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Bowling for the Cure 2022 by Garrick Stubblefield Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Joey Armadillo's Bowling Center in Niles, Michigan, some of The Buchanan Chronicle team (Garrick, Dan, Becka, Tom,...

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BCS Sports Highlight – Athlete Spotlight Kaitlynnne Walter

Mighty Girl by Nik Sanchez Senior Kaitlynnne Walter (17)

of Buchanan High School has been putting on a clinic on the wrestling mat. Kaitlynne has obtained a 10 win season...

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by Thomas Hoyt Some time ago, back when I was in courtship with my wife, Rebecka, I had an experience that involved a flatulence. At that time, my now sister-in-law...

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Stories of Local Vets by Garrick Stubblefield Through the year I will be trying to interview local vets that have served our country and give us some stories that they...

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by Garrick Stubblefield Hi all, my name is Garrick

Stubblefield and I live here in Buchanan. I joined the military right out of school. Recently, I was asked to join...

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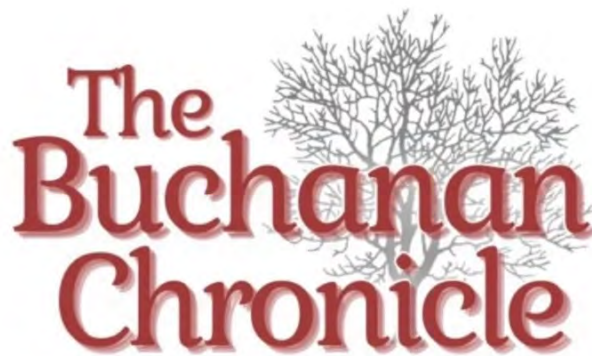
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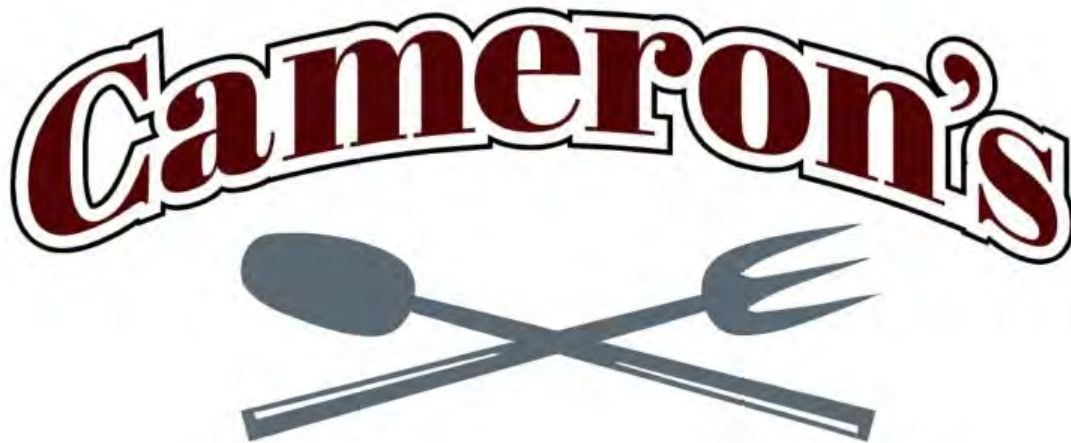
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Local Business – Cameron's



Restaurant Week – Spotlight on Cameron's

by Miranda Barger

In the past, Restaurant Week has become a crucial part of Buchanan — and Berrien County's — food culture. Diners during Restaurant Week get the experience to try unique dishes and visit new restaurants. Across the city, Restaurant Week features different restaurants that offer a smaller portion menu with a variety of their regular menu items for tasting.



Cameron's dinner plate, Photos from Cameron's [Facebook here](#)

In this issue I would like to feature Cameron's American Traditional style restaurant as one of the participants. Cameron's restaurant week menu picks include Chili, potato and ham soup, Onion petals, Mexican dip, Portobello mushrooms, Jumbo wings, Shaved prime rib on Ciabatta, pot roast with potatoes carrots and

onions, Brats and fries, Hawaiian chicken sandwiches and various desserts for one dollar.



