925-1196 ext. 4410
- **TOWNSHIP:** Buchanan Township
- **LOCATION:** Madron Lake Road, between Miller Road and Wagner Road
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Buchanan
- **START DATE:** Tuesday, 10/26/2021
- **ESTIMATED END DATE:** TBD – Pending contractor repairs to culvert and road
- **PROJECT:** The Berrien County Road Department will be working to replace a crosstube located on Madron Lake Road, between Miller Road and Wagner Road.
- **SAFETY BENEFITS:** This project will extend the life and operation of the Madron Lake Drain. Crosstube replacement will provide structural stability to the road and assure safety to the traveling public.
- **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Madron Lake Road will be closed to thru traffic where culvert replacement and associated work zone is located. Closure will be in place until repair work has been completed and road can be reopened for public passage.
 - Please seek alternative routes until work is completed.
- **RECOMMENDED DETOUR ROUTE:** The recommended detour route will be Miller Road to Broceus School Road to Madron Lake Road/Bakertown Road.

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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2860 E. Napier Ave.

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 15



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 10/5 – 10/25

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	3
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	8
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	0
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	1
Aggravated Assault	0
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	2
Family/Other	1
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	1
Intimidation/Stalking	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	0
Damage to Property	1
Liquor Violations	0
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	1
Disorderly Conduct	0
Weapons Offense	0
Public Peace / Other	17
OUIL	0
Driving Law Violations	3
Health and Safety	2
Trespass	2
Juvenile Complaints	3
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	5
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Property Checks	4
Alarms	12

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	9
Suspicious Situations	14
Lost/Found Property	8
Natural Death	0
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	25
General Assist	66
Ordinance Violations	19
Missing Person	0
VCSA	0

