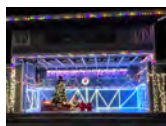


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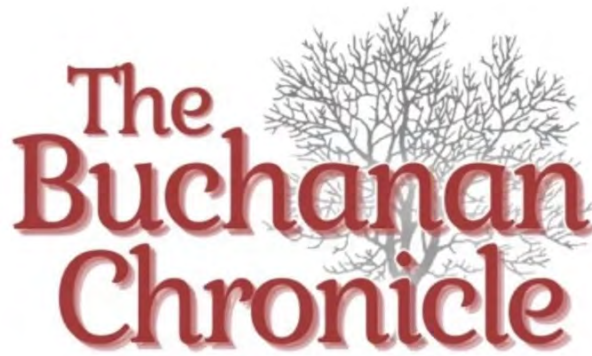
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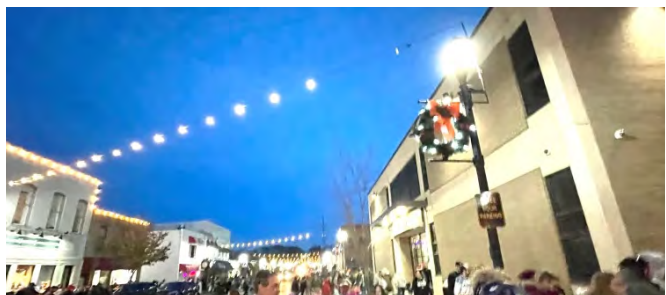
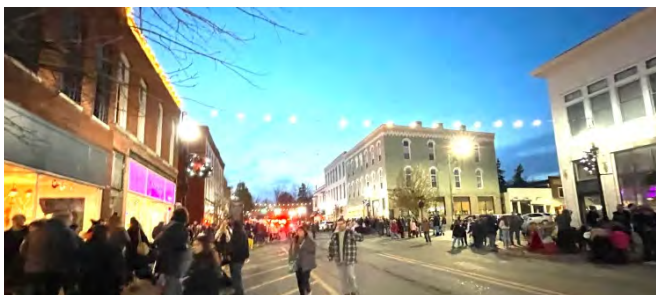
## Past Event – Bucktown Christmas 2022



## Beautiful Weather Graces the Bucktown Christmas Holiday Light Parade 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Such beautiful weather graced the start of the Christmas season at Buchanan's downtown Holiday Light Parade during Bucktown Christmas. The sun was starting to set and a little chill came through the air, but not too much of a chill. This is the shortest parade in Buchanan! Young and old attendees in the parade were dressed up as Santa's helpers/reindeer, a pile of presents, a walking wreath, doggies as elves, a snow globe, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory characters, Megahurtz Robotics Team, Miss Buchanan and her court, BCYF royalty court, Niles Apple Festival, Listing Leaders, cars decorate with Christmas lights, yours truly Tom and Rebecka Hoyt of The Buchanan Chronicle, and of course: Tracy and Dave Dippo (former Redbud Hardware Store owners) as the Grand Marshalls for the parade.



The parade started at 5:30pm from the duck pond/Veteran's Memorial Park parking lot on W. Front Street downtown Buchanan to Oak Street, then right into the Common for the lighting ceremony. Stacey Martin, led with an opening prayer and Miss Buchanan and her court started the countdown to light up the Common! A team from the City of Buchanan and DPW came up with the holiday light design to make our community brighter and to get us into the holiday spirit.



Tom and Rebecka Hoyt represented The Buchanan Chronicle in the Bucktown Christmas 2022 Parade, Photo by Jen Garry

There was a costume contest for those in the parade as well as a storefront decoration contest which the community voted on. Winners of the costume contest: Snow globe, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory characters/family and Santa's helpers/reindeer. Winners of the storefront decoration contest for The Judges Choice Award: Buchanan District Library; and The People's Choice Award: Bucktown Boutique. Both businesses donated their monetary prize to RAM (Redbud Area Ministries). Thank you!



Festive Common Stage, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Special words of thanks and blessings to the community were given by Buchanan City Mayor Sean Denison, Tracy & Dave Dipppo as well as Stacey Martin. The crowd sang Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer led by Raquel George, and she also blessed the crowd with another song. The weather made this even more enjoyable as more people attended the ceremony. When it was all done, kids made their way to the stage to get a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. And then you were able to warm up in the Redbud City Center building with some hot cocoa and cookies

provided by Buchanan Church of the Nazarene. Enjoy the view of the beautiful lights this Christmas season.



Downtown Buchanan 2022, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



Bucktown Christmas 2022 flyer



About Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce: Since 1960, the Chamber has promoted a spirit of community in order to enhance the growth, prosperity, and quality of life in the Buchanan area. Life truly is better here!

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## Upcoming Event – BASC Holiday Bazaar



**Buchanan Area Senior Center**  
**Saturday, December 3**  
**9:00 am—2:00 pm**  
**810 Rynearson St., Buchanan**

## Buchanan Area Senior Center Annual Holiday Bazaar

Grab your family/friends and come on by to shop for the holiday and make sure you get something special for you!

Buy your door prize tickets for a chance to win! There will be over 15 prizes!

BASC will be selling one of a kind ornaments that represent our building and Scarecrow Charities!

BASC will be selling yummy baked goods!

- *Who:* Buchanan Area Senior Center
- *What:* Annual Holiday Bazaar
- *When:* **Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 9am – 2pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Area Senior Center
  - 810 Rynearson St, Buchanan MI 49107



**Buchanan Area Senior Center**  
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About Buchanan Area Senior Center: Buchanan Area Senior Center provides a complete facility, a friendly and efficient staff, and active volunteers that enhance the quality of life of seniors in our community. We offer programs and services designed to promote physical, social, and mental well-being, including exercise, recreation, and crafts, as well as Senior Nutrition Services, food commodities, and a Senior Community Garden.  
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## Upcoming Event – BAMA Christmas Concert 2022



## Annual BAMA Community Christmas Concert 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Come Celebrate Christmas with Us at the Annual BAMA Community Christmas Concert! Sunday December 4th @ 6:30 pm at Buchanan Christian Church, 112 W. Third St. in Buchanan. We invite you to a musical Christmas program for the entire community, with a cookie & coffee fellowship afterwards.



- *Who:* Buchanan Area Ministerial Association
- *What:* Community Christmas Concert 2022
- *When:* **Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 6:30pm**

- *Where:* Buchanan Christian Church
  - 112 W Third St, Buchanan MI 49107



About Buchanan Area Ministerial Association: This group is made of different churches in Buchanan. Their page is a great way to stay up to date on different events BAMA is hosting, but more importantly it is a great way to see how God is moving in Buchanan.

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About Buchanan Christian Church: BCC is an independent congregation of people whose mission is to be and make disciples of Jesus who serve God by serving others. We believe that the Bible is the word of God. We believe in the deity of Christ, his atoning death, and bodily resurrection. We attempt to follow the pattern of the New Testament church in faith and practice.

Pastor Nate Babcock  
 Services at 10:30am Sundays  
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## Upcoming Event – BDL Not-So-Silent Night Event



## Buchanan District Library to hold A Not-so-Silent Night at the Library Event

Submitted by Meg Paulette, Buchanan District Library Director

Buchanan, MI ~ November 29, 2022

- *Who:* Buchanan District Library
- *What:* A Not-So-Silent Night at the Library
- *When:* **Saturday, December 10, 2022 ~ 6-8pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan District Library
  - 128 E Front St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
  - Tickets: \$25
  - Guests 21+ welcome
  - Live Music with The Erly
  - Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, & silent auction
  - All proceeds benefit Buchanan District Library

There will be no shushing at the Buchanan District Library on the evening of December 10, when the annual Not-so-Silent Night at the Library returns in-person after two years as a virtual event.

