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Local Business – Moonrise Winery Summer Events

Summer Event Bring Locals Joy at Moonrise Winery by Tracie Crenshaw Nestled south of downtown Watervliet off of M140, Moonrise Winery offers wine made from locally-grown grapes. Marvelous views on...

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Community Press Release – BCRD Walton Road Bridge Closure

BCRD Walton Road Bridge Closure for Rehabilitation
Berrien County, MI – May 18, 2022 TOWNSHIP:
Buchanan Township LOCATION: Walton Road Bridge
over the St. Joseph River CLOSEST CITIES: Buchanan,
Niles...

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Buchanan Community Schools – Retiring Buck Staff

End of Year Celebration & Retiring Buck Staff by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer We celebrate these retirees and thank them for their many years of service to our students,...

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BCS School Spotlight – BHS May 2022

Buchanan High School Seniors' Poetry by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor, with Student Writings submitted by Ms. Erica Neal, BHS English Teacher At Buchanan High School, a few students in Ms. Erica...

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Community Press Release – HCU and Redbud Insurance

HCU Announces Partnership with Redbud Insurance Services LLC Submitted by Halee Niemi, Honor Credit Union PR Manager Buchanan, MI – May 16, 2022
Officials at Honor Credit Union are thrilled...

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Community Press Release – Office of State Senator Kim LaSata

State Senator Kim LaSata's District Update State of Michigan – April 27, 2022 Dear Friends, Thank you for taking the time to read my weekly e-newsletter. Below you will find...

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Upcoming Event – Speaker Knight at American Legion and BDL

Granddaughter of Jack Knight to speak on May 31st and June 1st Submitted by Mary Lister & Robert Brown James H. (Jack) Knight, a former Buchanan, Michigan, resident, and Buchanan...

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Community Press Release – Buchanan Community Development Director

Buchanan Community Development Director to Attend National Security Seminar at the United States Army War College Buchanan, MI – May 10, 2022 Buchanan Community Development Director, Richard Murphy, will attend...

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Health Huddle – Spectrum Youth Mental Health Event

Youth Mental Health First Aid – May 26 Berrien County, MI – May 17, 2022 Spectrum Health Lakeland understands youth today are struggling with high levels of emotional distress from...

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Past Event – BACC PERC Breakfast at Life Action Ministries

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce hosts monthly PERC Breakfast at Life Action Ministries by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer A bright and sunny Friday, May 13 morning at Life Action...

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Community Press Release – Dr. Kasewurm’s Professional Hearing Services

Dr. Gyl Kasewurm Honored with Hall of Fame Award Submitted by Julie Duensing, Chief Operating Officer Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services is excited to announce that Dr. Gyl Kasewurm was...

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Police Points – Call Log Issue 28

Police Call Log : 5/02 – 5/15 Buchanan City Police
Department Description Total Calls of Type Sex Offenses
1 Parental Kidnapping 0 Larceny 4 Larceny – Theft from
Motor Vehicle...

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Now That’s Funny! – Issue 28

by Thomas Hoyt Words are funny! Let’s face it, especially
within the American English language, words are really
funny. I state this because we have words that we may
use...

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A Note from the Editor – Issue 28

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor Finally a nice day has arrived
that isn’t too hot or too chilly and I am writing this while
sitting on the swing in my backyard...

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • May 16 2022

Submitted by Michelle Munyon, Executive Administrative
Assistant to the Superintendent, Buchanan Community
Schools Please note that the Board of Education Meeting
Agenda is posted below. At the end of the...

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City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • April 11 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston Please note that the City Commission Meeting Agenda is posted below. At the end of the agenda, click on the link to take you...

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The Clark Barker – Issue 28

Spring Walk Trash Talk! Don't be a litterbug I say! I have enjoyed nice, warm, long walks since spring has started! There are little flowers sprouting up and blooming, so...

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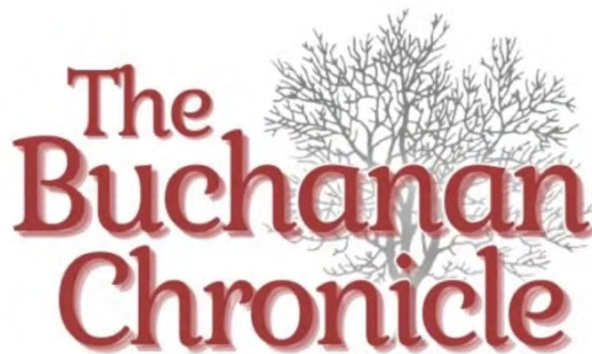
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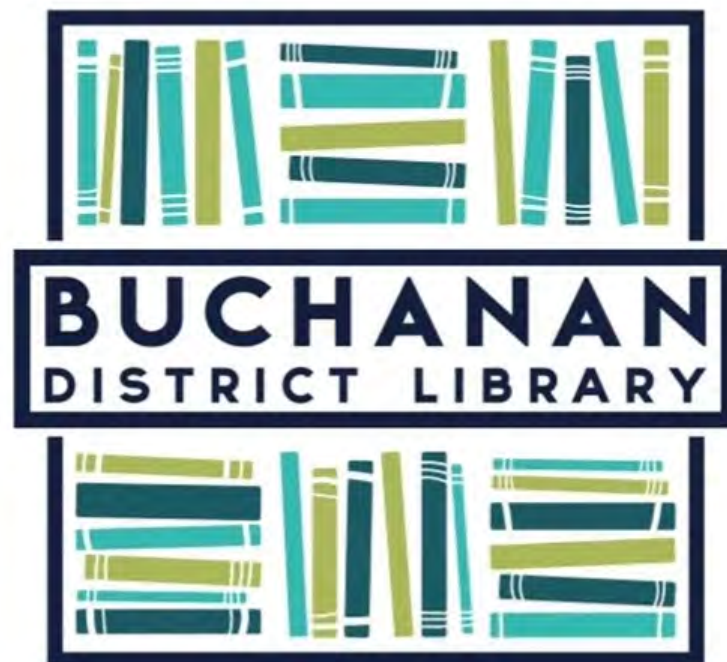
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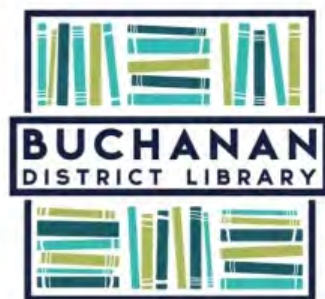
Our popular One Book | One Buchanan program is back for a second year! In partnership with One Buchanan, this event brings our town together to read one book over the summer and then get together for a discussion at the Common.

This year the book is *High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out* by [Amanda Ripley](#). Books will be available starting mid June, and the discussion event will take place on [Wednesday, August 31, 2022](#).

Click the link below to sign up to receive a free copy of the book (for you to keep!)
<https://forms.gle/znoYNAPYMFq5j65HA>. Funding is provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan.



One Book | One Buchanan 2022 at BDL



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

www.buchananlibrary.org

[269.695.3681](tel:269.695.3681)

Contact: Meg Paulette, Director

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Upcoming Events – Common Concert Series

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The Common CONCERT SERIES



June 2	The Chippewa Project
June 9	Southshore Concert Band
June 11	Quite Frank Lee
June 16	Work in Progress
June 18	Little Something
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June 25	Stealin the Farm
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July 7	Resurrection Blues
July 14	Romeo's Ghost
July 30	Motown...Pride of Motor City
August 4	Dean Allrick Trio
August 5-6	Chippewapalooza
August 17	Liam Purcell & Cane Mill Road
August 20	Best of Acorn Open Mic Night
August 27	Midnight North
September 9	Special Congerhus

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+Special Dates
JUNE 2-SEP 9
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2022 Common Concert Series flyer

ANNOUNCING: The Common Concert Series – Summer 2022

by Jen Garry, Publisher

Brought to you by Michigan Gateway Community Foundation and the City of Buchanan.