Total Calls 10/5 – 10/25 : 211



Police Points

Community Press Release – Berrien County Road Closures



BERRIEN COUNTY
ROAD DEPARTMENT

Walton Road Bridge Temporary Closure

Berrien County, MI – November 3, 2021

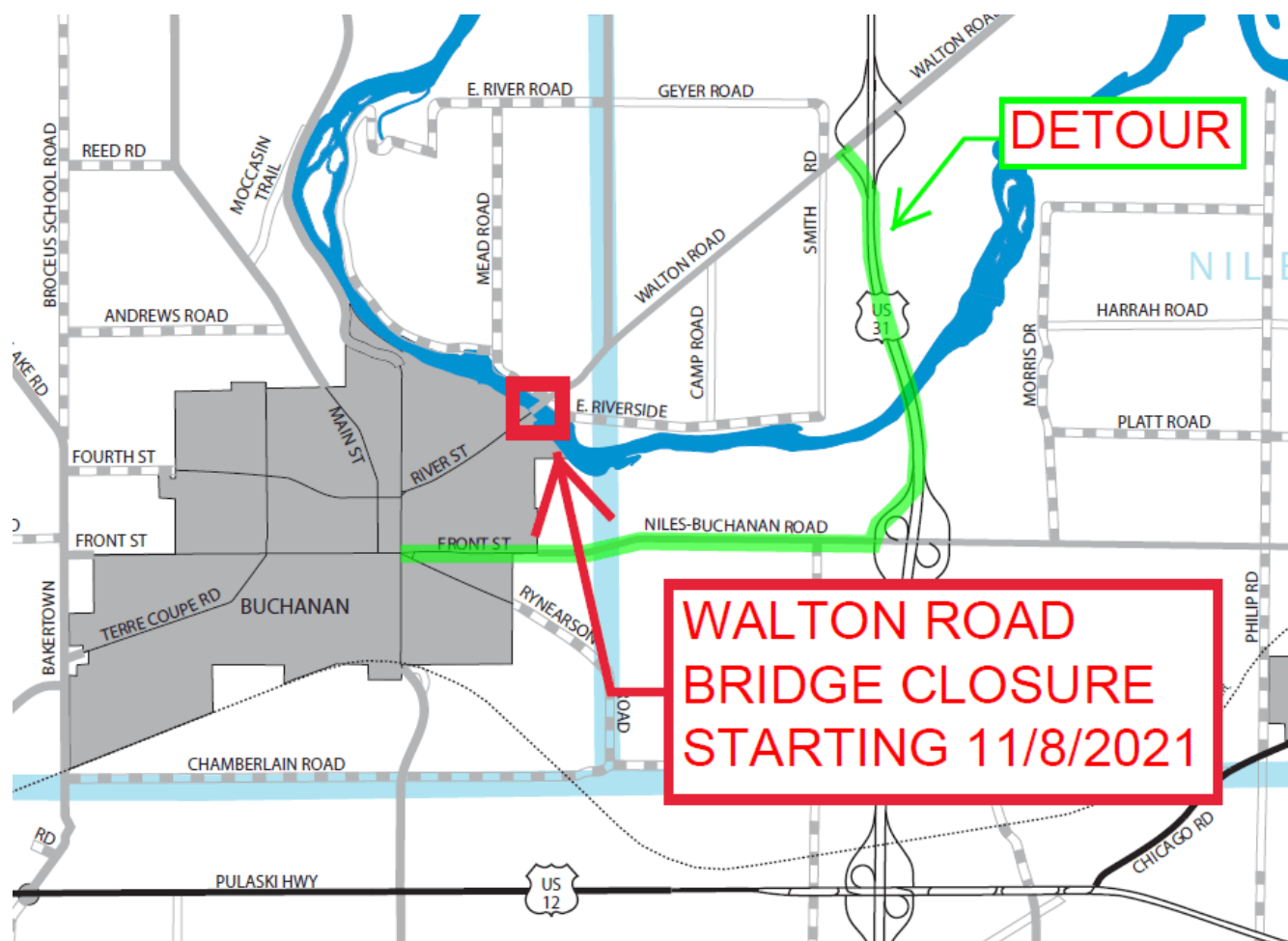


- **WALTON ROAD BRIDGE TEMPORARY CLOSURE**

- **TOWNSHIP:** Buchanan Township
- **LOCATION(s):** Walton Road Bridge over the St Joseph River
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Buchanan, Niles
- **START DATE:** Monday, November 8, 2021
- **END DATE:** Friday, November 19, 2021*
 - *Work, contractor and weather dependent
- **PROJECT:** A contractor will be working to prepare the Walton Road Bridge for future bridge maintenance. Crews will be working to lower stone to the piers below the bridge. For the safety of crews and the traveling public, the bridge will be closed during this activity. Additional bridge work is anticipated to take place during the 2022 construction season.
- **Traffic Restrictions:** Walton Road Bridge will be closed to all thru traffic over the St Joseph River. Work is anticipated to take approximately 2 weeks to complete.
- **DETOUR Route:** Walton Road to US-31 to Niles-Buchanan Road.

Please seek alternative routes or utilize the signed detour route until bridge has been reopened to thru traffic.

[One page PDF with location and detour map](#)



Walton Road Bridge Closure Map from Berrien County Road Department

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Community Press Release – City of Buchanan



New Clerk Joins the Team at Buchanan City Hall



Kalla Langston, Photo
from City of
Buchanan

Buchanan, Michigan – November 2, 2021

The City of Buchanan welcomes our new City Clerk, Kalla Langston.

The role of City Clerk serves as a dedicated clerk to the City Commission, is responsible for overseeing all elections and voter registration in the city, as well as managing cemetery deeds and records of burial.

Ms. Langston brings experience and energy to the City Clerk position having served four years as a Deputy Clerk at Lincoln Charter Township in Stevensville, where she became an Accredited Election Official. She brings expertise on running elections and maintaining voter rolls to the City of Buchanan. Says Kalla, "I look forward to serving the City of Buchanan. I'm passionate about voter education and keeping the public informed and up-to-date." Ms. Langston also brings her extensive knowledge on cemetery management and record maintenance for burials.

Ms. Langston is a native to Southwest Michigan having grown up in Bridgman. She now lives in Berrien Township with her husband, two children and their two German Shepherd dogs. Ms. Langston is excited to get to know the community and explore all the great things the City of Buchanan has to offer. Says Langston, "My door is always open."

Ashley Regal ~ Chamber Executive Director / Main Street Manager
City of Buchanan, 302 North Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107
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City Commission Meeting Agenda • October 11 2021

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

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

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

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

The Buchanan City Commission met for their Monday meeting October 11th 2021 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

Begin Agenda:**MONDAY, October 11, 2021 – 7:00 PM****I. Call to Order****II. Recognition / Invocation****III. Pledge of Allegiance****IV. Roll Call****V. Approve Agenda****VI. Public Comment – Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)****VII. Consent Agenda – (can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)****1. Approve Meeting Minutes**

- September 27, 2021, Regular Meeting

2. Approve Expenditures for October 11, 2021, in the amount of \$_____

- Expenditures to be submitted separately, once finalized.