Cameron's dinner plate, Photos from Cameron's [Facebook here](#)

Diners tend to gravitate to Cameron's in appreciation of the welcoming and rustic atmosphere, as well as the delicious food. A few months ago, my Facebook feed began popping up with images of an inviting and refreshing looking patio there at Cameron's, which also boasts a spacious indoor dining room. It's an atmosphere just begging for a wine, cocktail, tall glass of iced tea or smart coffee drink.



Cameron's dinner plate, Photos from Cameron's [Facebook here](#)

In conclusion, Cameron's makes an entourage of dishes, drinks, and appetizers (across all different flavor profiles) with their own unique and professional flare. I have absolute confidence in whatever that kitchen turns-out. It's probably gonna be fantastic, so you get our official blessing to order whatever you want off Cameron's menu for restaurant week. Bon appétit!

Cameron's [Facebook here](#).

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- Friday – Saturday : 11:30a-10p
- Sunday : Closed

Answer to Puzzle 5 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 5 – SCRAMBLES

1. BETA
 2. BATE
 3. ABET
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Nature Notes – Spring 2022



First Blooms of Midwest Spring

by Jill K. McDonald

We've turned the calendar page! It's March 2022! Signs of early spring in Michiana have begun!

If you're itching for warmer weather and the beauty of spring flowers, you needn't wait any longer. Let me fill you in.

Two of my favorite flowers are also two of the first to bloom in the Midwest in spring. Both begin to bloom before the snow is even gone, making them a joyful sight to witness!



Winter Aconite, Photo by Jill K. McDonald

What are they, you ask? The first is Winter Aconite. It's a brilliant, bright yellow flower that grows just a few inches high off the ground. It typically begins to start showing its buds by mid-February. They can even get completely covered by fresh snow, but will survive and thrive once melted. These beautiful flowers bloom until mid-March.

My second favorite Midwest spring flower is Witch Hazel. These delicate flowers grow on trees, of which there are also varieties that bloom in autumn. They come in soft yellow and deep orange colors. Their blooms have an amazing aroma!



Witch Hazel, Photo by Steve Bornell of Fernwood

So where might you witness and enjoy these early spring delights? If you're looking for a great day trip, or need an excuse to meet with friends, Fernwood Botanical Garden is definitely worth exploring!

Located at the edge of Niles and Buchanan, on Walton Road, Fernwood is a 105-acre botanical garden and nature preserve. For more info on current hours, admission, and all you can enjoy while visiting, check out their website www.fernwoodbotanical.org.

Where else might you witness early spring blooms? Be sure to check with your local botanical gardens, nature preserves, and state and county parks. A simple internet or maps search will help you discover many unique places to explore!

Wishing you each a delightful and joyful season of spring!

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Buchanan Community Schools – March 4 Band



March 4 Band Declared

by Jennifer Tabor, Fundraising Lead

March 4 Band is a community fundraiser aimed at raising \$60,000 before the end of the 2021-2022 school year for uniforms, equipment, and instruments for the Buchanan High School March Band and Color Guard.



MARCH 4 BAND

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS MARCH 4 BAND February 28 - March 18

'MARCH 4 BAND' is a three-week community drive to support the Buchanan Marching Band. Our goal is to raise \$60,000 for new marching band uniforms, color guard uniforms, instruments, and equipment. The Buchanan marching band represents our community at home and on the road from parades and football games to state competitions. We ask you to show your community spirit by helping to raise funds for the Buchanan Marching Band. Your help is much appreciated!

QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to reach out!

Jen Tabor - Fundraising Chair
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DONATION LEVELS



ANGEL - \$5,000

- Named sponsor in all media outlets.
- Named sponsor in season programs
- Student performance at your place of business.
- Personalized "Thank You" video for use on social media and website.
- "Platinum" March 4 Band Plaque.
- Brass nameplate on instrument case.



VISIONARY - \$2,500

- Student performance at your place of business.
- Personalized "Thank You" video for use on social media and website.
- March 4 Band Plaque.
- Year of advertised sponsorship in all media outlets.