"This is a really fun night and a great opportunity to celebrate with our friends and supporters while raising funds for the library," said library Director, Meg Paulette. "We're so excited to hold it in person this year, and to have live music!"



Local band The Erly will perform on Saturday, December 10 at the Buchanan District Library's annual fundraiser, A Not-so-Silent Night at the Library., Image provided by BDL

Local band The Erly will provide the entertainment for the evening, and guests will enjoy hot hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and a cash bar. The event coincides with the end of a week-long silent auction that is available to view both online and in the library.

"We have more than 90 items in our silent auction this year, everything from locally made art to a 2-night stay at a lakeside cabin, and many more unique local experiences," said Wendy Chapman, Library of Things Coordinator. "The auction is available online for everyone to bid, and you don't have to attend the event to win."



A Not-So-Silent Night at the Library flyer

This event supports the many free community resources that the library offers.

"The modern library is so much more than just a collection of books, though we do have nearly 50,000 physical items for patrons to check out," said Paulette. "Libraries are community centers and places for people to access vital information and services that they often can't get anywhere else."

The Buchanan District Library has many programs and services beyond traditional library resources, such as a free tutoring program for kids in partnership with Buchanan Community Schools, a Library of Things with 217 items such as tools, musical instruments, outdoor equipment, and more, and a wide variety of programs for kids and adults, such as a ukulele club that includes the ability to check out an instrument for the length of the class.

The library is also currently raising funds to expand their space, creating a large community room on the

second floor of their current building located in the heart of downtown Buchanan.



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TO FUND **PHASE THREE** CONSTRUCTION ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE LIBRARY

BDL Building Campaign Fundraiser

The Not-so-Silent Night at the Library is the only large fundraising event for the library each year, and its success is important to the library's budget.

"If you're looking for something festive to be a part of and want to give back at the same time, here is your chance!" said Paulette. "We want people to dress up and come have a great time, knowing that they are supporting the library while having a fun and memorable evening." Tickets can be purchased for \$25 each at the library or online at [www.buchananlibrary.org](http://www.buchananlibrary.org). More information about how to participate in the online silent auction can also be found on the library's website. Questions can be sent to the Director of the Buchanan District Library, Meg Paulette, at [m.paulette@buchananlibrary.com](mailto:m.paulette@buchananlibrary.com) or 269.695.1911.



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.

Contact: Meg Paulette, Director

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## Community Press Release – BDL Building Campaign Fundraiser



## Buchanan District Library Fundraising Campaign for Second Floor Renovation

Submitted by Meg Paulette, Buchanan District Library Director

**Buchanan, MI ~ November 17, 2022**

Dear Patron,

It is with great excitement that I write to you this year (the fourth such letter I have written as library director—how time flies!) to announce the official start of our fundraising efforts for the renovation of the library's second floor. You, one of our loyal supporters, have been with us throughout all the dreaming, gathering information, and strategic planning—and for that we are incredibly thankful. Below is more information about our plans, our goal, and how you can be a part of this important project.

As you may know, we recently completed a new [Strategic Plan](#), a plan that will guide the library through the next five years. During our planning, it was easy to get carried away by the excitement of building plans and architectural renderings, but we were wisely reminded that our goals aren't really about increasing square footage or installing new windows. Our true goal is to live up to our mission statement—to enrich the lives of our patrons and empower our community with knowledge and resources.



BDL Campaign Image

"You can dream, create, design, and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it requires people to make the dream a reality." -Walt Disney

Our dream to realize this new space in our library requires YOU, but not just in the sense that we need support and donations to accomplish our goal. We need you because a library is more than just a building full of books. A library is a people—a community that cherishes the idea of curiosity, that holds dear the value of life-long learning, and upholds the rights we all have to explore our imagination and the world around us. Without you, there is no library.

We appreciate your support for our building campaign at any and all levels. Even more so, we appreciate your presence in our library. This has been a wonderful year, with a return to in-person programs and more people visiting our library everyday. We feel a renewed enthusiasm, and we owe it to our many wonderful patrons.

Thank you for being a part of our community and a part of OUR library.

Gratefully,

Meg Paulette Perez  
Director

Molly Thornton  
Board President



BDL Campaign Image

**Yes! I want to support the continued success and growth of the Buchanan District Library.**

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TO FUND **PHASE THREE** CONSTRUCTION ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE LIBRARY

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## PHASE THREE CONSTRUCTION

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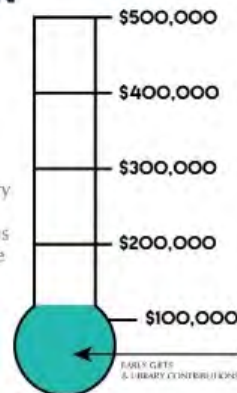
One of our major goals set in our 2022–2027 Strategic Plan is to continue the expansion and improvement of library spaces. This project will allow our library to offer a wider variety of programs to more patrons, and give our entire community a beautiful new space in the heart of our downtown to use for meetings, events, and gatherings.

### PROJECT WILL INCLUDE:

- Large community room on the north side of library's second floor, which will feature windows overlooking downtown Buchanan.
- Renovation of the second floor bathrooms.
- A kitchenette in the community room for library and rental use.
- Flexible makerspace for 3D Printing, sewing, crafting, and more.

### HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

Through responsible fiscal management and the generosity of ongoing library supporters, the library has \$120,000 committed to this project. Our goal is to raise the remaining funds and start construction in 2024. Your contribution at the start of our campaign will inspire giving throughout our community!



Gifts can be made on our website or by check to:  
**Buchanan District Library: Building Fund**

Please contact Library Director, Meg Paulette Perez to learn more  
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## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### COMMUNITY BOOK SHELF

The new community room will include an art installation that will showcase your commitment to the library. Designed to represent a shelf of books, this display will commemorate gifts to this project and grow to include future library supporters.



### ILLUMINATOR | \$10,000 +

Large book spine with engraving of choice on the community book shelf, top recognition on our web gallery of donors, including large logo and link for businesses.

### CHAMPION | \$2,500–\$9,999

Medium book spine with engraving of choice on the community book shelf, recognition on our web gallery of donors, including logo and link for businesses.

### ADVOCATE | \$1,000–\$2,499

Small book spine with engraving of choice on the community book shelf, recognition on our web gallery of donors, link for businesses.

### SUPPORTER | \$500–\$999

Name of choice engraved on Supporter Level book spine, recognition on our web gallery of donors.

### FRIEND | \$250–\$499

Name of choice engraved on Friend Level book spine, recognition on our web gallery of donors.

## NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY ROOM | \$100,000    LOCAL HISTORY ROOM | \$50,000

Please call the library at 269.695.3681 to request a meeting with the Director to discuss naming opportunities.

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BDL Campaign Image

Did you know you can make a RECURRING gift to the library? Small gifts add up over time and help support the library without putting a strain on your budget. Give in any monthly amount that works for you! Donate \$5 or more a month and get an I Love My Library bumper sticker!

From a recurring donor to the Buchanan District Library:

Donating by automatic withdrawal is a good solution for those of us who mean well, but find ourselves without a lot of disposable time on our hand. "Tomorrow," we think, "I will sit down and write a check to the library." But, we, alas, forget. Before long, it is downright embarrassing to think that we enjoy our library so much and yet,

give to it so infrequently. Two years ago, I pledged to give back to things I cherish—my country, the environment, and to my public library which has kept me as another entity says, informed, entertained, and inspired. It is easy to set up an automatic donation directly from your bank by using a debit card or by using a credit card. The donation comes out at the same time each month. Best of all, you can stop being embarrassed and can feel good about “remembering” to give each month. -Anonymous Library Donor

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A RECURRING DONATION TO THE LIBRARY](#)

Choose Recurring Monthly from the drop down menu under the donation amount.