Below are this years dates and info for the Summer 2022 Common Concert Series. Join Buchanan for some outdoor musical enjoyment at Buchanan Common Stage, Thursdays/Saturdays/Special Dates, 7-9pm.

Thursday	June 2	The Chippewa Project
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Saturday	August 27	Midnight North
Friday	September 9	Special Consensus

About Buchanan Common: The Common is Buchanan's very own outdoor amphitheatre. Sitting in the heart of historic Buchanan, it sets us apart from other local communities as something unique and special. All summer long the Common plays host to many events: from our Saturday Morning Farmers' Market to Stop, Lunch, & Listen to our classic Thursday Night Town Concerts to our Last Saturdays on the Common Concert Series. In the future we look forward to expanding our offerings to live theater and outdoor movies. The best part of the Common, all of the events held here are FREE to the public and just another way we remind residents and show visitors how great Buchanan truly is. Hopefully you can grab a blanket, bring a picnic and enjoy some live entertainment in the warm summer air.

Buchanan Common

www.buchanancommon.wordpress.com

Midblock Park Space

Bordered by S Oak St, Roe St, and Days Ave

Behind Buchanan District Library
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Community Press Release – Buchanan-Galien Lions April Update



Buchanan-Galien Lions April Update

Submitted by Jerry Flenar, Written by Alice Kring

Happy Thursday Fellow Lions!

April is a month to celebrate Volunteerism! As Lions our Motto is "We Serve" we are all volunteering almost daily. But each and every one of us deserves to be appreciated for everything we do in our daily lives to help make our world, our community and our club better. THANK YOU!

Our club was honored a lot at the District Convention last Saturday with the following awards, District Peace Poster winner, District Leo Club of the Year (second year in a row), District Club of the Year and our own Lion Mark Tumbleson won District publicity/newsletter editor of the Year. We also were honored for 100% participation for the districts projects. I was so proud of our club because we continued to grow and serve our community year after

year. Thank you to each member for your dedication you give the club, because it does make a difference in a lot of ways.

The White Cane Collection is coming up next week. Attached are the assignments if you are unable to come to your during assigned please come whenever it is convenient for your schedule. If you are unable to work and would like to make a donation that would be wonderful! Questions please call Lion Mark Nixon 269-266-2823 or Lion Alice Kring 269-470-0571.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Legion. Our speaker will be Sarah Martin, PA from Beacon Health Dermatology Department and Lest We Forget "Women in the Military" will give a short presentation also. We will be having elections at this meeting also. Nomination list is attached. This is our last regular meeting of the year. Please make sure you attend.

Our annual dinner will be on June 9th at Lion Brian Fisher's home at 1417 Deer Path, Buchanan, MI

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Lion Alice



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

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

Contact: Jerry Flenar, jlflenar@gmail.com, 269-695-3000
[Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Facebook Here.](#)

Community Press Release – Office of State Senator Kim LaSata



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State Senator Kim LaSata's District Update

State of Michigan – April 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to read my weekly e-newsletter. Below you will find a brief legislative update and news from the 21st District.

As always, if you have any questions or need to get in contact with me, feel free to call my office at 517-373-6960 or email me at SenKLaSata@senate.michigan.gov.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kim LaSata
State Senator
21st District

LaSata to host May office hour meeting in Edwardsburg

Join me at an office hour meeting on Monday, May 23 in Edwardsburg. The time and location for the meeting are as follows:

Monday, May 23
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
[Maple Cafe](#)
68867 M-62
Edwardsburg

No appointment is necessary. Please feel free to drop in to share issues that are important to you!

Recognizing Michigan's dedicated law enforcement officers

Countless officers across the state of Michigan serve their communities with valor and distinction and go above and beyond to keep residents safe.

Police officers have one of the most difficult jobs imaginable, and they deserve our honor and respect.

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In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. This year, Police Week runs from Sunday, May 15, to Saturday, May 21.

Police Week grants us time to reflect on, support and honor the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers and pay homage to those who never returned home after their shift. I encourage everyone to take a moment to thank our local police officers for all they do to keep us safe and for the sacrifices they and their families make on our behalves.

To learn more, visit policeweek.org.

Working for Michiganders

After the governor recently vetoed legislation to provide a break at the pump for Michigan drivers, a second measure to suspend the state's tax on gasoline and diesel fuel was introduced in the Senate.

This measure would reduce the burden on virtually everyone in Michigan — including families trying to make ends meet, businesses facing higher transportation costs, farmers growing the food we need, and an entire tourism industry relying on visitors vacationing in our state.

The state of Michigan currently imposes a 27.2 cents per gallon excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. [Senate Bill 1029](#) would suspend both taxes through Sept. 15, 2022.

[According to AAA](#), as of May 16, the average price per gallon for regular gasoline in Michigan is \$4.39. It was \$2.95 a year ago. The average diesel price is currently \$5.26, over \$2 more per gallon than a year ago.

Both prices are the highest recorded average price in Michigan history.

This is an issue that needs to be addressed and SB 1029 is a step in the right direction.

LaSata supports 21st District recreation opportunities

The Senate Appropriations Committee last week approved funds to improve recreation projects across the state — including seven in the 21st Senate District.

Michigan is home to some of the best outdoor opportunities in the country. Completion of these projects will help improve outdoor opportunities for local residents to enjoy.

[Senate Bill 1028](#) would authorize the Natural Resources Trust Fund to use \$45.6 million for 22 land acquisition and 95 recreational development projects throughout Michigan.

Under the bill, Southwest Michigan is set to receive \$5.5 million for local outdoor and recreation projects. Brief details can be found below:

- Berrien County: \$4,700,000 for Berrien Springs State Game Area acquisition. Acquisition of 839 acres for a new State Game Area. The property has approximately one mile of frontage along the St. Joseph River, and it has diverse upland forest habitats, open fields, and wetland areas. The property would be managed primarily for wild turkeys, small game, and deer, and it will provide hunting, fishing, and wildlife-viewing opportunities in an area of the state with a low percentage of public land.

- Berrien County: \$50,000 to the city of Bridgman for renovations to the Toth Park playground.
- Berrien County: \$232,800 to the city of Niles to make upgrades at Niles Dam Park, including a parking lot and boat launch on the Dowagiac River.
- Berrien County: \$124,600 for development of a trailhead at Ontario Street for the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail in Niles Charter Township.
- Berrien County: \$50,000 for Carronde Park tennis court renovation in St. Joseph Charter Township.
- Berrien County: \$50,000 for Kedzie Kids Park playground improvements in St. Joseph Charter Township.
- Cass County: \$300,000 for Riverside Park improvements in Dowagiac. Funds will be used for an overlook platform, benches, a fishing platform, trash and recycling bins and other general improvements.

The NRTF is supported by interest earnings from the development of state-owned mineral rights. The fund's dollars are constitutionally restricted to recreation improvements and land acquisitions. The Legislature has no authority in the project selection process, it can only choose to support or deny the full funding recommendations from the board.

The NRTF helps provide tremendous outdoor activities for Michigan residents and works to both improve and preserve Michigan's one-of-a-kind natural resources.

Since 1976, the Trust Fund had granted more than \$1.3 billion in grants to local governments and state agencies for projects in all 83 counties. A complete list of projects can be found [here](#).

SB 1028 now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

Addressing election concerns

After the 2020 election, several shortfalls in our election processes were brought to light and I have been working hard to carefully address the issues that have been presented.

I co-sponsored legislation to make sure Michigan's electronic voting systems don't use equipment or parts made by foreign companies that are deemed a national security risk by the U.S. government. There are benefits of being proactive — especially when it comes to potential security risks.

Senate Bill 884 would apply the same standards in the federal Secure Equipment Act to all new electronic voting machines purchased or approved by election officials in Michigan.

The bill prohibits any electronic voting system purchased in Michigan on or after July 1, 2022 from including any parts or equipment produced or provided by a company with any communications equipment or services determined to represent a national security concern by the FCC.