LEADER - \$1500

- "Thank You" video for use on social media and website.
- March 4 Band Plaque



AMBASSADOR - \$1000

- "Thank You" video for use on social media and website.
- Social media mention



PARTNER - \$250

- Social media mention
- Thank you letter
- Reserved Concert Seats



FRIENDS OF THE BAND - \$100

- Reserved Concert Seats

March 4 Band 2022 flyer, Image provided by Jen Tabor

The concept emerged in the Fall of 2021 when I started traveling with my daughters to marching band competitions. I found instruments without cases, instruments that had been used for generations now falling apart on the field, our bass drum is held to it's frame with a bungee, and heavy carts loaded with gear being pulled up hills with a rope.

I began to realize that the lack of proper equipment and need for new uniforms is not visible in the community and our citizens would want more for their band students. I used the opportunities to document the marching bands needs so I could present to an audience. With the help and support of the Buchanan Band Boosters, we are launching a large scale campaign to rally around the students with support and financial donations.



March 4 Band 2022 support, Image provided by Jen Tabor

Stop by Union Coffee House on March 4, 6, 8, and 12 to hear some band kids playing in person (3-4pm weekdays, 11-12am weekend days) and support them.

If you have any old instruments, Buchanan City Hall will accept them as well as your monetary donations. You will see "TIPS for the BAND" canisters in many Buchanan businesses very soon to throw your loose change in. Also, a "Play-a-Thon" will happen on March 15 from 3pm – 9pm at Buchanan Middle School. Please donate to our students that show you their pledge sheet! You will see some band students throughout Buchanan playing music, so take it all in as they bring music to our streets and ears! Next week, you will have the chance to purchase band stickers/window clings for \$2.

We would like to thank the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation for helping with the purchase towards a sousaphone and two field speakers! As well as Bucktown Nutrition and 933 Nutrition for the "TIPS for the BAND" canisters! A give back night will happen on April 18 (all day) at Hacienda on Portage Rd., in South Bend, IN.

They work so hard after and before school to provide the school spirit that makes this place great! We have a big ask, but go big or go home!

Follow our journey at [March4Band](#)

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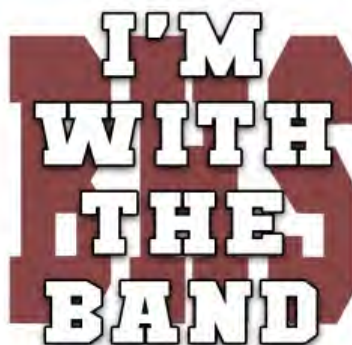
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Giving is the best gift. Go Bucks!

March 4 Band Fundraiser

Jen Tabor – Fundraising Lead

Jennie Brackett – Band Boosters President



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Community Press Release – BACC Restaurant Week



Buchanan Restaurant Week 2022

Submitted by Nate Babcock, Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

Buchanan, MI – March 01-08, 2022



Buchanan Restaurant Week 2022 Giveaway flyer

- Patrons at all restaurants need to mention "Restaurant Week" in order to receive the special.
- The Chamber is giving away a gift basket filled with goodies from participating restaurants.

To enter and have a chance to win:

- 1) Make a purchase from one of our participating restaurants,
- 2) Take a picture of your purchase,
- 3) Post the picture on social media (Facebook or Instagram) with #buchananrestaurantweek2022

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Restaurant Week: March 1st – 8th 2022

Participating Restaurants (Customers Must Mention 'Restaurant Week' to Receive Specials)