Thank you for supporting books, programs, and more at YOUR Library!

#### WHAT DOES MY DONATION SUPPORT?

- TUTORING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
  - This innovative new program connects students with qualified tutors to receive free academic support at the library. The program has shown measurable outcomes for the students, and strengthened the connection between the schools and the library.
- A WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS, SUCH AS UKULELE CLUBS FOR KIDS & ADULTS
  - The library offers many programs for kids and adults, such as storytimes, adult crafts, author visits, documentary movie nights, and even ukulele programs that include the ability to check out an instrument from the library for the class.
- BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER
  - The library's annual One Book | One Buchanan program brings our entire community together to read one book over and discuss it at an event with community leaders.
- PRESERVING LOCAL HISTORY
  - The Buchanan District Library's Local History Room endeavors to preserve, maintain and make accessible resources for the study of the history of the Buchanan area. Local History is also brought to life each year in the Remembering Buchanan Calendar.
- A LIBRARY OF THINGS OFFERING TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, GAMES, INSTRUMENTS, & MORE
  - This collection continues to grow and offer our patrons even more value with their library card. The Library of Things is a way for our community to share resources and expand the boundaries of what a library usually offers.

All of this is in addition to a collection of nearly 50,000 books, audiobooks, movies, and more, saving our patrons more than \$600,000 annually by checking out items from the library rather than buying.



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

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## Community Press Release – Berrien County New Land Records Search



**LORA L. FREEHLING**

Register of Deeds

**BERRIEN COUNTY**  
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## County of Berrien Register of Deeds Office Announces New Land Records Search

Submitted by Lora Freehling, Register of Deeds Berrien County

Berrien County, MI ~ November 21, 2022

Berrien County Register of Deeds, Lora Freehling, is excited to announce the launch of an alternative public search site for land records, GovOS Cloud Search! GovOS Cloud Search provides a familiar search engine-like interface that simplifies searching for the new or occasional user searching land records. Some new key features include Quick Search, Advanced Search and Full Text (OCR) Search which examines every typed word of every document. Live Chat with 24×7 access will be available along with a tutorial when first landing on the home page.

Berrien County's current land management platform integrates seamlessly with the GovOS Cloud Search solution making the decision to partner with GovOS ideal. "In addition to recording and safekeeping Berrien County's important land records, it is this office's duty to ensure public records remain easily accessible to our citizens," said Freehling. "With GovOS Cloud Search, we can optimize an already efficient records management system and provide citizens with an easy and intuitive way to search vast amounts of land records."

Users will not only access public documents more easily, they will be able to search using even the smallest detail. With its user-friendly interface, this search engine is capable of combing through millions of digitized records and delivering search results within seconds. Using the GovOS Cloud Search option, land records are accessible from any device with an internet connection. The system's built-in filters and sortable grids make it easy for users to organize their search results. The system makes the search process simple and straightforward while offering advanced search capabilities for more experienced users.

The site is active now. Begin your search today by visiting the Berrien County Register of Deeds website <https://berriencounty.org/296/Register-of-Deeds> and clicking on the Land Records Search tab on the side menu bar or <https://berrien.mi.publicsearch.us> to reach the GovOS Cloud Search website directly. Contact the Office of the Register of Deeds at 269.983.7111x8562 for additional information.



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About Berrien County Register of Deeds: The Register of Deeds' office is a constitutional office established by the Michigan State Legislature. The Register serves as the custodian of documents pertaining to real property in Berrien County. The Register's office pledges to efficiently record documents, provide an accurate index, and safely and securely preserve and protect these records for yesterday's, today's and tomorrow's generations.

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## Community Press Release – Southshore Christmas Concert 2022



## Southshore Concert Band "Christmas Grace" Concert 2022

Submitted by Jan Street, Public Relations Chairperson, Southshore Concert Band

Southshore Concert Band will be celebrating the holiday season during their performance on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. on the Mendel Center Mainstage at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor. This concert, entitled "Christmas Grace", will feature many familiar holiday favorites sure to boost your holiday spirits and bring the joy of Christmas into your heart.



*Southshore Concert Band*

*and*

*Dale L. Reuss, Conductor*

*present*

*"Christmas Grace"*

*Sunday, December 11, 2022*

*2:00 p.m.*

*Mendel Center Mainstage*

*Lake Michigan College*  
*Benton Harbor, Michigan*

*Sponsored in part by The Frederick S. Upton Foundation*

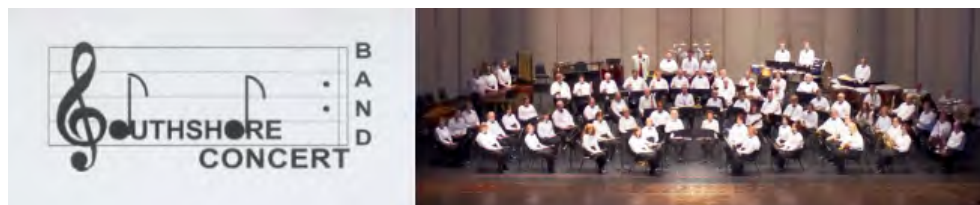
*Free admission, donations accepted*

Southshore Concert Band "Christmas Grace" flyer

The concert will open with An American Christmas, a medley of "Jingle Bells" and "Toy Soldiers" mixed with a little of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." The band will perform A Fireside Christmas, an arrangement by Sammy Nestico, featuring "Rudolph", "Frosty" and "The Christmas Song". The program will also include a Mannheim Steamroller arrangement of Faeries (Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies) by Chip Davis, Carol of the Drum arranged by Floyd E. Werle of the U.S. Air Force Band, Wassail, Movement I from the Vaughan Williams Suite and

A Christmas Celebration (of Songs and Carols) by Alfred Reed.

This Southshore Concert Band performance, sponsored in part by the Frederick S. Upton Foundation and 1st Source Bank, is free to the public.



About The Southshore Concert Band: The Southshore Concert Band was formed in 1992 to provide an opportunity for Berrien County adults to use their musical skills formed in high school and college on a volunteer basis for personal enjoyment. The band membership has grown over the years to include members from northern Indiana as well as other southwest Michigan counties. Membership includes a broad range of professional careers- retired band teachers, current teachers, engineers, accountants, social workers, computer consultants - all playing together to share their common passion for music.

The band provides free concerts at various locations in southwest Michigan during the year. Regular concerts include Winter and Spring concerts at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center. Additional concerts such as a Halloween Concert, Veteran's Day Let's We Forget Concert, a collaborative concert with the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomie, and a Pops Concert add wide variety to our seasons. A "Big Band" was also created from members of the Southshore Concert Band to showcase sounds from a great musical time period. Annual summer concerts are played in local community parks and band shells.

The Southshore Concert Band was founded and is conducted by Dale Reuss. The band has a membership of approximately 75 adults. Rehearsals are at Lake Michigan College every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. during the regular season (except holidays). We welcome new members! If you are interested in joining, please email Dale Reuss at [southshoreconcertband@gmail.com](mailto:southshoreconcertband@gmail.com). A brief audition will be required.

The organization achieved 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation status in February, 1999. The band relies on member's dues, grants and public donations to fund its activities. The organization receives no public funds.