3. Accept Staff Activity Reports

- Period Ending October 9, 2021

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)**1. Rick Paniagua, Cannavista Wellness – Requesting approval of use of The Common for a family-friendly concert on October 29th (~3pm-6pm).****2. Kotz Sangster- City Attorneys request a Closed Session:**

- Consider motion to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 (h) to consider matters subject to attorney-client privilege.
- Consider motion to re-enter open session.
- Consider motion/s, if any, related to Closed Session attorney-client privileged matters, potentially including:
 - Ethics Policies- Consider proposed ethics policies developed by the City Attorney.
 - Land Development Policy- Consider adoption of a Land Development Policy regarding City-owned real property, as developed by the City Attorney.
 - City Manager Review- Consider selecting the method for performing City Manager Grace's annual performance review, as discussed by the City Attorney.
 - Parking Ordinances- Consider possible revisions to the City's parking ordinances, as discussed by the City Attorney.
 - DDA Loan Restructuring Request- Consider possible restructuring of prior DDA loans, as discussed by the City Attorney.
 - Adult Use Ordinance Revisions- Consider possible revisions of the City's Adult Use marihuana ordinance to allow for vaping and/or smoking of marihuana in specific locations during approved temporary marihuana events, as discussed by the City Attorney.

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards**1. Community Development Department Reports**

- Rich Murphy
 - Community Development Director Rich Murphy will provide a brief update and also request consideration of a Façade Grant Application submission by Redbud Hardware.
- Ashley Regal
 - Chamber Executive Director/Main Street Manager Ashley Regal will formally introduce herself to the City Commission and public and provide a brief update.
- Kalla Langston
 - Pursuant to Section 4.12 of the Buchanan City Charter, City Manager Heather Grace has appointed Kalla Langston, former deputy clerk for Lincoln Township, to serve as the City Clerk for the City of Buchanan. This appointment shall take immediate effect, though Ms. Langston will not be joining the City staff on a full-time basis until after her two-week notice period with Lincoln Township has ended.

2. Public Safety Department Report

- Police
 - Public Safety Director/Police Chief Tim Ganus will provide a brief public safety report.
- Fire
 - Ganus will also provide an update relating to the Fire Department and their recent grant request.

3. Public Services Department Report

- USDA Loans for Water/Sewer
 - Compliance work continues for the USDA financing for water/sewer.
- Third Street Project
 - Delays in obtaining the EGLE permits necessary begin production have slowed the project, but an update should be provided on Monday by Selge regarding new timelines.
- New DPW Building
 - Mayor Sean Denison, Planning Commissioner Ralph Macdonald, City Manager Heather Grace, Director of Public Services Mike Baker, Project Facilitators Amelia Lietzau and Gary Barton of the Barton Group, and Lead Architect Buddy Huyler of Bergmann, all met last week to review design updates and the consensus of the group was to recommend to that the Buchanan City Commission vote to approve the 606 Clark Street site as the location for the new DPW building due to logistical difficulties associated with the 111 Railroad property. Approval is also sought to authorize the City Manager to move forward with ALTA survey work by Wightman on the 606 Clark Street site for a cost of \$21,385.
- Updated Rates for Water/Sewer Tap Fees
 - Consider updating the City's Water/Sewer Tap Fees.
- Lead-Exploration DSMI Grant
 - Work continues on the potholing associated with the \$68,370 grant awarded to the City's water department to perform a distribution system materials inventory.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Stephanie Powers will provide a brief report regarding City financials.

5. Buchanan Area Recreation Board Report

- Consider Approval of the Buchanan Area Recreation Board's request to amend their bylaws to add two new members to the BARB committee, as representatives of Buchanan Township, in furtherance of the City's efforts with Buchanan Township to create a Joint Recreation Plan.

6. Niles-Buchanan-Cass-Area Transportation Study Policy & Technical Advisory Committee

- NBC representative Don Ryman reported via email to Manager Grace that the contract has been let for 2022 construction on River Road Bridge, with U.S. 12 from the Galien Township Line East to Mayflower Road complete and another course of asphalt surfacing to be done in 2022. There was also an update on the project to connect the U.S. 31 Bypass from the Michigan state line to I-94, which should also be completed by 2022.

7. Buchanan Area Fine Arts Council

- Consider approving the BAFAC's request to transition their banking account, which is currently housed at TCF/Huntington, to be moved over to Honor Credit Union, at the end of the calendar year, with the new account to include the Treasurer and City Manager as named signatories, along with the BAFAC Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer (as the BAFAC expresses a need to be able to sign checks on the stop to cover supply costs, etc.).