We need to work to stay ahead of potential threats and to ensure our voting machines are secure and protected from foreign influence and cybercriminals. Leaders in both parties have taken steps to protect our communications service from the growing threat of foreign-made technology — and this bill makes similar protections for our electronic voting systems.

The bill has been sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

District Spotlight

Buchanan Therapeutic Equestrian Center

The Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Buchanan recently hosted me for a tour and an inside look at the wonderful work it does for residents.

They provide unique opportunities and do a great job inspiring people to grow and seek their full potential.

You can read more about their admirable work [here](#).

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Southwest Michigan summer festivals

Did you know tourism is Michigan's third-largest industry? Spending time as a tourist in our home state is a wonderful way to help our state and local economies while creating new memories and traditions with loved ones.

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With so many fantastic festivals, fairs and events happening right here in Southwest Michigan, there are plenty of opportunities to keep you and your family entertained all summer long. [This small sampling of the many unique events across our community is just a start](#). You can access additional information and more activities at Michigan.org.

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I hope this information helps you plan your family's next adventure! Best wishes for a beautiful Pure Michigan summer!

Helpful State Government Resources:

Michigan Senate website: www.senate.michigan.gov

Michigan House of Representatives website: www.house.michigan.gov

Michigan Legislature website: www.legislature.mi.gov

Michigan Citizen's Guide: [Citizen's Guide to State Government, 101st Legislature](#)

Staying up-to-date

My [website](#) and my [Facebook](#) are the best ways to stay current on what is happening in both our Senate district and the state's capital.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You may [sign up](#) to receive this newsletter also at my [website](#).

Michigan's 21st Senate District

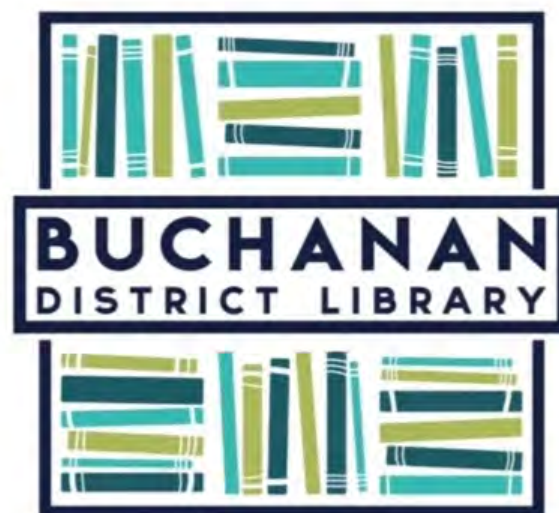
Michigan's 21st Senate District includes all of Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph counties.

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Upcoming Event – Speaker Knight at American Legion and BDL



Granddaughter of Jack Knight to speak on May 31st and June 1st

Submitted by Mary Lister & Robert Brown

James H. (Jack) Knight, a former Buchanan, Michigan, resident, and Buchanan High School student, flew for the U.S. airmail starting in 1919. Patricia Lammersfeld has collected cherished memorabilia about her famous grandfather, and will offer a slide presentation about his life and place in our country's aviation history.

The first presentation will be held at the Buchanan American Legion, 403 E. Front Street, on Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00pm. In addition, Lammersfeld will offer the same presentation at the [Buchanan District Library](#), 128 E. Front Street, on [Wednesday, June 1st](#) at 6:00pm. Also, the Buchanan District Library will house a Knight exhibit from May 17 through June 12, 2022. These events are free of charge and open to the public.

On February 22, 1921, Knight started on the flight for which he became famous, as part of a coast to coast airmail experiment to prove that airmail could include night flying. As one of seven pilots in this experiment, his flight was scheduled from North Platte, Nebraska, to Omaha, but circumstances spurred him to continue on to the next relay location in Chicago, thus bestowing him a place in historic flights in the U.S.

In 1978 the Knight Chapel at Oak Ridge Cemetery was built and named in Knight's honor. The Centennial year of Knight's flight was 2021, however, the Covid19 pandemic has delayed the celebration.

These events are sponsored by Friends of the Oak Ridge Cemetery, and co-sponsored by Buchanan District Library, and American Legion Ralph Rumbaugh Post 51 in Buchanan, Michigan. For more information, contact Robert Brown at RobtDBrown@aol.com or Mary Lister at mary.lister522@gmail.com.



About American Legion Ralph Rumbaugh Post 51: Buchanan Auxiliary is a volunteer program, gives back hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises dollars to support its own programs, as well as other worthwhile charities. The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

403 E Front St

269-695-6633

legionpost51@yahoo.com

Meetings 1st Thursday each month at 7pm

Auxiliary American Legion – Buchanan Post 51 Facebook Page HERE.



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

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Contact: Meg Paulette, Director

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Buchanan, MI 49107

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Health Huddle – Spectrum Youth Mental Health Event



Spectrum Health

Youth Mental Health First Aid – May 26

Berrien County, MI – May 17, 2022

Spectrum Health Lakeland understands youth today are struggling with high levels of emotional distress

from the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe our communities need First Aiders (like you) who are equipped to identify, understand and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and addiction issues, as well as care for ourselves.

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches adults how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in youth. This 6 ½ -hour training gives adults who work with youth the skills they need to reach out and provide initial support to children and adolescents who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem – and help them connect to appropriate care.

Virtual learning available! First Aiders will complete a 2-hour, self-paced online class, and then participate in a 4 ½ -hour, instructor-led (virtually) on Thursday, May 26, 2022, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm.

There is no charge for the course and registered participants will receive learning materials online. This course is available to residents who live in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties.

What it covers:

Common signs and symptoms of mental illness in the age group (ages 6-18), including

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Eating disorders
- Attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD)
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use
- How to interact with a child or adolescent in crisis
- How to connect the person with help

NEW: Expanded content on trauma, addiction and self-care and the impact of social media and bullying.

The course will teach how to apply the ALGEE action plan: Assess for risk of suicide or harm; Listen non-judgmentally; Give reassurance and information; Encourage appropriate professional help; and Encourage self-help and other support strategies.

To register, please visit the online registration link [here](#) to enroll. Registered participants must complete the 2-hour, self-paced program before attending the virtual instruction.

If you have any questions, please email terri.albers@spectrumhealth.org

About Spectrum Health Lakeland: Our mission is to intentionally foster an environment where optimal health is achievable for everyone. Our vision is a thriving, resilient, and socially cohesive community. Join us in our efforts to build a healthier community! Learn more at www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/population-health.

Continue to stay up to date with the latest community news and information by following [Berrien County Health Department](#) and [Spectrum Health Lakeland](#) on Facebook.

Spectrum Health Lakeland
269-983-8300
1234 Napier Ave
St. Joseph, MI 49085
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Community Press Release – HCU and Redbud Insurance



Redbud Insurance and HCU, Photos provided by HCU

HCU Announces Partnership with Redbud Insurance Services LLC

Submitted by Halee Niemi, Honor Credit Union PR Manager

Buchanan, MI – May 16, 2022

Officials at Honor Credit Union are thrilled to announce the partnership of Redbud Insurance Services, LLC. Honor purchased Redbud Insurance in downtown Buchanan in December 2021 to assist Owner and Agent Alice Kring in providing a one-stop-shop for insurance needs in the community.

Alice Kring and her team have been helping the Buchanan and Niles communities with their insurance needs since she opened the doors in 1998. "By partnering with Honor, we will have the opportunity to expand into surrounding communities, build a stronger online presence, and add insurance markets and team members," stated Kring. "Cathy, Renee and I look forward to a strong future at Redbud Insurance with Honor's support."



Redbud Insurance and HCU, Photos provided by HCU

"We're so excited for the opportunity to partner with Alice and build upon the success, service, and sense of community she has created through the years," commented Scott McFarland, Honor's CEO. "Alice, Cathy and Renee have a wealth of knowledge of insurance products and are not only well-known but highly respected in the Buchanan community. We couldn't ask for a better, local business to partner with and look forward to continuing to build Redbud Insurance forward for the future together."