Contact: Dale Reuss, Director

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## Community Press Release – HCU 2022 Teacher Awards



## Honor Credit Union Announces 2022 Teacher Award Winners

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Berrien Springs, MI ~ November 22, 2022

Honor Credit Union is thrilled to announce the winners of its 13th Annual Teacher Awards. With each year that passes, the Annual Teacher Awards continue to grow, and 2022 was no exception with the addition of two new communities in the Grand Rapids Region (Allendale and Jenison). In turn, Honor increased its total number of teachers awarded from 70 winners to 86 winners and brought in nearly 1,000 entries from educators across its 28-member center communities.



Teacher Awards 2022, Image provided by HCU

From the surplus of entries received, Honor included an additional 35 Honorable Mentions, totaling \$20,700, awarded to 121 educators across Michigan.

Educators submitted a short essay explaining how they would use the money to better their students' education. After a blind selection process, Honor team members chose 86 winners who received a \$200 Amazon digital gift card to use in their classroom or school and a \$100 Amazon digital gift card to those awarded Honorable Mention. The 13th Annual Teacher Award winners are:

## 86 Teacher Award Winners

The following 86 educators have been blindly selected to each receive a \$200 Amazon digital gift card as the winners of the 13th Annual Teacher Awards:

### Battle Creek/Coldwater:

1. Battle Creek Public Schools – Rhonda Turner
2. Battle Creek Public Schools – Tammy Westbrook
3. Calhoun ISD – Andrea Nuelken
4. Coldwater Community Schools – Joseph Closson
5. Lakeview Battle Creek – Alexa Robinson
6. Lakeview Battle Creek – Jessica Day
7. Marshall High School – Megan Walters
8. Pansophia Academy – Cierra Becker
9. Reading Community Schools – Stacey Kies
10. St. Charles Borromeo – Brenda Mescher
11. St. Joseph Catholic, Battle Creek – John Wendland
12. St. Philip Catholic Central High School – Michelle Fuller

### Buchanan/Niles/Berrien Springs/ Eau Claire:

1. Berrien Springs Public Schools – Carrie VanDenburgh
2. Berrien Springs Public Schools – Sarah Jackemeyer
3. Berrien Springs Public Schools – Shelly Archer
4. Brandywine Community Schools – David Staggs
5. Brandywine Community Schools – Jenni Button
6. Buchanan Community Schools – Alexander Ehlert
7. Buchanan Community Schools – Kelly Smith
8. Eau Claire Public Schools – Kristen Roe
9. Niles Community Schools – Emily Grontkowski
10. River Valley School District – Jeri Essig

### St. Joe / Benton Harbor:

1. Benton Harbor Area Schools – Melody Cardenas
2. Berrien RESA – Jenna Hawkins
3. Lake Michigan College – JT Neuffer
4. St. Joseph Public Schools – Marilyn Jones
5. Trinity Lutheran School – Deborah Boughner

### Baroda / Stevensville:

1. Bridgman High Schools – Andrea Countess
2. Bridgman Public Schools – Jackie Harding
3. Bridgman Public Schools – Kelly Hahaj
4. Bridgman, Immanuel Lutheran Preschool – Angela Cullison

5. Lakeshore Public Schools – Jennifer Engleman
6. Lakeshore Public Schools – Nancy Anderson
7. Lakeshore Public Schools – Suzie Onken

Decatur/Dowagiac/ Paw Paw:

1. Cassopolis Public Schools – Amanda Solloway
2. Cassopolis Public Schools – Serena Sawyer
3. Decatur Public Schools – Jennifer Adduci
4. Dowagiac Schools – Denise Stockwell
5. Edwardsburg Public Schools – Kaylan Wiemuth
6. Patrick Hamilton Elementary School – Elizabeth Layman
7. Paw Paw Public Schools – Amy Oetjens
8. Paw Paw Public Schools – Heather Vandermolen
9. Paw Paw Public Schools – Maria Reo

Coloma / Hartford/ South Haven:

1. Bangor Public Schools – Karen Shafer
2. Covert Public Schools – Kelsey Vollrath
3. Glenn Public School – Jenna Marr
4. Hartford Public Schools – Ashley Williams
5. Hartford Public Schools – Jane Gonzalez
6. Hartford Public Schools – Kelseyann Wright
7. South Haven Public Schools – Brock Thumm
8. Watervliet Public Schools – Alaina Bongiorno
9. Watervliet Public Schools – David Kindt

Grand Rapids:

1. Caledonia Community Schools – Alissa Chase
2. Grand Rapids Public Schools – Candy Vela
3. Grand Rapids Public Schools – Lisa Barnes
4. Grand Rapids Public Schools – Selin Turan
5. Kenowa Hills Public Schools – Bailey Evans
6. Kentwood Public Schools – Diana McDiarmid
7. Lowell Area Schools – Katelyn Elizabeth Pulver
8. Mason County Central Schools – Penny Fort
9. Montcalm Area Intermediate School District- Brittany Danner
10. Telamon – Monica Marquez
11. Wayland Union Schools – Becky Hyma

Kalamazoo:

1. Allegan Public Schools – Abby Waynick
2. Allegan Public Schools – Becky Calvert
3. Comstock Public Schools – Natalie Hosbein
4. Delton Kellogg – Heather Tack
5. Gull Lake Community Schools – Nicole Miller
6. Gull Lake Community Schools – Patrick English
7. Kalamazoo Public Schools – Dawn Kahler
8. Kalamazoo Public Schools – Heather Ballines-Barajas
9. Kalamazoo Public Schools – Itzel Gomez-Avalos

10. Portage Public Schools – Kara Mounce
11. Vicksburg Community Schools – Julie Hughes
12. Vicksburg Community Schools – Melissa Collins
13. Wayland – St. Therese Catholic School – Kate Lund

**Gwinn /Marquette/ Negaunee:**

1. Gwinn Area Community Schools – Amanda Hornback
2. Gwinn Area Community Schools – Olivia Johnson
3. Marquette Area Public Schools – Kelsey Wales
4. Marquette Area Public Schools – Steffani Dobson
5. Negaunee Public Schools – Courtney Neveu
6. Negaunee Public Schools – Jodi Johnson
7. Negaunee Public Schools – Lacey O'Donnell
8. Negaunee Public Schools – Michelle Lammi
9. North Star Academy – Sarah Vickstrom
10. Superior Central Schools – Tamryn King

**Honorable Mention Winners**

The following 35 teachers were selected as Honorable Mention winners and each received a \$100 Amazon digital gift card:

**Battle Creek/Coldwater:**

1. Marshall Public Schools – Samantha McClusky
2. Pansophia Academy – Jamie Barrand
3. Pennfield Schools – Erin Mosher
4. Union City Community Schools – Laura Bandlow

**Buchanan/Niles/Berrien Springs/ Eau Claire:**

1. Brandywine Community Schools – Megan Kohler
2. Buchanan Community Schools – Lauren Hendrick
3. Eau Claire Public Schools – Wendy Hart
4. Niles Community Schools – Lynette Wideman

**Baroda / Stevensville:**

1. Bridgman Public Schools – Kirsten Southwood
2. Lakeshore Public Schools – Jill Rezanka
3. Lakeshore Public Schools – Tessa Lee
4. River Valley School District – Michelle Sykora

**St. Joe / Benton Harbor:**

1. Benton Harbor Area Schools – Elizabeth Austin
2. Grace Lutheran School – Denise Fletcher
3. Michigan Lutheran High School – Heidi Plocher
4. St. Joseph Public Schools – Morgan Altergott

**Decatur/Dowagiac/ Paw Paw:**

1. Decatur Public Schools – Jessica Fegan

2. Dowagiac Union Schools – Laura Frye
3. Dowagiac Union Schools – Susan Gear
4. Paw Paw Public Schools – Bethany Stanton

Coloma / Hartford / South Haven:

1. Bangor Public Schools – Cris McGuire
2. Bloomingdale Elementary – Mariann Dowd
3. Hartford Public Schools – Kim Fearnow
4. Grace Christian School – Leslie Colford
5. South Haven Public Schools – Mary Phillips

Grand Rapids:

1. Conklin Migrant Headstart -Tiffany Kiiskila
2. Grand Rapids Public Schools – Juanita Mathis
3. Grand Rapids Public Schools – Karl Johnson
4. Jenison Public Schools – Monica Perez

Kalamazoo:

1. Alamo Elementary School – Sheryl Cramer
2. Allegan Public Schools – Hailey Baker
3. Comstock Public Schools – Becky Raines
4. Gull Lake Community Schools – Kristine Hop

Gwinn /Marquette/ Negaunee:

1. Negaunee Public Schools – Krista Squiers
2. Republic-Michigamme – Kevin Luokkala



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution serving over 100,000 members in 27 member center communities throughout western and northern Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities we serve remain the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

For more information, call 800.442.2800, or visit [www.honorcu.com](http://www.honorcu.com).