8. Buchanan Tree Friends

- Reminder of tree planting scheduled for Saturday, October 16th, along with an ongoing request for volunteers –including a new request for a "Safety Officer" volunteer for any first-aid needs.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

1. Ethics Policies- Consider proposed ethics policies developed by the City Attorney.
2. City-Owned Land Sale/Development Policies- Consider policies related to the sale/development of Cityowned real properties, as developed by the City Attorney.
3. City Manager Review- Consider selecting the method for performing City Manager Grace's annual performance review.
4. Land Development Policy- Consider adoption of a Land Development Policy regarding City-owned real property, as

developed by the City Attorney.

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

1. BS&A Full Implementation Delay

- Due to staff changes in the Clerk Cashier position, along with software compatibility delays from the City's water meter software company Sensus, full implementation of the City's new BS&A financial accounting software will take place in late October, as opposed to late September, as previously projected. Consequently, budget amendment requests are anticipated to be presented in early November.

2. Municode Website Transition

- Due to staff changes in the City Clerk position, full migration of the City's website from its current platform over to the new Municode website is now anticipated to take place in November, as opposed to October, as previously projected.

3. Andrews University's "Vision for Buchanan" Implementation Ahead of Schedule

- City Hall administrative staff hoped that implementation of some of the larger commercial aspects of the recently approved "Vision for Buchanan" plan would likely start to fall into place within around 12 to 18 months of approval; however, we are happy to report that several key aspects of the plan are currently heading towards development already! Though the details of the developments are currently confidential until all properties are through the closing process, we hope to report specifics of the exciting development projects very soon!!

4. Redistricting

- U.S. Congressman Fred Upton, along with State Senator Kim LaSata's staff liaison, each informed Manager Grace during a recent meeting that the "Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission" has recently released a proposed redistricting plan that would divide Berrien county into four separate sections, which would generally weaken the political power of the County and the Region as a whole. Consequently, Upton and LaSata are both encouraging people in Berrien County to contact the Redistricting Commission to object to the current plan. Details of the plan, as well as a portal to submit comments, are both available at the following website: <https://www.michigan.gov/micrc/>.

XIII. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

XIV. Executive Comments

1. City Manager Comments
2. Commissioner Comments
3. Mayor Comments

XV. Adjourn

You may view the completed October 11, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes on [the City of Buchanan Website](#).



Community Press Release – City of Buchanan



City of Buchanan Sees Uptick in New Residential and Commercial Starts, Attributes success to “A Vision for Buchanan” Project



Downtown Buchanan alive with Pedestrians

Buchanan, Michigan – October 30, 2021

Prior to January 1st of this year, there was not a new housing start in the City of Buchanan in over two years. That has changed and in a big way, according to Buchanan Community Development Director Rich Murphy. Murphy confirmed that the construction of one new home was completed earlier this summer, and that just this week his office approved four new building permits for new homes to be built within Buchanan city limits totaling over \$1,000,000 in investment. “It’s exciting to see,” Murphy said on Tuesday. “Investors are choosing Buchanan. New families are choosing Buchanan, buying homes, and putting roots down. There is no better measurement of success in economic development than this,” he said.

The uptick on investment is not limited to residential development. Murphy also cited three new commercial starts this month that are set to open near downtown Buchanan. “Old industrial corridors right next to Downtown Buchanan that have been vacant for decades are filling up with new good paying high-tech jobs from the grow and processing cannabis sectors,” Murphy said. Each of the new starts will create 10-15 new jobs and the total investment of the three projects is over \$1,000,000. “This is real time investment, real dollars, real jobs coming to

Buchanan. This is momentum we can build on. Moreover, the people that are starting these companies are young entrepreneurs who are investing everything they have into Buchanan. It's great to be a part of what's happening here now," Murphy said.

Buchanan leaders believe that the city is at a tipping point. "I believe the market has awakened to opportunities here in a way that has not happened in a long time and that this is the beginning of a long-term trend," Mayor Sean Denison said on Friday. "We have a solid foundation that we can build on," he said. Some attribute the recent economic success to an important community engagement project that spanned the first several months of this year. A partnership between the City of Buchanan and Andrews University School of Architecture and Design challenged the community to reimagine development opportunities in Buchanan that culminated in A Vision for Buchanan, a menu of redevelopment opportunities with site plans and concepts that bring together compelling photo model renderings that were built on community consensus. Buchanan is using this as a marketing tool to engage investors and developers to be a part of the next wave of redevelopment in Buchanan. And it appears to be working.

"The Andrews University project captures the spirit of our community coming together to forge A Vision for Buchanan and also tells a compelling story about one of the great small American towns that is actively working to make a comeback," Murphy said on Friday. "Some say that Buchanan is a bit off the beaten path. We think that's what's so great about Buchanan," he said. Murphy says he is surprised on a daily basis on the great array of assets that is offered by this small town. "I like to call Buchanan "the little powerhouse," so many assets, connections, value, and great people packed into one small place. And it doesn't hurt that we are The Nicest Place in America" he said, referencing the Reader's Digest Designation in 2020 that named Buchanan out of 1400 cities and towns, The Nicest Place in America.