Redbud Insurance Services, LLC is located at 110 Main Street in Buchanan, just three doors down from Honor's future location, expected to open in 2023. For more information on Redbud Insurance Services, LLC contact Alice and her team at 269.695.3000 or alice@redbudinsurance.com.



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.

Community Press Release – Buchanan Community Development Director



Rich Murphy, Buchanan Community Development Director

Buchanan Community Development Director to Attend National Security Seminar at the United States Army War College

Buchanan, MI – May 10, 2022

Buchanan Community Development Director, Richard Murphy, will attend a National Security Seminar at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania this June. According to Major General David C. Hill, Commandant, U.S. War College, Murphy was hand-picked from several hundred distinguished peers to attend the 4-day seminar. Each graduating class of the U.S. Army War College (USAWC) Resident Education Program concludes the academic year with a capstone symposium, during which students and invited civilian guests critically examine national security issues affecting our nation. Murphy will be one of two community leaders representing the State of Michigan at the seminar. Michael Glees, a high-ranking member of USAID nominated Murphy for the opportunity. Glees writes in his nomination, "Over the past 14 years, Richard Murphy has tenaciously pursued his ambition to revitalize small, midwestern cities, creating visions for them to emerge from industrial, manufacturing pasts and reinvent themselves to grow in the twenty-first century. He demonstrated his skills as a leader, strategic thinker, and effective planner in bringing to realization transformational efforts that leveraged over \$500 million in outside resources for catalyzing projects that revitalized the city's image, public transportation, infrastructure and educational opportunities."

The U.S. Army War College was founded by Secretary of War Elihu Root and U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, and formally established in 1901. The mission is to educate and develop leaders for service at the strategic level while advancing knowledge in the global application of landpower. Notable alumni include Dwight D. Eisenhower, William Westmoreland, Alexander Haig, Norman Schwarzkopf, and Tommy Franks.

"This is the U.S. Army engaging our civilian leadership in the conversation on National Security. It's a great honor to attend this seminar with the Class of 2022 and represent the City of Buchanan and the State of Michigan at this historic institution that has produced a long list of distinguished U.S. Generals and Presidents," Murphy said on Friday. "I look forward to networking with other community leaders and bringing home best practices to implement

on the local level that will speak to local and national security issues,” Murphy said.



2020 Nicest City in America – Buchanan, MI!

[City of Buchanan website Here.](#)

Past Event – BACC PERC Breakfast at Life Action Ministries



Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce PERC Breakfasts

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce hosts monthly PERC Breakfast at Life Action Ministries

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor and Photographer

A bright and sunny Friday, May 13 morning at Life Action Ministries on 2727 Niles-Buchanan Rd of Buchanan was the setting for Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce's PERC Breakfast. Donny Vanker, who has been at this location for 20 years, gave an overview of what Life Action does. A breakfast was filled with egg burritos, fruits, cinnamon rolls with coffee and orange juice along with a lovely tour of both locations: The Lodge and Life Action headquarters.



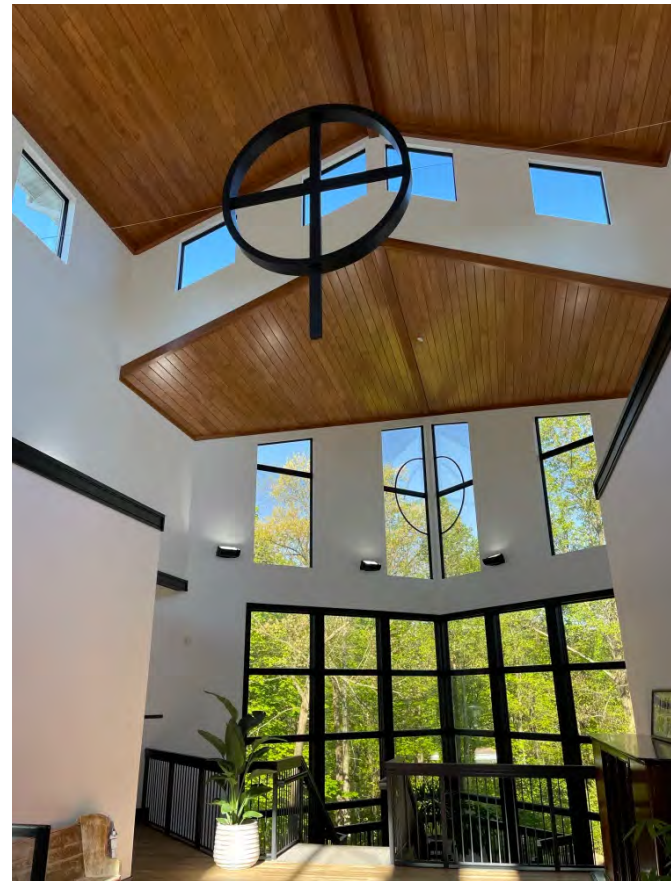
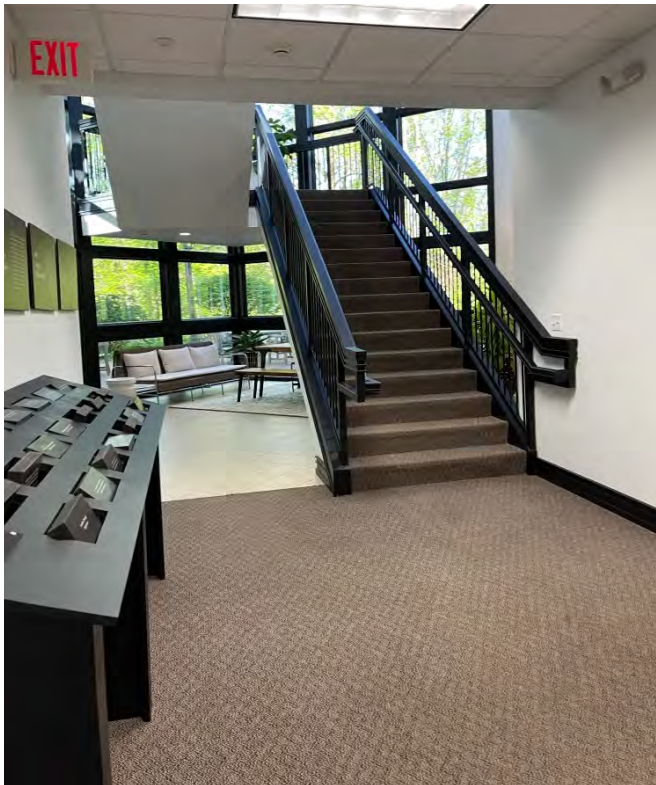
PERC Breakfast at Life Action, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Life Action Ministries reorient lives with Jesus and experience God as He is. They have this building and The Lodge (which is over a 100 years old) that is just a driveway over to enjoy a retreat on the St. Joseph River where you can pause and reconnect with God. Donny states, "Our mission is to ignite movements of authentic Christianity. We are happy to host, we're Life Action and want to bring life everywhere they go."



PERC Breakfast at Life Action, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Brandon Bishop is a contact person for those who would like to host events at Life Action. Life Action Camp is already filled up for the whole summer! You can find the camp at the west end of town as you head to Clear Lake. "We are a destination location as in The Lodge, and we call ourselves state-side missionaries. We are trying to bring families to Buchanan" stated Donny. They have family camping, men & women retreats, etc... at Life Action Camp. There are counseling services with pastors and hoping to go with individuals.



PERC Breakfast at Life Action Camp, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

As of right now, they have three teams on the road with 25 per team that are college-age where they travel throughout the country. "Life Action is a non-denominational ministry, so we visit any church that will allow us to preach the gospel and proclaim biblical truth. We have been all over the United States, and we have even visited other countries a few times!" ([Life Action website](#))

You can take a look at their website: www.lifeaction.org for more information and how you can help support them by making a donation as they are a 501c3.