## Buchanan District Library – December 2022



## December at Buchanan District Library

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*"In the winter she curls up around a good book and dreams away the cold."*

Ben Aaronovitch, Broken Homes



#### A NOT-SO-SILENT NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY!

Saturday, December 10 ~ 6-8pm

Buchanan District Library's popular holiday event is back IN-PERSON this year at the Library! Combining the best of live and virtual events, this fundraiser features a week-long online silent auction that will end at our festive holiday party on December 10! Anyone can participate in the auction, even if they are unable to attend the event. The silent auction starts December 2 and runs through December 10. This year's event will be better than ever, featuring LIVE music from The Erly! <https://theerlyband.com/>

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

Want to participate in the Silent Auction? Follow the instructions below to join in the fun!

Step one: Visit [32auctions.com/users/new](https://32auctions.com/users/new) to create an account in order to bid on auction items from your smartphone, computer, or other device. Enter your information and activate your new account with the email sent to you from 32auctions.

Step two: Visit [32auctions.com/BDL2022](https://32auctions.com/BDL2022) to see the library's silent auction page! Click on the green "VIEW ALL ITEMS" button to browse auction items until the auction goes live. When it does, you can start bidding!

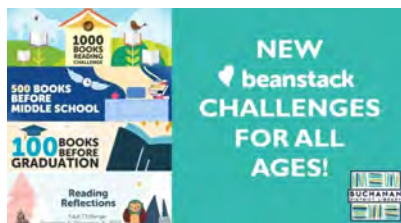
Step three: If you can, join us for the close of the auction and party on December 10th from 6:00-8:00pm! But even if you can't make it to the live event, you can still bid and win! You will be notified of your winning bids after the auction closes, and you can pick up your item at the library the following week.



### New Beanstack Challenges for All Ages!

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

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



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

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

**Reading Reflections 2022:** Calling all adults! The end of the year marks a wonderful time to reflect on all that you've experienced and learned over the past 12 months. Whether you're celebrating the holidays with friends and family or enjoying some quiet time alone, take a moment to cozy up with a good book and set an intention for the coming year. Log your reading and activities to earn badges during the months of November and December.

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

### ADULT PROGRAMS:



#### ADULT CRAFT CLASSES:

##### RECYCLED GIFT TAGS

Thursday, December 15 ~ 11am-12pm

Friday, December 16 ~ 5:30-6:30pm

Come recycle old card catalog cards into beautiful gift tags to adorn all your presents this holiday season. Sign-up is required, call the library at 269.695.3681 to reserve your spot!

### PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS:



### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, through December 21 ~ 10:30-11:30am

Storytime with Ms. Julie continues every Wednesday through December 21! Join us for music, songs, dance, stories, and crafts. Recommended for ages 2–6 but families with children of all ages are welcome.



### TEEN SCENE

Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30pm

December 7, 14, & 21

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



### GRINCH STORYTIME

December 17 ~ 10:30am

Join us to read *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss, make a grinchy craft, and visit with the Grinch himself!



### DROP-IN CRAFT:

HOMEMADE HOT COCOA

Thursday, December 22 ~ Noon-3pm

Participate at the library while supplies last, no sign-up necessary.



### DROP-IN CRAFT:

HOMEMADE BATH BOMB

Friday, December 23 ~ Noon-3pm

Participate at the library while supplies last, no sign-up necessary.



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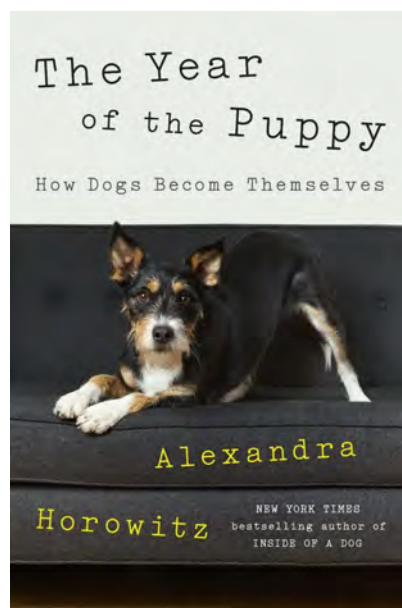
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Questions? Visit our website, stop by the library, or give us a call at 269.695.3681. Click [HERE](#) to learn more on our website.

## WHAT WE'RE READING:

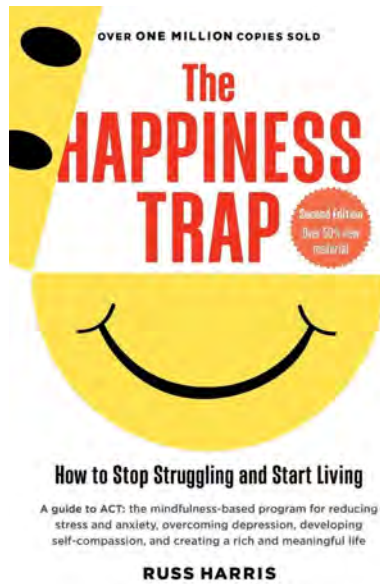


LAURA IS READING...

THE YEAR OF THE PUPPY: HOW DOGS BECOME THEMSELVES  
ALEXANDRA HOROWITZ

What is it like to be a puppy? Author of the classic *Inside of a Dog*, Alexandra Horowitz tries to find out, spending a year scrutinizing her puppy's daily existence and poring over the science of early dog development

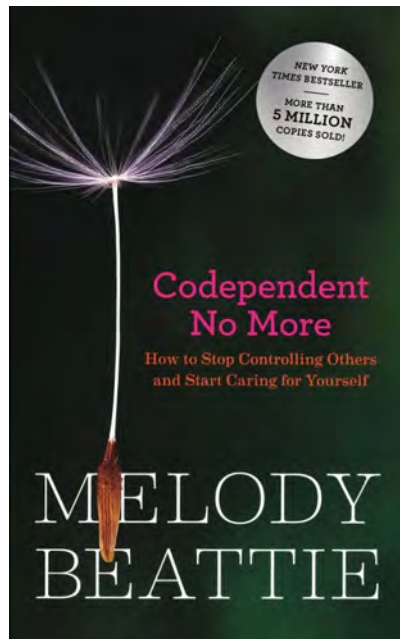
Few of us meet our dogs at Day One. The dog who will, eventually, become an integral part of our family, our constant companion and best friend, is born without us into a family of her own. A puppy's critical early development into the dog we come to know is usually missed entirely. Dog researcher Alexandra Horowitz aimed to change that with her family's new pup, Quiddity (Quid). In this scientific memoir, she charts Quid's growth from wee grub to boisterous sprite, from her birth to her first birthday.