The entire project work including renderings and redevelopment concepts for the Andrews University-Buchanan project, A Vision for Buchanan, can be seen at www.nicestplacetowalk.com

Richard Murphy, Community Development Director, City of Buchanan

rmurphy@cityofbuchanan.com ~ (269)695-3844 Ext. 19

Community Press Release – City of Buchanan



New Executive Director to Lead Buchanan's Programming

Buchanan, Michigan – October 1, 2021

The City of Buchanan welcomes our new Chamber Executive Director/Main Street Manager, Ashley Regal.

The Chamber Executive Director/Main Street Manager will sustain a dual role serving both the City of Buchanan and the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Working in collaboration with agencies such as Michigan Economic Development Corporation, this position will aim to execute the goals and objectives of the City of Buchanan, Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, and City of Buchanan Main Street Program including promoting the continued economic development of the city. In this capacity, Ms. Regal will be responsible for creating and managing various community events, programs, and initiatives such as "Michigan Main Street."

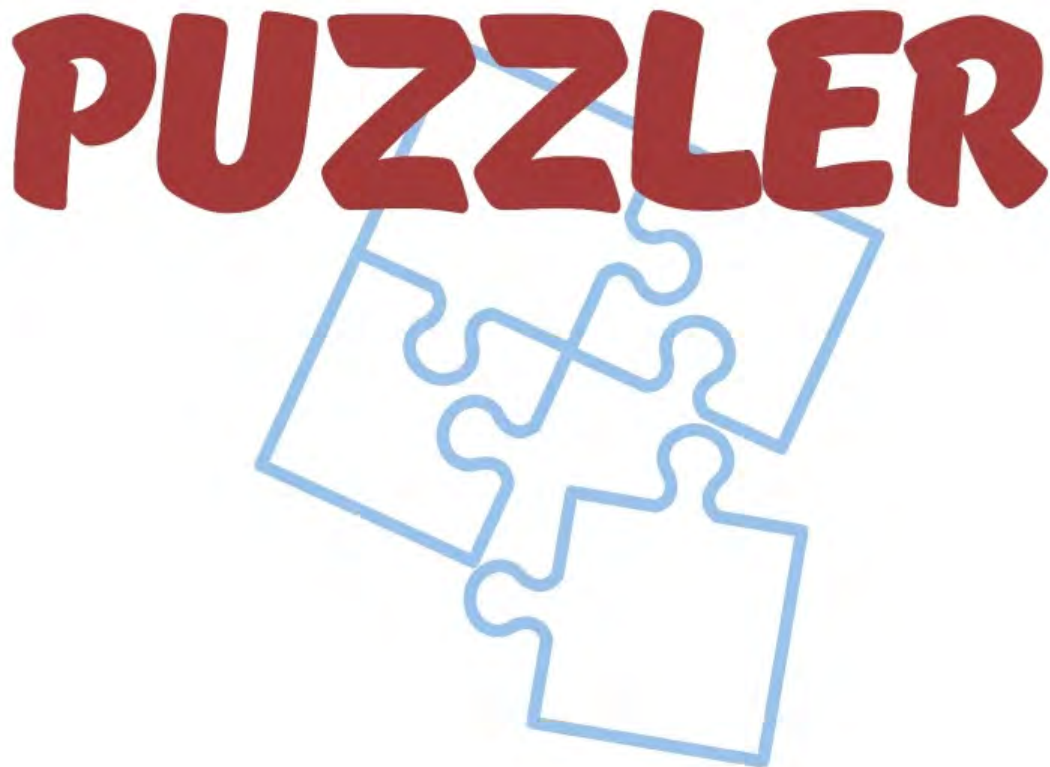
Ashley Regal is a fairly new face in Buchanan. Having lived and worked in various towns across Michiana, she and her husband returned to his home town when they purchased a home in Buchanan. Ashley has a background in Education and received her B.S. in Art Education from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI. She went on to receive a M.A. in Business Design and Arts Leadership from Savannah College of Arts and Design, a degree that emphasizes supporting arts and culture while pursuing economic development. Since then, she has worked in Event and Program Management and looks forward to bringing her energy and expertise to this position.

Ashley and her husband love looking for treasures at antique stores, exploring nature, and traveling to local towns and businesses. You will probably see them walking their dog, Tuk, enjoying dinner out, or admiring local art. Ashley is looking forward to contributing to the esteemed legacy of Buchanan and getting more involved in the city she is proud to call home.