Restaurant	Special
Bucktown Nutrition	\$2.00 off all combos
Cameron's Restaurant	Weekly Specials
Gary Z's Sub Shop	Homemade Chicken Salad
Hickory Creek Winery	Wine Tasting for two paired with our special Farm Fresh Local Charcuterie selection \$28.00 (Entire week) Also Mon-Friday only 10% of all purchases (excluding tasting special)
Hilltop Café	10% off food / drink, must mention RESTAURANT WEEK
JD's Family Diner	Tuesday \$1.50 Tacos -Wednesday \$1.25 wings- Thursday 1/2 price appetizers from 5-9pm - Friday fish fry- Saturday \$1.00 off burgers-Sunday \$6.00 Bloody Marys
Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse	Free cup of coffee with the purchase of a dessert.
McCoy Creek Tavern	Wed/wing night, Thurs/\$1 off 1/2 lb. burgers, Fri/all u can eat fish fry, Sat/Shaved prime rib sandwich
McDonald's	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Meal Deal: Buy a Crispy Chicken Sandwich, get FREE Med. Fries and Med. Soft drink on the McDonald's App
Milano's Pizza	Large 3 topping - \$10.00 pickup only, must mention "Restaurant Week"
Orchard Hills Country Club	10% off food/drink, 1/2 off of a social membership, must mention "Restaurant Week"
Pizza Hut	\$12.99 for a Large 1-topping stuffed crust pizza. On Wednesday March 2 only, Wings Wednesday: bone-out wings \$0.60 a piece.
River Saint Joe	Sausage Kraut and a Pint for \$14.00
Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant	Thurs/Surf & Turf for \$30, Sat/Prime Rib \$30, Sun/brunch buffet \$28
Tasty Chen's Restaurant	No specials, menu only
Union Coffee House	Seasonal drink specials and Irish themed cuisine. Customers will receive a complimentary cookie after purchase.
Sweet Shop Café Italiano	Free Green River or beverage of choice with purchase of sandwich or pizza
Gustavsen Cafe	cinammon rolls with pistachio and Chocolate bollers

Buchanan Restaurant Week 2022, Participating Restaurants and Specials



Answer to Puzzle 5 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:**PUZZLE 5 – SCRAMBLES**

1. DRAW
2. WARD
3. RAWs
4. WADS

Health Huddle – Spice for Life Coaching

**Spice for Life Coaching**

by Madelyn Kitchell

Do you want to improve all aspects of your life but don't exactly know how? This is where a life coach comes into play. You may wonder, What really is a life coach? According to a local life coach, Sabine, they provide general assistance to come up with strategies that will improve all aspects of one's life. Some of these aspects include physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental parts of one's everyday life. Let's dive deeper into Sabine and her Spice for Life Coaching career.

Sabine has had a variety of careers throughout her life. After a while she realized people always gravitated towards her and felt comfortable being able to have her shoulder to lean on. They confided in her whether it was to relearn things about themselves by asking for her thoughts and advice. From this gift she had of helping others, her passion grew and she wanted to convert the passion into a career path. One day she decided to post that she was going to take that leap and finally become a life coach. She started to search up programs to further her education in life coaching to increase her ability to help people. The program she chose dealt with both health and life coaching. Through the program she learned how both life and health coaching go hand in hand.

Another big thing she learned is how small habits can create huge changes, whether positive or negative, in one's life. In this program they started peer coaching through which she had the ability to work with many people from many different backgrounds and career paths. She's worked with people from Dubai, Montreal, and the United States. These people worked as nurses all the way to bankers and pastors. Sabine stated, "No matter your background, your ethnicity or religion, people, we all strive for one thing. We just want to be happy." This really shows that everyone occasionally needs help and wants happiness no matter what background you are from. Now let's dive further into what this career means and how a life coach could possibly help you.



Sabine Wheatley, Photo provided by Sabine Wheatley

The purpose of these coaching sessions is to examine a problem in your life. Then you go through and explore your thoughts. Lastly you use all that information to problem solve and create a solution to that problem. Different examples of coaching include: creating a work/life balance, switching careers, stress management, increasing one's self confidence, or improving one's relationship. According to (<https://www.lifecoach-directory.org.uk/>), Life coaches provide tools to help one face their challenges and complete or even exceed their goals. Sabine informed me that there are many misconceptions that a life coach is a therapist or similar to a nutritionist. Life coaches help aid clients in more broad ways, while therapists help clients mental health while having more schooling required for the job.

If you are thinking that having a life coach will be a good fit for you you may want to be aware of a few things.