KAREN IS READING...  
THE HAPPINESS TRAP  
RUSH HARRIS

Build a more satisfying and meaningful life with this best-selling guide to freeing yourself from depression, anxiety, and insecurity through Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Are you, like millions of Americans, caught in the happiness trap? Russ Harris explains that the way most of us go about trying to find happiness ends up making us miserable, driving the epidemics of stress, anxiety, and depression. This empowering book presents the insights and techniques of ACT (Acceptance and Commitment Therapy) a revolutionary new psychotherapy based on cutting-edge research in behavioral psychology. By clarifying your values and developing mindfulness (a technique for living fully in the present moment), ACT helps you escape the happiness trap and find true satisfaction in life.



JEN IS READING...  
CODEPENDENT NO MORE  
MELODY BEATTIE

Melody Beattie's compassionate and insightful look into codependency—the concept of losing oneself in the name of helping another — has helped millions of readers understand that they are powerless to change anyone but themselves and that caring for the self is where healing begins.

Is someone else's problem your problem? If, like so many others, you've lost sight of your own life in the drama of tending to a loved one's self-destructive behavior, you may be codependent—and you may find yourself in this book. With instructive life stories, personal reflections, exercises, and self-tests, Codependent No More helps you to break old patterns, maintain healthy boundaries, and say no to unhealthy relationships. It offers a clear and achievable path to freedom and a lifetime of healing, hope, and happiness.

## LoT LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEM



**Donner DKM-100 Rock-Bus Multipurpose Speaker System**  
The Donner DKM-100 Rock-Bus Multipurpose Speaker System has 3 inch high frequency, 3 inch mid frequency and 8 inch low frequency speakers. It has an AM/FM tuner, Bluetooth compatibility, guitar jack and USB port. Use it as a portable PA System with the included microphones. Additional functions include Bass Boost and preset Voice Effects. The speaker has a rechargeable battery pack good for up to 50 hours of continuous use. The wheels and collapsible handle make this speaker portable for all of your indoor or outdoor needs.

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### ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

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

### NEW! myLIBRO App

Buchanan District Library now has an app!

Now it's super easy to search our catalog, reserve and renew items, checkout eBooks and digital audiobooks, stay informed about library events, and more! Here's how to get started:

Download the myLIBRO app

– Go to your app store and download the myLIBRO app.

Set up your account

– Search for Buchanan District Library and log in with your library card number and phone number (PIN).

– Add family members by swiping sideways on the blue account box and tapping "Add library card."

– To switch accounts, swipe to the account you wish to use and tap "Activate" in the top left of the blue account box.

Questions? Visit our website, stop by the library, or give us a call at 269.695.3681.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



### HOLIDAY HOURS:

CLOSED

Saturday, 12/24

Tuesday, 12/27

Saturday, 12/31

The library is always closed Sundays & Mondays

Happy Holidays!

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



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

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## Buchanan Area Senior Center – December 2022



## December Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

#### ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, December 3 ~ 9am-2pm

The BASC Annual Holiday Bazaar gives artists and crafters a chance to rent tables, show off their arts and crafts for the community to admire and purchase. Support your local makers while doing your holiday shopping and find one-of-a-kind gifts for your holiday shopping list. The bazaar is held either in November or December. Be sure to check our newsletter or Facebook page for the BASC Holiday Bazaar date.



The BASC has a couple of Holiday Bazaar Booths available to rent at our bazaar on Saturday, December 3. For more information, please email Diana at [diana@thebasc.org](mailto:diana@thebasc.org) with your name, what craft/art you sell, and your telephone number.

Mark your calendars for the BASC Holiday Bazaar!

- Grab your family/friends and come on by to shop for the holiday and make sure you get something special for you!
- Buy your door prize tickets for a chance to win! There will be over 15 prizes!
- BASC will be selling one of a kind ornaments that represent our building and Scarecrow Charities!
- BASC will be selling yummy baked goods!
- On your way out pick up a boxed sloppy joe lunch!
- See you on December 3!

#### HOLIDAY PARTY & POTLUCK (55+ years of age)

Wednesday, December 14 ~ 12-3pm

Join us at the BASC for some holiday cheer, comfort food, tasty dessert, door prizes, and bingo!

The BASC will provide the meat and bread, The Willows will provide potatoes, and PACE will provide green beans.

Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share with everyone.

Call 695-7119 to register





NEW YEAR'S PARTY (55+ years of age)  
Friday, December 30 ~ 1-3pm  
3,2,1.... Happy New Year!  
Can you believe another year has gone by and  
we are about to welcome 2023?!?  
Stop by the BASC to be with friends  
and to give a toast to the new year!  
Ice Cream Social provided by Brentwood.



AARP TAX-AID  
Wednesday, December 7 ~ 9am  
Would you like to learn more about the AARP Tax-Aid Preparation  
and even become a volunteer to help 60+ years old with electronic tax-aid  
preparation?  
The Tax-Aid Preparation is a wonderful program, however, in order  
for the program to be successful in helping our community, AARP needs  
volunteers. If not you, perhaps someone you know would be interested.  
Learn about their program and  
sign up for the volunteer training.

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

Read the full BASC Newsletter for December 2022 [HERE](#).

| Buchanan Area Senior Center - December 2022 Calendar                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                        |
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| Fitness / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                        |
| Monday                                                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Holiday Bazaar</b><br><br>Saturday, December 3<br>9:00 am—2:00 pm<br><br><b>Boxed  Sloppy Joe Lunch Available</b>                                                        | <b>Holiday Party &amp; Potluck</b><br><br><b>Wednesday, December 14</b><br><br>Noon—3:00 pm        | <b>New Year's Party</b><br><br>Friday<br>December 30<br><br>11:00—3:00 pm                                                               | 11:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>11:00 Game Day                                                                                                | 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy<br>10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz                                                            |
| 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda<br>11:00 Zumba Low-Impact with CeCe<br>11:00 Euchre<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>2:00 Qigong Exercise                                               | 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy<br>12:00 Papa Vito's Luncheon<br>1:00 Pinochle<br>1:00 Quilting & Sewing | 9:00 Coffee Chat<br>9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar<br>10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe<br>1:00 Hand & Foot Cards<br>6:00 Pinochle<br>6:00 Euchre | 9:00 Foot Clinic<br>11:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike<br>11:30 Blood Pressure Check<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>11:00 Game Day<br>11:30 Pill Drop Off<br>3:00 Board Meeting | 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy<br>10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz<br>11:00 Fiber Friends<br>11:00 Movie Matinee: Hugo        |
| 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda<br>11:00 Zumba Low-Impact with CeCe<br>11:00 Euchre<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>2:00 Qigong Exercise                                               | 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy<br>11:00 Pinochle<br>1:00 Quilting & Sewing<br>2:00 Hearing Aid Check    | 12:00 Holiday Party & Potluck<br>6:00 Pinochle<br>6:00 Euchre                                                                           | 9:30 Eyeglass Repair<br>10:30 Book Club<br>11:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>11:00 Game Day<br>11:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities                   | 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy<br>10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz<br>11:00 Fiber Friends<br>11:00 Movie Matinee: The Holiday |
| 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda<br>11:00 Zumba Low-Impact with CeCe<br>11:00 Euchre<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>11:00 2nd Pick-Up Monthly CSFP Commodities<br>2:00 Qigong Exercise | 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy<br>11:00 Pinochle<br>11:00 Quilting & Sewing                             | 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe<br>11:00 Birthday Bingo<br>11:00 Hand & Foot Cards<br>6:00 Pinochle<br>6:00 Euchre                        | 11:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike<br>11:30 Blood Pressure Check<br>11:00 Mah Jongg<br>11:00 Game Day                                                                  |                                   |
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The BASC will be closed on Monday, January 2.