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Puzzler Page – Issue 15

by Garrick Stubblefield



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

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER

- Puzzle Instructions:
 - You'll be given a 3, 4, 5, or 6 letter word.
 - The object of the puzzle is to remove one letter each step, making a new word each time.
 - After a letter is removed you cannot reuse it.
 - Abbreviations do count. As in the English dictionary, there are 2 letter words that count, such as PI, AR, KA, KI, ER; however acronyms do not count.
 - You may rearrange the letters each step to create your new word.
- THIS ISSUE Puzzles:
 - 6 Letter –
 - SCRAPE
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 - 5 Letter –
 - PLANE
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 - 4 Letter –
 - CAPE
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 - 3 Letter –
 - PIT
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As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at garrickstubblefield@gmail.com. He will check and respond as quickly as he can.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

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

- STATES:
 1. This State may have been discovered before Columbus.
 2. This State may provide a ____ for sports teams.
- CAPITALS:
 1. This Capital sure isn't short by far but extremely _____.
 2. This Capital shares a famous river in Washington.

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

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

BREAKING MY FALL

1. One of the FOUR SEASONS.
2. Famous quote, "its ____ or nothing at ____".
3. You apply these to make your car stop.
4. This ____ helps support a structure.

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

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

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1. TAKE THE SECOND DIGIT AND MAKE IT A 4;
2. TAKE THE FIRST DIGIT AND MAKE IT A 2;
3. TAKE THE THIRD DIGIT AND MAKE IT A 6;
4. TAKE ALL THREE DIGITS, ADD THEM, DROP THE 1 AND MAKE THAT THE MIDDLE DIGIT;
5. WHAT IS THE FINAL 3 DIGIT NUMBER?

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

Board of Education Meeting Agenda • October 18 2021

Agenda from Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

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

Begin Agenda:**A. Opening of Meeting by President**

Description: We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.

All regular meetings have been posted on our district website, in our central office, and in each district school building. Tonight's agenda has been posted on our website and emailed out to the BCS Board of Education Community Subscription. Our school board members receive the agenda and all supporting documents for reports and action items several days prior to this scheduled meeting, so they can review information, prepare questions or comments, and are ready to participate fully in the discussions and votes that encompass the duties of their office.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

There is a time for regular public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item H. If you wish to make a presentation to the Board, please fill out the Speaker Card and pass it to the Board President before item H on the agenda.

Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!

B. Roll Call**C. Adoption of Agenda****D. Recognition of Visitors (All visitors, please sign the sign-in sheet.)****E. Presentations**

E.I. First Quarter Budget Amendment 10-18-2021 – Mr. Brian Brown & Mrs. Carrie Brunsting

E.II. Audit Presentation – Ms. Cindy Scott, Stephenson & Company, P.C.

E.III. School Highlight – Mr. Mark Frey, BVA/Step Up Director, Athletic Coordinator

E.IV. Executive Team Updates

- Phil Place, Director of Technology
- Al Berget, Director of Operations
- Carrie Brunsting, Business Office Specialist
- Mark Kurland, Assistant Superintendent
- Patricia Robinon, Superintendent

F. Superintendent/Department Reports**F.I. Buck Staff Appreciation October Winner:**

- Abby Cantu, Buchanan High School Administrative Assistant

F.II. Buck Staff Appreciation October Nominees:

- Amanda Horton, BCS Food Service
- Becky Kaltenbach, BCS Food Service Supervisor
- BJ Scott, Ottawa Lunch Aide
- Cindy Hess, BHS Teacher
- Cindy Stacy, Ottawa 1st Grade Teacher
- Dawn Van Dyke, Ottawa Special Education Teacher
- Donna Southwell, BHS Interventionist
- Jaime Warmbein, BHS Teacher
- Jane Phillips, BCS Bus Driver
- Joe Kemp, BCS Computer Technician
- Kathy Lolmaugh, Moccasin Administrative Assistant
- Kris Rettig, Moccasin 3rd Grade Teacher
- Larry Kline, BCS Operations Utility Staff
- Margaret Cowles, BCS Food Service
- Marion Hurd, Ottawa Administrative Assistant
- Melissa Frost, BHS Teacher
- Melissa Seddon, Ottawa Kindergarten Teacher

- Melissa Sweeney, BCS Food Service
- Dr. Michael Dunn, Moccasin Principal
- Michelle Munyon, BCS Administrative Assistant
- Patricia Robinson, BCS Superintendent
- Russ Philip, BCS Teacher
- Ryan Frontczak, BMS Dean of Students
- Stacey Lee, BMS Special Education Teacher