Don't expect immediate results. Everything takes time and most of the things the life coaches help with also take work from you. For example, you aren't going to be able to improve a relationship without doing work inside of that relationship. The life coach gives you aids, material, and advice to help the relationship and you have to then use that to improve it. Another thing to be aware of is that every life coach might not fit your needs. You have to pick and choose your coach and possibly go to multiple before you might find the right fit for you. The best thing is to find a coach you have a positive relationship with and enjoy. This will make it easier to improve your life if you actually enjoy your coaching sessions.

Overall, a life coach is a great option if you are having struggles in many different areas of life. One great local option would be Spice for Life Coaching. You can find her at spiceforlifecoaching@yahoo.com, www.spiceforlifecoaching.com, and Spice for Life Coaching both on Instagram and Facebook. She makes sure her clients have a safe and positive space to come to the second the session begins. For now all of her sessions are through video call so she can see clients reactions and body language to gauge where they are at in the session. Her sessions last around 45 minutes to an hour. Go check out her coaching if it is something that interests you! It has the possibility to improve all aspects of your life.



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

- 6 Letter –
 - SPOILS
 - SPOIL
 - SOIL
 - OIL
 - IL
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 - 5 Letter –
 - OLIVE
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Mayor's Memo – Spring



Growing Buchanan

by Mayor Sean Denison

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." Robert Louis Stevenson

I thought of this quote by Robert Louis Stevenson the other day as I drove through town. There is so much happening. There are so many new and exciting projects being worked on. New businesses, new people, and a new enthusiasm. I am very proud of the work that the city has done over the last few years to make Buchanan better. A place to start a business. A place to raise your family and a place to call home.

I think it's important to remember that even though the last two years slowed us down due to the challenges that the pandemic placed on all of us, we still made progress as a community. We planted seeds that are just now starting to bear fruit. New economic incentive programs, new people in positions that promote the businesses and community are all having an effect. They will continue to have a positive impact and we will continue to see positive outcomes, as long as we stay consistent and persistent. Someone once said, "The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it."

If we stay patient and committed, if we plan accordingly, if we remain steadfast in our commitment to be business friendly, to set legislative priorities that will benefit the whole of the community – we will continue to see the community thrive.

Thank you, see you around town, Sean Denison, Mayor
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Mayor Sean Denison, Spring 2021, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

Past Event – Bowling for the Cure



Bowling for the Cure 2022

by Garrick Stubblefield

Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Joey Armadillo's Bowling Center in Niles, Michigan, some of The Buchanan Chronicle team (Garrick, Dan, Becca, Tom, and Julie) were in attendance bowling for a great cause. The event that took place was Bowling For The Cure, which is a foundation set up under the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The Director (Chris Marlin) has done it for 16 years, minus our 2 hiccup years of COVID. What motivates Chris to do it year after year is the amount of support volunteering, and most of all the donations that come in. Chris says that she and the crew set a goal each year and it seems to amaze her that they succeed each and every year, as of this year they have raised over \$200,000 total.



The Buchanan Chronicle Team bowlers, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Not only was there bowling, the foundation was doing raffles, silent white elephant drawings, and chunks of meat giveaways. They also were doing the "stuff Ms. Piggy" and bragging rights of which school was the best, of course you either had Michigan or Notre Dame. Their goal was met if not surpassed this year! Chris said that there was a lot of excitement in the air and hoped to see everyone from this year next year and beyond. Be looking for this event to occur annually, typically around the middle of February.



The Bunny bowler and friends, Photo by Garrick Stubblefield



The Bunny bowler and friends, Photos by Garrick Stubblefield



About Bowling for the Cure: A year-round fundraising initiative sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) to benefit Susan G. Komen®. USBC is the national governing body of bowling as

recognized by the US Olympic Committee and is a membership organization that provides standardized rules, regulations and benefits to make bowling fair and enjoyable for everyone. Bowl for the Cure® has raised more than \$11 million for Komen since 2000.

BowlForTheCure.com

BCS Sports Highlight – Athlete Spotlight Kaitlynnne Walter



Mighty Girl

by Nik Sanchez

Senior Kaitlynnne Walter (17) of Buchanan High School has been putting on a clinic on the wrestling mat. Kaitlynnne has obtained a 10 win season along with a 6 pin season with a 27 second pin at regionals and has qualified for state. She is the first girl to qualify for state, ever in Buchanan High School history.