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

Life Action Ministries

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LIFE ACTION *Camp*

About Life Action Camp: In 1975, Life Action Camp began with one purpose in mind: to ignite movements of authentic Christianity. Since 1995, we have been impacting lives specifically within the context of families. When you attend one of our events, we want it to be the best experience of your year as you PAUSE from the grinding routine of life, RECONNECT with God and each other, and return home refreshed, ready to ENGAGE your community and make disciples.

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Community Press Release – Dr. Kasewurm’s Professional Hearing Services



Picture left to right: Brandon Sawalich, Starkey President and CEO; Dr. Gyl Kasewurm; David Kasewurm; Bill Austin, Owner Starkey Hearing Technologies; Photo submitted by Julie Duensing

Dr. Gyl Kasewurm Honored with Hall of Fame Award

Submitted by Julie Duensing, Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services is excited to announce that Dr. Gyl Kasewurm was recently honored with a Starkey Hearing Technologies Hall of Fame Award. The Hall of Fame award recognizes members that demonstrate extraordinary efforts in helping those with hearing loss while working in the hearing industry.

"Starkey would like to congratulate Dr. Gyl on receiving the Hall of Fame Award. She understands and exemplifies Starkey's mission of 'so the world may hear' and will do whatever it takes to make sure that those who need hearing help can obtain it," said Kyle Acker, Au.D, Vice President of U.S. Commercial Sales at Starkey. "We are thrilled to present this award to Dr. Gyl and thank her for her contributions to patients, the community, and to the hearing healthcare industry."

"I've been working with Starkey Hearing Technologies for many years and their incredible hearing technology continues to be the Leader in the industry. I'm proud to be associated with them and feel so honored to be inducted into the Starkey Hall of Fame and to be recognized as a Leader among their customers," said Dr. Gyl Kasewurm.

Contact Professional Hearing Services today at (269) 982-3444 or infodesk@prohear.net to schedule your FREE hearing screening. Learn more about Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services by visiting www.prohear.net.



About Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services: Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services is Southwest Michigan's #1 choice for hearing healthcare. We specialize in helping people find the perfect hearing solutions for their hearing needs. Our tailored approach combines advanced hearing testing, sophisticated technology, and most importantly, caring and experienced professionals. Our services include diagnostic hearing testing, fitting and servicing of hearing devices, custom hearing protection, cerumen management, tinnitus treatment, and balance testing.

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About Starkey: Starkey is a privately held, global hearing technology company headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Owned by [Bill Austin](#) since 1967, Starkey is known for its innovative design, development and distribution of comprehensive digital hearing systems. Led today by [President and CEO Brandon Sawalich](#), Starkey has more than 5,000 employees, operates 29 facilities and does business in more than 100 markets worldwide. Learn more at starkey.com.

Remembering – Issue 28



Buchanan Losses • 05/06-05/13

Name	Age	Born	Died
Elizabeth Douglas	101	October 10, 1920	May 13, 2022
Bonnie Jean Rowe	89	April 20, 1933	May 11, 2022
Jerry Sain, Sr.	73	August 26, 1948	May 10, 2022
Jeffrey Scott Swank	63	April 22, 1959	May 7, 2022
Christopher T. Cobb	65	July 15, 1956	May 6, 2022

We wish to respectfully honor the memory of anyone we lose in the Buchanan community. Please do let us

know any corrections or additions to the list.

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Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
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[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
[USA](#)

Now That's Funny! – Issue 28



by Thomas Hoyt

Words are funny! Let's face it, especially within the American English language, words are really funny. I state this because we have words that we may use that may have meant something completely different than what we think it means today. That and we have so many words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meaning...homophones. For example, we have there, their, and they're. These three words sound exactly the same but are different. Isn't that funny? 🤔

Now let's take a look at some words that we use today which have different meaning and are the same word. For starters, poop. According to www.etymonline.com, poop has its' origins meaning the stern or aftermost deck of a ship. You may have heard in stories the statement poop deck. It also has the meaning "excrement" dating back to 1744 being a child's euphemism. From this is also poo, which is baby talk for excrement that didn't start until the 1950s. I'm sure my readers who are parents have found themselves talking to our toddler children about having to go poop or poo.

Now I want to take a look at the origin of the word pee. Yes, I'm going here. 🤔 Again according to www.etymonline.com the word pee has its' origins back again in the 1700s. I have to admit, I did not know this. This word is a verb meaning to spray with urine. The meaning "to urinate" didn't come about until the 1800s. How

about that? So again, as parents of small children, we find ourselves asking the little ones while potty training “Do you have to go pee?” Aaah, this takes me to the next word.

Again according to www.etymonline.com, potty has two different meanings. The first is an adjective meaning crazy or silly. It’s a slang term from the early 1900s and most likely was used in association with alcoholic drinking. According to dictionary.cambridge.org, this is primarily a word used in the UK meaning silly or slightly crazy. Used in a sentence, “She must have been potty to sell her car so cheap.” Hmmm...now that we know this, how many of you are going to go around calling people potty? 🤔🤔 Now we’ll look at the noun of the word meaning a child’s word for chamber pot. Ah yes, back before indoor plumbing with bathrooms having a toilet people used a chamber pot to go pee and/or poo. Potty dates back to the 1940s.

Okay, a word less silly...er, potty that I want to look at is simple the word chip. Specifically, the American English potato chip. We all know what these are and enjoy eating them. However, if you happen to travel to London, England, UK, and order chips with your meal you may be surprised when they deliver your plate. Chips in England are what we in America call fries. Have you ever had fish and chips? That term comes from the British. Fish and chips, or steak and chips...that is British English. Now if you want chips as a side, the British English word is crisps. I know, it’s a mouthful. 🤔

Yes, words are funny! 🤔

Keep laughing folks! 😊

A Note from the Editor – Issue 28



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Finally a nice day has arrived that isn’t too hot or too chilly and I am writing this while sitting on the swing in my backyard and enjoying an iced tea that I had for lunch at Cafe Italiano Sweet Shop with my friend and our publisher, Jen. I am greeted with blue skies, a few cirrus clouds, a nice breeze and birds are singing in the background. However, when the clouds go in front of the sun, it gets a little chilly, hence I am in the shade of a big maple tree.



I hope that you have been able to enjoy this spring/early summer in Buchanan. If not, here are some events that you may just enjoy before the month is over.

Down at the Common on Saturdays from 8am – 1pm is the bustling Buchanan Farmers' Market. You will find produce, crafts, bake sales, woodwork items, fabrics/knits, homemade soaps, activities for kids to do on the stage of the Common and of course The Buchanan Chronicle team! I would like to thank the 72 people and doggies (we didn't count them) who stopped by our booth last Saturday and bought some swag, gave donations and had nice chats with! Yes, we are keeping track of how many people visit our booth and turn it into a little competition with our team and whoever is the closest wins a gift card to a Buchanan business. We will be back there in July – so stay tuned for that date.

Memorial Day Parade will happen on Monday, May 30th downtown Buchanan Front Street and all the way

to Oak View Cemetery at the Veterans Circle on Tour Coupe Road at 10am. Come see Miss Blossomtime who is also our own Miss Buchanan in the parade! You may see our team throughout the parade route getting some photos, so be sure to wave and say "Hi" and wear your red, white and blue.