F.III. Board Updates:

- BHS, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics/BVA/CTE, Business Office, Operations, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent

G. Information/Reports & New Business

G.I. Human Resources Committee – October 6th Meeting

G.II. Finance Committee – October 11th Meeting

G.III. Curriculum & Programming Committee – October 12th Meeting

G.IV. Pledge of Allegiance Discussion

H. Community Dialogue/Citizens' Concerns

I. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items

J. Recommended Action – Other

J.I. NEOLA First Reading

J.II. NEOLA Second Reading

J.III. 2021-22 Administrative Contract Amendment

J.IV. 2021-22 BCS Return to Learn Plan Amendment

J.V. 2021-22 Budget Amendment

J.VI. Food Service Salary Schedule

K. Questions & Comments From Board Members

L. Next Board Meeting:

1. Monday, November 15th at 6pm

M. Adjournment:

You may view the completed October 18, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes on [the Buchanan Community Schools website here](#).



Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 15



Marriage Laughs

by Garrick Stubblefield

What happens when a husband or wife has a occupation:

1. If the wife was a librarian, the husband could get a lot of stories from his wife.
2. The wife thought she had married a vegetarian and was mistaken, he was a meat eater.
3. Both fell in love with themselves and they are alone happily.
4. The wife married a locksmith and she threw the key away for all the happiness.
5. The husband married a florist and his wife was making arrangements for something to do every day.

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

- STATES:
 1. Indiana
 2. New Jersey
 - CAPITALS:
 1. Tallahassee
 2. Columbia
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Upcoming Event – St. Anthony Winter Bazaar and Food Drive 2021



Image from St. Anthony's website

St. Anthony Winter Bazaar and Food Drive 2021

**St. Anthony's
Winter Bazaar
and Food Drive**

**November 27, 2021
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
St. Anthony Parish Hall
509 W. Fourth
Buchanan, MI 49107**

Variety of Crafts – Baked Goods

Admission: Free

**Please bring a non-perishable food item
Redbud Area Ministries (R.A.M.)
Food Pantry**

**Sponsored by:
St. Anthony Conference of Catholic Women (C.C.W.)**

**For information or to set up a booth,
please call (269) 695-3863**

St. Anthony Winter Bazaar and Food Drive flyer

- *Who:* St. Anthony's Conference of Catholic Women
- *Where:* St. Anthony Parish Hall ~ 509 W Fourth St, Buchanan, MI
- *What:* **Winter Bazaar and Food Drive**
- *When:* **Saturday, November 27, 2021 – 9a-2p**
- *Admission:* Free

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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

Leo Cartagena

509 West Fourth St. , Buchanan, MI 49107

269-695-3863

- MASS TIMES:
- **Saturday** ~ 4:00pm
- **Sunday** ~ 8:30am
- OTHER SERVICES:
- **Confessions** ~ 3:00-3:45pm

<https://discovermass.com/church/st-anthony-buchanan-mi/>

Community Press Release – HCU at Buchanan Middle School



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CREDIT UNION

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Buchanan Jr. Herd Student Credit Union

Submitted by Kayla Smith, Honor Credit Union Brand Specialist on behalf of Christy Layman, Member Center Manager at Honor Credit Union in Buchanan; and by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 was an exciting day for Buchanan Middle School. A group of five great 7th graders got the chance to cut the ribbon at a ceremony in front of their classmates for the opening of the Buchanan Jr. Herd Student Credit Union! Grace, Chloe, Maddie, Julie and Sophia will be the ones holding the positions of: tellers, managers and marketing specialists. This credit union is A Division of Honor Credit Union.



Ribbon Cutting at Student Credit Union, Photo submitted by Rebecka Hoyt

Our Student Credit Union program is a great way for students to increase their financial literacy, and gain valuable work experience. Our program allows for students to run an actual credit union location in their school, which provides a convenient banking location for both students and staff, all while students gain a wide range of experience. It also provides a convenient location for both students and staff to make deposits into their Honor Credit Union account.

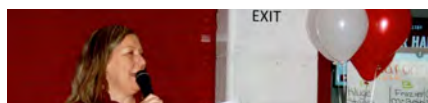
A couple of dignitaries were invited and spoke a few words to the students encouraging that this is a valuable life learning experience to have: BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, and a representative from State Senator Kim LaSata's office, and Karol Behrle Honor Credit Union Community Assistant Vice President. Karol told the students, "This is a way for you to start saving early for your first car, that video game you've been wanting, or even for a trip to Disney World after you graduate from high school, and college."