Growing up, Kaitlynnne did competitive cheer for 12 years before taking her talents to the mat, her biggest inspiration was proving the naysayers wrong. Some of her other hobbies include horseback riding or simply called equestrian. She also is involved in demolition derby as a driver as she literally pummels her opponents. She has

plenty of support from the family including her younger siblings, she is the oldest so she has to lead by example.



Kaitlynn has two colleges in mind as she will continue her wrestling journey, they are Adrian College and Sienna Heights college both private colleges who are looking to get their wrestling program off on the right foot. Kaitlynn has a favorite go-to move she always uses, a “duck under” which is pivotal when combining combinations in wrestling. Another move she plans on working on is the fireman carry” which can dominate an opponent and is a power move when her opponent hits the mat as she throws them over their shoulder. She also is involved in track as Kaitlynn does discus and shot put both are power sports so I can see where the determination comes from.

As a former wrestler I was impressed with her knowledge and confidence and her overall kindness. Even Though she was a macho wrestler she was still a sweetheart and loves competing and her hometown of Buchanan.



Good Luck Kaitlynne Walter, Image from Buchanan Athletics [Facebook page](#)



GO BUCKS!

Guest Writer – Winds of Change



Guest Writer

by Tracie Crenshaw, Lake Michigan College Creative Writing Student

Katie used to tell me I worry too much. Her soft voice, like a ballad, belting out, “Worry won’t fix nothin’.” — using double negatives to teasingly and distractingly get under my skin. Not much phased her. I think back to the first time we met.

The first day of fifth grade brought a late summer storm, drenching children dashing for the doors. The muggy, fresh scent of rain permeated the sky. Puddles collected in crevices on the sidewalk to Hoover Elementary, tempting me to lollop and splash through its muck. The first day produced more than yellow raincoats, Nickelodeon-themed umbrellas, and disgruntled classmates. A new girl emerged in the classroom, removing her red parka to reveal a sky-blue T-shirt and stonewashed jeans. All heads rotated to her like programmed robots, systemically shifting the class view.

I instantly imagined her trepidation. I worried for her — being the center of attention was my worst nightmare. The scrutinizing stares from bullies like Steve and fashionistas like Tonya. Must she be feeling the hands of suffocation around her throat, between the stale air and speculating whispers? But — no — she strolled in, the epitome of confidence. She scooted into the stiff orange chair, placed a notebook on the ancient cedar desk, folded her hands and smiled at me — a bold, amiable beam. Either she was truly oblivious to the classroom vibe or it didn’t bother her one beat.

We fused into best friends that year, but I had to compete with my classmates. Despite the unwelcoming gazes of the first day, friendships with new students were coveted. Established students pounced on new ones like they were fresh meat. However, my connection with Katie — our shared love of roller-skating and Ghostwriter — earned me the best friend badge. When we discovered we lived around the block from each other, it sealed the deal.

Looking back, I speculate what the appeal was with the “new kid”. Katie was average-looking, like me, and had mousy brown hair cut into a short bob. Plastic-framed glasses cemented on her round nose and brown hooded eyes. In those days, glasses symbolized a level of “un-coolness” and prompted teasing or bullying, yet the intrigue of a new girl vetoed any eyeglass stigmas. She wore solid-colored clothes in an era of colorful neon geometrical patterns.

During a short-lived “Let’s be twins” phase, we agreed to wear matching outfits one day.

“Let’s ride our bikes to Fashion Bug and find new outfits,” I offered as we discussed our plans on the phone. I had stretched the phone cord to its capacity, through the hallway and into my room. Childhood conversations were classified; siblings and parents didn’t hold security clearance to listen.

“Why don’t we use clothes we already have?” She insisted on black jeans, a white shirt and a red sweater. “It’s easy and convenient.”

She was my first best friend — I would have worn a trash bag if she’d wanted. I could sacrifice new clothes in the name of friendship.

Our end results brought dissonance. We clashed rather than matched. My faded jeans more gray than black, the white shirt an oversized button-down borrowed from my dad. And the discolored shade of red on my old sweater appeared orange. I was humiliated when I saw her clothes were vivid tones contrasting my drab ones.