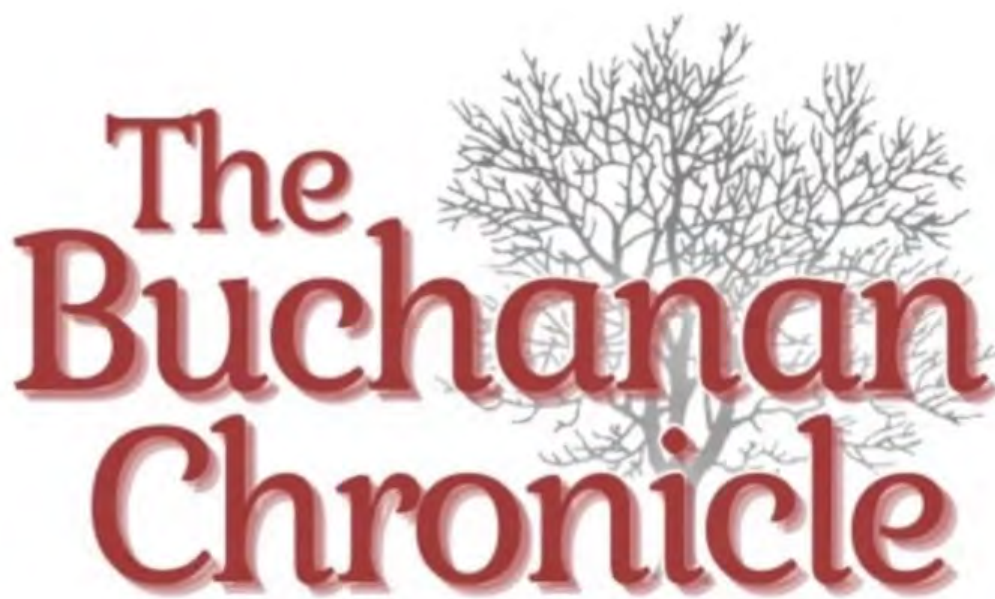
Thursday, June 2nd at 7pm starts the free concerts at the Common. You may also see some of our team attend the concerts as they will write some reviews on some of the bands playing. There will be a list of those concerts in this issue as well as in the future.

Buchanan High School Graduation is also going to happen very soon. The Buchanan Chronicle would like to congratulate every senior for a job well done this year and for sticking through a pandemic and achieving so much this past year. Good luck to all of you in everything you do and don't forget to come back to town.

Just a reminder if you need some advertising for an event, club or business, send us an email to:

buchananchronicle@att.net or a message through our Facebook page. Also, if you would like to help us capture an event or sport(s), you can send us an email as well for more information. Enjoy the issue and don't forget to get outside when it's nice out!

Happy Readings,
Rebecka Hoyt



Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • May 16 2022



Submitted by Michelle Munyon, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Buchanan Community Schools

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.

- **Regular Meeting**
- **5/16/2022 6:00 PM**
- **Watch the live stream: https://youtu.be/AY8Jx2T_zJ8**

- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
- **401 W. Chicago Street**
- **Buchanan, MI 49107**

Begin Agenda:

A. Call to Order – Opening of Meeting by President

- Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

- Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

- PRESENT: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- ABSENT: None
- OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Melissa Frost, Melissa Prestine, Stacey DeMaio, Donna Southwell

D. Adoption of Agenda

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer the agenda for the board meeting of May 16, 2022 be adopted as written.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

E. Recognition of Visitors (All visitors, please sign the sign-in sheet.)

- Mrs. Robinson welcomed all guests.
- T. Hoyt, R. Hoyt, J. Hoyt, G. Brinkley, C. Warner, M. Warner, J. Brackett, J. Singleton, K. Singleton, K. Singleton, S. Leidy, A. Patnoudes, D. Patnoudes, M. Klingerman, C. McKean, M. Nixon, M. Dunn, C. Lolmaugh, K. Lolmaugh, J. Mitchell

F. Points of Pride

- BMS Student Advisory Committee – Khloe Singleton read her writing on her opinion of the district survey regarding Moccasin Elementary.
- Buck Staff Recognition May Winner: Melissa Prestine, Ottawa and Moccasin Elementary Music Teacher. Mrs. Laesch recognized Ms. Prestine as this month's winner.
- Nominees included:
 - Amanda Horton, BHS Food Service
 - BJ Scott, Ottawa Food Service & Transportation Assistant
 - Kari Chase, Great Start Readiness Program Teacher

- Kathryn Lolmaugh, Moccasin Administrative Assistant
- Margaret Cowles, BHS Food Service
- Melissa Frost, BHS Science Teacher
- Melissa Sweeney, BHS Food Service
- Missy Lyons, BMS Special Education Teacher
- Rebekah Marschke, Moccasin 4th Grade Teacher
- Ryan Frontczak, BMS Dean of Students
- Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal
- 2022 Hall of Fame Winners
 - Performance in School-Related Activities, Mr. David D. Shoemake
 - Contributions to Society, Mr. Eddie L. Miller
 - Contributions to Buchanan Community Schools, Mrs. Sharon Gregorski
- Superintendent Shadow – Mrs. Robinson shared how a 5th grade student spent the day with her to write an essay for class.

G. Superintendent & Department Reports

- Updates for BHS, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics/BVA/CTE, Business Office, Operations, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, and Assistant Superintendent were provided respectively.
- Mrs. Robinson apologized for the survey not reaching all of our district tax payers.

H. Presentations

- School Highlight – Mrs. Stacey DeMaio, Buchanan High School Principal and Mrs. Donna Southwell, BHS Interventionist, presented to the board. Mrs. DeMaio spoke on BHS student points of pride, staff points of pride, upcoming events, goals, initiatives, standards based learning, and grading. Mrs. Southwell spoke of interventions and enrichment opportunities.
- Plow Day Presentation – Mrs. Melissa Frost along with five BHS students presented to the board reviewing Plow Day on April 23rd. A total of 19 students volunteered at Plow Day.
- BMS/BHS Music Department Presentation – Mrs. Jennie Bracket shared about the Collage concert.
- School Perceptions Survey Results – Mr. Rob DeMeuse from School Perceptions reviewed our recent district project survey results.

I. Information, Reports, & New Business

- Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations, May 2nd Meeting – Mrs. Robinson spoke about the district project survey.
- BHS Student Advisory, May 10th Meeting – Mrs. Robinson reviewed with the students the district project survey.

J. Public Comment

- Gail Brinkley
- Carol McKean

K. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items

- MOTION by K. Berry, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of May 16th, 2022 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:

- 4-18-2022 Regular Meeting

2. Warrants:

- Treasury & Expenditure Reports – April 2022

3. Retirement:
- Kathryn Lolmaugh – Moccasin Administrative Assistant to the Principal, 29 years of service
4. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:
- BCS Director of Operations, Mr. Al Berget
 - BCS Transportation Supervisor, Mr. Nate Will

Recommended Employee	Title
Robert Kleca	Operations Utility Staff (contract attached)
Lacey Chase	Bus Driver

5. Resignations:
- Brittney Gmeiner, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

L. Buchanan High School 2022 Graduation Certification

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of Education hereby approves the graduates as listed on the attached roster to be certified for graduation; and further authorizes the administration to prepare diplomas to be presented at the 2022 Commencement Ceremony.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

M. Buchanan Virtual Academy Graduation Certification

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of Education hereby approves:
 - Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:
 - Katelynn Larsh
 - Hannah Blumka
 - Jesus Gutierrez
 - Luzmaria Lira
 - Aaron Walters
 - Bryce Placher
 - Buchanan Step Up Students:
 - Justin Glinka
 - Lizette Wiesinger
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

N. NEOLA – Second Reading

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the second reading of the following NEOLA revised policies:

Policy	Description
0167.3	Public Comment at Board Meetings
2410	Prohibition of Referral or Assistance
2414	Reproductive Health and Family Planning
2418	Sex Education
5511	Dress and Grooming
6110	Grant Funds
6114	Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds
6325	Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
7440	Facility Security
8600	Transportation
9190	Shop Project Charge

- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

O. Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget Resolution

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following resolution:
- WHEREAS: This Board received the Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget following the RESA Board meeting of April 20, 2022; and
- WHEREAS: In accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed Berrien RESA budget, and must submit to the Berrien RESA Board any specific objections and/proposed changes the Board may have to the budget prior to June 1, 2022.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2022-23 school year be supported, and that the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Berrien RESA Board of Education, along with any specific objections or proposed changes on the budget.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