Happy New Year!!

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

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## BCS School Spotlight – BMS December 2022



## Fall at Buchanan Middle School

Submitted by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley

Recent Happenings at Buchanan Middle School:



BMS Donation Drive 2022, Flyer provided by Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal

- 2022 BMS Fall Fest including a wonderful hayride sponsored by Jane Mitchell and other School Farm volunteers.
- Positive Behavior Incentives promoting our school-wide PBIS system.
- Rake-a-Difference around Buchanan: 40+ Students and Staff traveled around Buchanan to rake the leaves of senior citizens.
- Jr. Herd Student Credit Union partnership with Honor Credit Union.



Fall Happenings at BMS, Photos provided by Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal



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## Mayor's Memo – Bucktown Christmas Success



## **Bucktown Christmas Success!**

**by Mayor Sean Denison**

I wanted to thank the Chamber of Commerce, The DPW, the City, the business owners, the sponsors and all the volunteers that helped make Bucktown Christmas a huge success! I was amazed at the amount of people who were lined up to enjoy the holiday parade, who participated in the costume contest, and attended the tree lighting at the common. It is an incredible amount of work to get the event planned, and to have it go off without a hitch is a testament to the folks who made it happen. Congratulations to all involved. I also want to send a very special Thank You to Santa and Mrs. Claus for making it to the parade. What a great event.

As we head into the holidays this year, please keep our local shops, businesses and restaurants in mind when looking for gifts. They need all of our support, and its a great gift to them if we can continue to shop and dine with them throughout the winter months.

I would like to wish everyone in and around Buchanan a happy, safe holiday season.

Thank you, see you around town,

Sean Denison, Mayor



Mayor Sean Denison, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

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

[www.cityofbuchanan.com](http://www.cityofbuchanan.com)

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

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## Police Points – Call Log Issue 41



## Police Call Log : 10/17 – 11/20

Buchanan City Police Department

| Description                          | Total Calls of Type |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sex Offenses                         | 1                   |
| Parental Kidnapping                  | 0                   |
| Larceny                              | 5                   |
| Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle   | 1                   |
| Fraud                                | 3                   |
| UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)           | 0                   |
| Aggravated Assault                   | 0                   |
| Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence     | 12                  |
| Family/Other                         | 1                   |
| Burglary/Unlawful Entry              | 5                   |
| Intimidation/Stalking                | 8                   |
| Forgery/Counterfeiting               | 1                   |
| Retail Fraud Complaint               | 4                   |
| Damage to Property                   | 4                   |
| Liquor Violations                    | 0                   |
| Obstruction/Warrant Arrest           | 4                   |
| Disorderly Conduct                   | 1                   |
| Weapons Offense                      | 2                   |
| Public Peace / Other                 | 10                  |
| OUIL                                 | 0                   |
| Driving Law Violations               | 6                   |
| Health and Safety                    | 6                   |
| Trespass                             | 4                   |
| Juvenile Complaints                  | 6                   |
| Animal Cruelty                       | 0                   |
| Private Property Damage/PI Accidents | 15                  |
| Abandoned Vehicle                    | 0                   |
| Property Checks                      | 2                   |
| Alarms                               | 19                  |

| Description           | Total Calls of Type |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Civil                 | 11                  |
| Suspicious Situations | 30                  |
| Lost/Found Property   | 6                   |
| Natural Death         | 2                   |
| Accidental/Suicide    | 1                   |
| Medical Assist        | 43                  |
| General Assist        | 68                  |
| Ordinance Violations  | 24                  |
| Missing Person        | 0                   |
| VCSA                  | 0                   |
|                       |                     |

**Total Calls 10/17 – 11/20 : 305**

\* Reminder: The time frame included in each Call Log may vary, and as such the total number of calls per Call Log will vary accordingly.\*



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

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

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

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

# Police Points

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**The Clark Barker – Issue 41**



## **Holiday Hours**

Reminder: These days many businesses have Holiday Hours that may differ from their typical hours. In these times, it's always best to call ahead if you're unsure about a business' operating hours. Save time and gas. Nothing is

worse than getting somewhere and they are closed. It may be best to check on a business' Holiday Hours before setting out to visit them.

Woof-Woof!



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### Buchanan Losses • 11/13-11/30

| Name                            | Age | Born              | Died              |
|---------------------------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ruth Ann Metzger                | 99  | December 21, 1922 | November 30, 2022 |
| Richard “Rick” Ray Clements     | 69  | February 22, 1953 | November 28, 2022 |
| Paul W. Corum                   | 62  | November 27, 1960 | November 28, 2022 |
| Sharon Jane Dudgeon             | 66  | April 30, 1956    | November 23, 2022 |
| James Larry Kimbrell            | 73  | November 9, 1949  | November 22, 2022 |
| George “Bill” William Lovelady  | 92  | January 22, 1930  | November 19, 2022 |
| Timothy Dell Wiggins            | 60  | October 30, 1962  | November 19, 2022 |
| Linda Jo-Anne Rose              | 51  | February 24, 1971 | November 18, 2022 |
| John Philip Seese, Jr.          | 61  | May 12, 1961      | November 17, 2022 |
| Judith Ann “Judy” Paul Bellaire | 83  | May 28, 1939      | November 16, 2022 |
| Phyllis Sue Lukkarila           | 86  | October 10, 1936  | November 13, 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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## Now That's Funny! – Issue 41



## Now That's Funny! – Issue 41

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

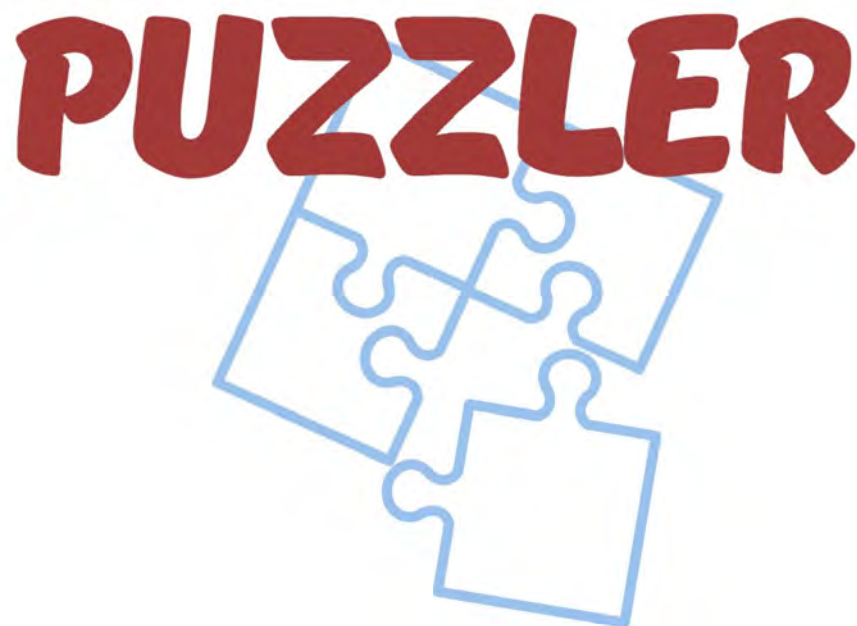
If anyone reading this has ever spent time taking photos of small children, you will totally understand. My wife, Rebecka, who is also the Editor of this fine newspaper, has recently had the experience of taking photos of a couple of small children. She did this photo shoot all the while working hard to get the children to cooperate and do what she wanted them to do. 🤪 You can imagine how that went. For the most part, she got some good photos. Many of the photos taken were of the 2 kids making funny faces! 🤪🤪 She would tell them to smile, and well they did more than that. One of the 2 decided to stick their tongue out a few times. The other was a big challenge, to have them sit still long enough to take the photo! 🤪🤪

What starts with a T, ends with a T, and is full of T? A teapot. 🤪🤪🤪

Keep laughing folks! 😊

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## Puzzler Page – Issue 41



## Puzzler Page – Issue 41

by Garrick Stubblefield

Hello everyone that is viewing this page. I started doing puzzles for about 6-7 months in The Buchanan Chronicle. Just remember that all these puzzles came from my head.