The students were also excited for a prize drawing at the end of the school year that if they make a deposit they are entered in to win a mini iPad! Teachers who make a deposit will be entered for a gift card! Honor Credit Union has been partnering with schools for over 20 years to help students set up for a successful financial future.

Start saving Jr. Herd Bucks!



BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson speaking to students while Community Assistant Vice President Karol Behrle looks on



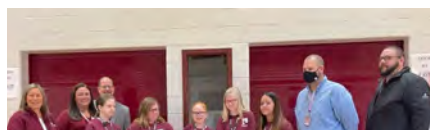
Community Assistant Vice President of Honor Credit Union Karol Behrle tells the students about how the Buchanan Jr. Herd Credit Union will work



Getting ready to make the final ribbon cutting for the 7th graders



Time to cut the ribbon for the 6th grade students by Sophia



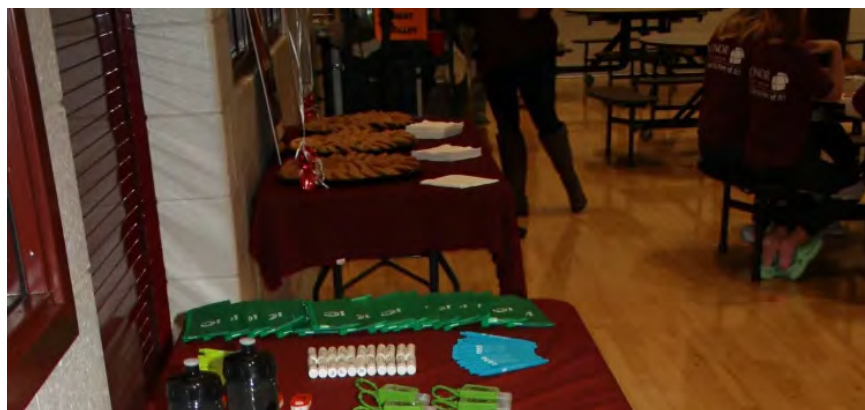
Maddie cutting the last cut of the ribbon for the 7th graders



Representative Dan from State Senator Kim LaSata's office speaks to the students



The first ribbon cutting for the 5th graders as BMS Dean of Students, Mark Frontzack & Principal Shelby Beasley; BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, HCU Community Assistant VP Karol Behrle and HCU CEO John Backus



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is proud to serve more than 91,000 members across the state of Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities it serves remains the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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Homeschooling Spotlight – Current Learning



Homeschooling activities, Photo submitted by Ashley Hanson

Homeschooling Learning Spotlight

by Editor Rebecka Hoyt with Photos submitted by Ashley Hanson

Been learning about the many health benefits of different teas. We have here raspberry leaves, lemon verbena, lemon balm, various mints, goji berries, bee pollen...and not shown the honey....With a side of pistachio baklava.

1. Dried marigolds...collecting seeds for next year
2. Fresh marigolds...going to make a fabric dye and make an altar to celebrate our loved ones for Dia de los Muertos
3. Osage orange...or if you grew up in Buchanan and learned about this at the school farm...you probably call it monkey brains...aka road apple, hedge apple. We are going to cut it open and investigate. These are a prehistoric fruit...think woolly mammoths and giant sloths eating these eons ago.
4. Black walnuts...ready to be cracked and baked in a yummy goodness (TBD) and use the shells to dye more fabrics. Note there is a toxin in the outer shells (juglone sp*) so be careful when cracking them to ensure you remove all the shells...this is part of the reason walnuts are so expensive...usually need to be hand cracked to assure quality.
5. Milkweed seed pod...going to make a pollinators paradise in our front yard...as well as at Kathryn park next summer. Milkweed seeds need the cold snap of winter to make seeds germinate in the spring...so we will be planting these now for next year. Same as the garlic(not pictured) that we will also be planting now for a midsummer harvest next year.
6. Dried oregano...bagging it up to use all winter.
7. Dried lavender...bagging it up as well...makes a nice relaxing tea.



Homeschooling activities, Photo submitted by Ashley Hanson

This is how WE learn. We go out and explore the world around us...have questions, make assumptions, experiment, research...ask more questions...experiment more...and head back for more research. Just in the plants we have gathered...the lessons are immense and honestly could be endless... What will you DECIDE to learn today...learning cannot be forced.



Homeschooling activities, Photo submitted by Ashley Hanson

* The above discussed is independent homeschooling and is not associated with Buchanan Community Schools.

If there are other homeschoolers in Buchanan, please send a message through our [Facebook page](#) or [an email to The Buchanan Chronicle](#) as we would like to include you in our schools rotation!