P. Auditor Services Recommendation

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson, the Buchanan Board of Education approves a change in auditing companies to Kruggel Lawton & Company to conduct Buchanan Community Schools audits as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Q. Donation Approvals Over \$1,000

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following donations:
 - For the softball trust and agency batting cages:
 - Keiwit Power, \$6,000 (in kind as well as monetary)
 - Indeck Energy, \$6,000 (in kind as well as monetary)
 - Honor Credit Union, \$3,000
 - For the High School Centennial Celebration & Marquee Sign:
 - Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, \$14,000
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAINED: K. Berry
- MOTION ADOPTED

R. Batting Cage Construction

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the construction of the new batting cages for Buchanan Community Schools. This project has been funded by donations received to the softball program.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

S. Lakeland Conference Handbook

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Lakeland Conference Handbook and Bylaws for the Buchanan Community Schools Athletics Department.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

T. Proposed Tree Plantings at Buchanan High School

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves three white pine trees donated by the Dougherty family to be planted by Elm Valley Evergreens at Buchanan High School.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

U. RFP – Buchanan High School Water Softener

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves Director of Operations, Alan Berget, recommendation to accept the bid from Andy J. Egan Co., Inc. for the Buchanan High School water softener replacement project.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

V. Questions & Comments from Board Members

- Mr. Carlson congratulated Coach Marazita, former Buchanan graduate, on his 300th victory with Brandywine Girls Tennis.

- Dr. Carlin thanked the district administrators for being prompt and providing accurate information in responses when there are questions from the community.
- Mrs. Writer invited all to Buchanan High Schools 100th Anniversary Celebration happening on June 11th.
- Dr. Burnett noted the BMS D.A.R.E. graduation will be May 19th at 6pm.

W. Next Board Meeting:

- Tuesday, May 31st at 6pm

X. Adjournment

- 9:25 pm

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Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

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

Vision: To develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

Beliefs: We Believe in providing a safe, supportive, respectful environment, opportunities for all students (options), student growth and achievement, and cooperative relationships among students, families, stakeholders and community members.

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

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!"

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- Dr. Scott Carlin, Trustee – scarlin@buchananschools.com

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City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • April 11 2022

Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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

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

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

The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, April 11th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, April 11, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

– Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Denison.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

– Mayor Denison led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

– Present: Mayor Sean Denison, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon, Commissioner Cameron Downey, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem.

– Absent: None

– City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Community Development Director, Richard Murphy; Public Services Director, Mike Baker; Public Safety Director, Chief Tim Ganus.

IV. Approve Agenda

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Downey to amend the agenda to add section IX. B. 4. Bergman Quote for

Covert Design and then approve the agenda as amended.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

V. Recognition

V.A. Clyde Weaver Recognition – Mayor Denison and the Commission presented a Recognition Plaque to Mrs. Geraldine Weaver in honor of her late husband Clyde Weaver.

VI. Public Comment

Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

– None

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VII.A. Consider approving Regular Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2022.

VII.B. Consider Approving Expenditures for April 11, 2022, in the amount of \$249,730.41.

VII.C. Consider Approving Road Closure for Memorial Day Parade on May 30th organized by American Legion Post 51.

– Motion made by Money, seconded by Weedon to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor

(if any)

– None

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

IX.A. Clerk Report – Kalla Langston

– Consider putting the Dial-a-Ride local proposal on the August 2, 2022 primary ballot or the November 8, 2022 general ballot.

– Langston asked for guidance on which ballot the commission would like to see the Dial-A-Ride proposal.

Langston's concern is that there may be up to 15 proposals on the November Ballot and the Dial-A-Ride proposal might be missed. Commission wants to make sure the public has knowledge that it will be on the August ballot.

Grace and Langston will share it on website, Facebook, and a newsletter mailing.

– Motion made by Money, seconded by Downey to put Dial-a-Ride local proposal on the August 2, 2022, primary ballot.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX.B. Public Services Director Report – Mike Baker

IX.B.1. Update Regarding Demolitions

– Victory Street fence was removed. 606 site is clear.

IX.B.2. Update Regarding New DPW Bldg Construction

– Had a great meeting about the DPW, waiting on the August Budget.

IX.B.3. Consider Repair of the 2009 Ford F250 Super Duty 3/4 Ton Pickup

– Baker was able to take it to Grand Rapids to get a quote and they said it needed a new motor, Baker believes it's in good shape to be repaired. Since they just put new brakes and tires, if they don't repair this then he would need a replacement truck. The quote came in at \$5,600.

– Swem was okay with approving provided they do not exceed the \$5,600. To maybe check out the landfill for different connections.

– Downey asked for a maintenance sheet on requests that come through like this. Baker says he can print one for them next time, that he has a program for this. That way the commission can decide if it's a vehicle worth putting money into.

– Denison agrees with maintenance sheets on all equipment would help in the future as well. So that the Commission knows what they could be replacing in the future.

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Weedon to approve the 2009 F250 repair not to exceed the \$5,673.30.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX.B.4. Bergman Quote for Covert Design

– The quote on the covert came in from H&K excavators with AVB Construction has estimated their cost alone to be \$350,000. That's just the excavating that doesn't include what EGLE is going to tell the city what to do with moving the water over or around. That's just the excavating of the covert and putting the covert in.

– Denison was able to add in that the covert is going from an 8 ft wide to a 20ft wide full concert overpass. If they

cut the covert off, they can't get over to the salt barn.

- Swem was curious if they can build an access road off the trail and if it would be cheaper.
- Baker stating, they haven't gotten hard numbers in yet, that with all the permits it would be between \$350,000-\$500,00.
- Denison believes there are other options that need to be explored. Not only was this a shock but the current covert is collapsing. There is a hole in the covert in the middle of the road.
- Swem asking for an RFP to bid out this project.
- Grace asked for the commission to approve of a design solution from Bergman not to exceed 9,000. They can work on that design asap to get that bid out.
- Problem is Baker had to pre-order for Salt, that will be here at some point this summer. And need to be able to get in the salt barn.
- Otherwise, the salt will have to be moved somewhere else.
- Commission, Baker, and Grace tried to come up with different options to store the salt until they can figure out the covert or access road.
- Commission asking for city hall staff to look at explore different options with the covert or alternative road before making the decision.
- Grace is going to ask Whiteman to double check with EGLE about the cost of permits and possible quote for the alternative road.
- Grace is hoping for a quick turn around to give to the commission.

IX.C. Community Development Director Report – Rich Murphy

- Murphy gave a brief presentation about Community Development.
- On Victory Park progress: We are getting a lot of good feedback from neighbors around the area about the park. The city made the improvements to the basketball courts and doubled the size of the park. Now they are moving on to the construction of a pavilion with Kevin Barker offering to design pro bono. They are meeting with some of the neighbors to develop a concept it's an exciting project.
- Murphy gave this presentation to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence initiative a few weeks back. The group is made up of several cities connected to the Great lakes and its rivers. Murphy stated Buchanan could become a model project that could be replicated for other inland communities. Making the little project in Buchanan more competitive by showing that we contribute to the Great Lakes. The city could assemble up to 50 plus acres of public access to river, rain gardens, ecological restoration, removal of invasive species things that will make water cleaner, and the wildlife habits better, more efficient ways for people to access the water. Murphy is pointing out that this opportunity could be like a mini national park kind of experience. There is an access problem and that's the vision, to make it accessible.

IX.C.1. Resolutions of Support for Federal Appropriations Grant Opportunities

IX.C.1.a. Resolution of Support for DPW Bldg Construction – Sen. Gary Peters

- Motion made by Money, seconded by Swem to approve the resolution of support for the DPW Building Construction to Sen Gary Peters.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX.C.1.b. Resolution of Support for Riverfront Boardwalk and Boat Launch Improvements – Sen. Debbie Stabenow

- Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Downey to approve Resolution of Support for Riverfront Boardwalk and Boat Launch Improvements to Sen. Debbie Stabenow.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX.C.1.c. Resolution of Support for McCoy's Creek Trail Extension #5 to go up Walton towards Connecting to Niles Trails – Rep. Fred Upton

- Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money to approve Resolution of Support for McCoy's Creek Trail Extension #5 to go up Walton towards connecting to Niles Trails to Rep. Fred Upton.
- Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX.C.2. Update on Submissions of Grants to U.S. Fish & Wildlife, as well as to the MDNR:

- Murphy updated in his presentation to Commission.