By the way if you're interested in getting some books of puzzles to pass around for any occasion, feel free to give me a call any day out of the week. My number is 269-259-0547 (before 1:30pm). I'm selling my puzzle books as follows: 1 for \$1.50, 3 for \$4.00, 6 for \$7.50, 12 for \$10. A portion will go to the following 3 distributions: 40% will go to The Buchanan Chronicle, 40% will go to veterans of our local Buchanan community, and 20% to offset the supplies. I hope that you enjoy them as much as I enjoyed making them. When I have yours done then I will meet you somewhere for delivery. Just be sure to call me and leave your name and phone number.

Thank you again for enjoying the puzzles and I will try my best to continue to make them.

### Puzzler Page

#### PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING THE WORD

- 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 –
  - SPIRIT
  - 
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- 5 Letter –
  - LADER
  - 
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- 4 Letter –
  - FARE
  - 
  - 
  -

- 3 Letter –
  - ARK
  - 
  -

As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at [garrickstubblefield@gmail.com](mailto: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 or Capital names.

- STATES:
  - This State is also a kind of TOAST.
- CAPITALS:
  - This Capital has a BOTTOM but no \_\_\_\_.

#### PUZZLE 3 – 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. CHANGE THE FIRST DIGIT TO A 1;
2. CHANGE THE SECOND DIGIT TO A 0;
3. CHANGE THE THIRD DIGIT TO A 0;

4. THE NEW 3 DIGIT CODE IS: HOW MANY PENNIES IN A DOLLAR.

#### PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- INSTRUCTIONS:
  - See if you can find the 4-letter words I found:
    - 3-4 you're doing good
    - 5-6 catching up to me
    - 7-more fantastic
- Quote:
  - ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE CHRISTMAS

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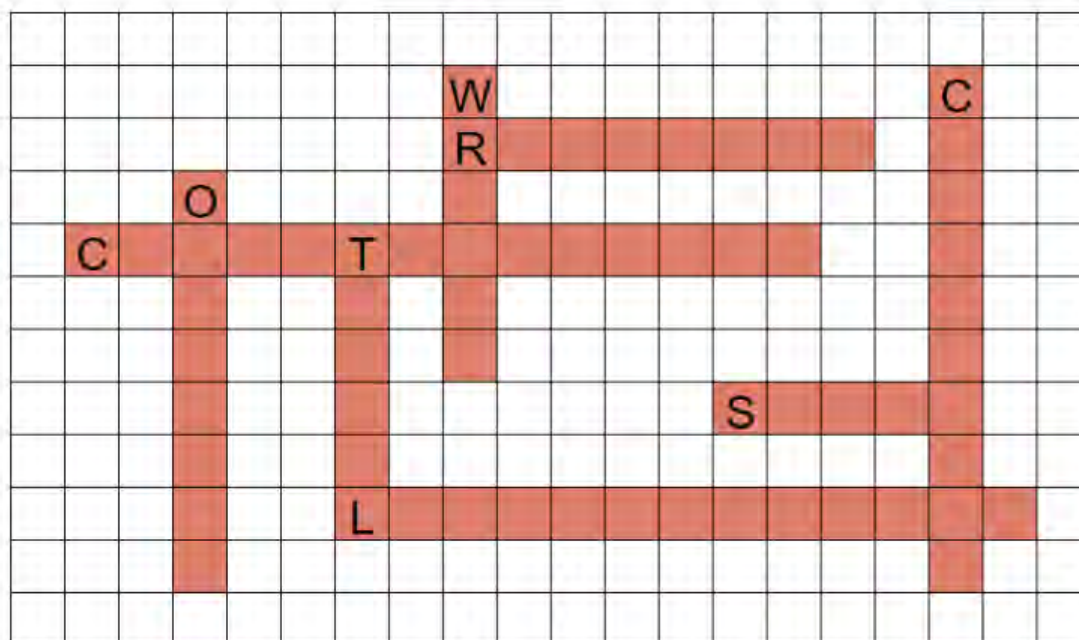
#### PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
  - DON'T BE SUCH A SCROOGE

1. An animal may be found in here; hint: type of bird.
2. A drunk man can never do this: be \_\_\_\_.
3. Another word for something that looks yucky.
4. Something a person puts on after a shower or bath.
5. When you are done using something out of a box, the box then becomes what.
6. Kids like to go to this on a hot sunny day.

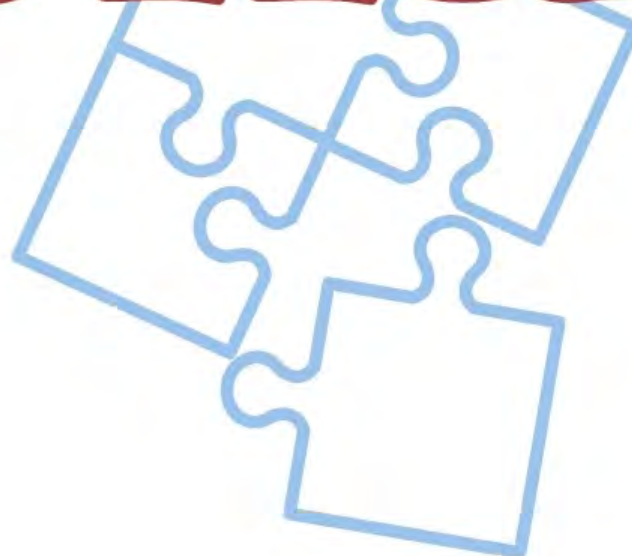
**PUZZLE 6 – BOXGRAM**

- Fill the shaded boxes to complete all the answers that go with the clue.
  - Clue: THINGS YOU SEE ON OR AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME
    - We've given you one item to start and the beginning letters of the rest.



Boxgram Puzzle – Issue 41

# PUZZLER



## A Note from the Publisher – Issue 41



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by Jen Garry, Publisher

First, thank you for taking the time to read our publications a few times each month, we really appreciate our readership and love all your suggestions and story ideas!

Also, did you know you can make a DONATION to The Buchanan Chronicle, a not-for-profit entity? Any funds received go toward bringing our Buchanan community all the latest local news. We also support local charities, veterans, businesses, and more, right here in Buchanan MI! Thank you so much for your support!! [DONATE NOW at the LINK HERE!!](#)

Our Merch Shop is Online NOW! [SHOP HERE!!](#) There you can get custom items and merch to support our efforts, and with the Holidays right around the corner, it's perfect timing if you're looking for unique gifts this year!

Lastly, it is almost the end of the year, already! Look for our "Look Back on 2022" Issue, out in January, where we'll give you our favorite picks of the year, and we'll list our top most-read articles of 2022!

As always, I'd like to remind you if you come across anything newsworthy, any announcements to share publicly, or anything you'd like your community to know about, please let us know by email (at [buchananchronicle@att.net](mailto:buchananchronicle@att.net)) or message us on [our Facebook page](#). We really appreciate any communication, we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community! We love to publish Opinion pieces from local contributors, feel free to write in if you have something to say to Buchanan!

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

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