IX.C.3. Update on Other Grants Currently Being Written:

- Grace gave praise to Murphy on working so diligently on 3 different grants all coming due at the same time.

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. Reconsideration of Ordinance 2022.03/430 – IMPC Adoption Ordinance, Property Maintenance Code

– No action taken.

X.B. First reading of Ordinance 2022.03/431 – Open Burning Ordinance

– Commission asking what the recommendation from public safety about diameter listed. Current wordage is 3 ft in Ordinance. Chief Ganus was able to address the Commission about how they came up with the Ordinance. Swem would like to see it at 5 ft. Discussion between commissioners.

– The Commissioners and Chief agrees that changing the size requirements wouldn't be a problem.

– Motion made by Weedon, seconded Money to approve the first reading of the Open Burn

Ordinance 2022.03/431 with the changes of 3 diameters to 5 diameters under section 1.A.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

X.C. First reading of Ordinance 2022.03/432 – Revised Parking Ordinance

– Grace asked for feedback about fees for the ordinance.

– Chief Ganus explained the ordinance and changes that were made. Commission would like to see the parking ticket bumped up to \$25.00 as well making sure there is signage down there as well.

– Commission discussing about price with Chief Ganus. Commission agreeing that a higher fee because it is such a high traffic area. The resolution for the fees will be brought to the commission at the next meeting.

– Grace mentioned the fact that if they receive the parking ticket and they are not from here they are now able to pay online. Chief Ganus let the commission know that the change would not take place till July 1, 2022. Since they can push out the ordinance to inform people and business owners, as well as order new tickets.

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Weedon to approve the first reading of the revised parking ordinance 2022.03/432.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XI. New Business

XV.A. Consider Resolution 2022.04/430 – Resolution to negotiate the summer school tax collection fee.

– Motion made by Weedon, Seconded by Money to approve resolution 2022.04/430 resolution to negotiate the summer school tax collection fee. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XV.B. Consider approving Portable Toilet Bid for either Pride the Portable Toilet Company at \$7420.00 or LRS recycles at \$9,600.00.

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Downey to approve the bid from Pride the Portable Toilet Company for \$7,420.00. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XV.C. Consider approving the bid from Bakertilly for a water/sewer rate study at \$9,000 per fund.

– Motion made by Swem, Seconded by Money to approve the water/sewer rate study at \$9,000 per fund from Bakertilly. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XV.D. Consider appointments/Change of Memberships to ZBA

– Motion made by Money, seconded by Downey to appoint Joe Kruger to the ZBA. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

XV.E. Closed Session

XV.E.1. Consider Entering Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec.8(1)(d) and (h) to consider the purchase or lease of real property as well as to consider matters subject to attorney-client privilege.

– Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money to enter closed session at 8:52PM.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XV.E.2. Consider Re-Entering Open Session

– Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Downey to enter re-enter open session at 9:35 PM.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XV.E.3. Consider Action based on Closed Session Discussion

– Motion made by Downey, seconded Swem to authorize the City Manager to take action pursuant discussion held in closed session.

– Yes: Denison, Weedon, Downey, Swem

– No: None

– Abstain: Money for personal relationship

XII. Communications

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

– None

XIII. Public Comment

Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

– Norma Ferris: asked about Ross Sanders books. Denison informed her that Money would be there Saturday and she was welcome to join.

XIV. Executive Comments

XVI.A. City Manager Comments

– Grace wanted to share that there has been a lot of developments in the city lately involving grant applications. Just wanted to emphasize how hard the staff has been working to change the culture here in Buchanan when it comes to spending taxpayer dollars. She hopes that the public is seeing that we are trying our best to see that every tax dollar spent is being stretched as far as it can and trying to double or triple with matching grant funds and various opportunities. That is one of our largest goals, we're spending a lot of time doing it but were finding success.

XVI.B. Commissioner Comments

– Weedon: No Comment

– Swem: No Comment

– Downey: No Comment

– Money: Just wanted to reiterate what city manager Grace said. Buchanan Chili-Walk had a great time, lots of people downtown. Happy Birthday to Baker.

XVI.C. Mayor Comments

– Chili walk was a huge success with 350 people. It was great after 2 years to see downtown buzzing. Chili was great. Reminder that Spring clean-up is on April 29th and 30th at River Street.

XV. Adjourn

– Motion made by Money, seconded by Weedon to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

– Roll call vote carried unanimously.

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The Clark Barker – Issue 28



Spring Walk Trash Talk!

Don't be a litterbug I say! I have enjoyed nice, warm, long walks since spring has started! There are little flowers sprouting up and blooming, so the view is getting better compared to little twigs, and brown grass that is turning green.

Nose down into all the smells, I've noticed quite a lot of litter, some fresh and some that melt has revealed from under snowbanks. Out on our walks, my human has started a new habit: using one of my dog waste bags, they put their hand inside it, pick up any trash we encounter, and tie it up to throw away when we come across a trash can or when we get back home.

So, maybe while you're out with your canine or just going for a walk by yourself, take a plastic grocery bag or even a bread bag that you have saved and perhaps pick up some trash and make our city nicer looking for everyone. And if you have some gloves to pick up trash or a grabber tool, take those, along with another human so that I don't run off from you.

Now, I know that there are times that you're not prepared to pick up trash. Perhaps remember where that trash is and then hopefully someone will see it and pick it up, or just go back out at a later time with a bag and pick it up. We all have to do our part, and I don't mind if I go back out another time or stay on the walk a little longer. You know I love the outdoors!

Also, a reminder to the humans that walk my furry canine friends: yes, we have to do our duty, so please remember to pick up after us (I believe I heard my owner say that it's a city ordinance). Help me and my humans to enjoy the view on our walks in the "Nicest Place in America," Buchanan, Michigan! Woof-Woof!

Code of Ordinances

Sec. 12-3. - Control and removal of animal excrement.

An owner, harborer, keeper, possessor or person in charge of any animal which discharges its excrement upon any parking lot, public thoroughfare, sidewalk, street, highway, road, boulevard, school property, cemetery, passageway, bypass, play area, park, or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of such property, shall be in violation of this section unless such person has in his immediate possession an appropriate device and uses such device for the transmission of such excrement immediately by a person to a suitable receptacle or location. A person who violates this section shall be punished as provided in section 1-15, general penalty, of this Code.

(Ord. No. 2011-08/385, 8-22-11)

Sec. 12-4. - Cleanliness of yards and runs.

Yards and animal runs shall be kept free of animal excrement and maintained in a sanitary manner so as not to be a nuisance because of odor or attraction for insects and vermin. A person who violates this section shall be punished as provided in section 1-15, general penalty, of this Code.

City of Buchanan, Code of Ordinances (effective Nov 16 1995, updated Aug 22 2011), Sections 12-3 & 12-4

Police Points – Call Log Issue 28



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 5/02 – 5/15

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	1
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	4
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	1
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	0
Aggravated Assault	5
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	1
Family/Other	1
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	0
Intimidation/Stalking	4
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	0
Damage to Property	7
Liquor Violations	0
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	1
Disorderly Conduct	0
Weapons Offense	0
Public Peace / Other	6
OUIL	0
Driving Law Violations	1
Health and Safety	5
Trespass	1
Juvenile Complaints	5
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	3
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Property Checks	4
Alarms	6

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	2
Suspicious Situations	13
Lost/Found Property	1
Natural Death	1
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	22
General Assist	35
Ordinance Violations	19
Missing Person	0
VCSA	0
Vagrancy	0

Total Calls 05/02 – 5/15 : 149



Police Points