"I look like an idiot," I grumbled. "This is why I wanted to go shopping. What if I'm made fun of?"

She lazily looped an arm over my shoulders. "Who cares what anyone thinks? Worry won't fix nothin'."

By the time we're adults, we tend to carry two images of childhood friends in our heads. One, a still frame – a snapshot of them as a kid, frozen in our memory banks. The other, an adult version – the metamorphism of the child into their present self. The second dominates our brains, but that childhood version still emerges from time to time.

When the world lost Katie to a persistent, rare brain tumor two months ago, both versions of her started to exist simultaneously for me. Losing her seemed to unite all her memories within my mind. She's all of them at once. She's the sassy twelve-year old with untamed short hair and plastic frames. She's the sixteen-year-old, finally allowed contact lenses, with grunge clothing and brown lipstick typical of the 90's. She's the young adult, with her thick brown hair straightened, a smirk on her face, and a determination to see the world. And she's the pale, bald cancer patient, hobbling because chemo damaged her hips – yet refusing to allow it to keep her down.

We shared all of the trials, hardships, growing pains, laughter, hopes and dreams of childhood. Times of innocence, and times not so innocent. After the transition into adulthood, she rented a house and asked me to be her roommate. This decision would change the course of our friendship.

I gleefully unpacked my few possessions in a tiny, cream-colored house in a suburb of Detroit. My room directly across from hers revealed blue walls and a double bed. We shared a kitchen, black and white themed, barely big enough to squeeze by each other. The two-seater in the living room didn't allow enough space for me to sit and watch TV with her when her boyfriend, Chris, stayed all week. Only three chairs fit around the compact metal dining table. After a week, one of them became a plant stand. Where would I sit? I mused. Chris spent weekends working in Cleveland – then there'd be room for me.

But then, Saturday emerged along with Katie's ex-boyfriend, Jason from high school. His tall, dark mood contrasted with the chipper disposition of her other boyfriend. They existed in parallel universes -neither of them aware of the other.

I accidentally unearthed other secrets she harbored – not that she buried them deeply. A porn collection. Unopened mail from Planned Parenthood tossed in the trash. A third online boyfriend – Brian. I started to believe I no longer knew Katie.

Days into being roommates, I felt more a person she tolerated existing in her house than her friend. Her behavior, rude and hurtful, confused me. Friendly banter shifted to accusations of betrayal. She mutated from my best friend to a wicked witch, throwing venomous comments at me around every corner. Was Katie developing into a person I didn't like? Who didn't like me?

One day, a sheet of notebook paper manifested on my bedroom door. I inspected the hand-written list of rules she'd created for me to abide. Use of internet discontinued. (Did she somehow know I'd learned of Brian?) No boys allowed. (The joke was on her – I had no interest in boys.) The ridiculousness of the rules increased the more I read. I couldn't cook food? Shower on weekends?

The straw that broke the camel's back: self-preservation took over. I left, not looking back.

Years passed, as they do, and my new life in Texas consumed me. My old life received little thought as I plunged into the next chapters, until one day, her sister Jen posted something on Facebook that prompted me to ask about Katie. Jen responded: "She says to call her."

"Tracie!" Katie answered breathlessly on the first ring. The tone of her voice conveyed to me the last version of her that I knew had disappeared. I immediately knew my friend was back. And what she told me reshaped my view of her during the time we had lived together. Brain cancer – more specifically, a rare type of glioblastoma. The original tumor had been removed, she was enthusiastically telling me, as if she had been talking about removing lumps from cake batter.

Her tone shifted. "I was awful to you. So awful. Brain tumors can change your personality, and I had no idea what I was like until after it was removed." She continued to tell me how she called the tumor "Janice" or "That bitch Janice" – naming it gave her power over it. I was relieved cancer hadn't exterminated her sense of humor and positive outlook.

Unfortunately, this type of tumor is the most aggressive, and she said they always come back. The treatment involves slowing the growth.

We picked back up like no time was lost. I saw her over the years after I moved back to Michigan. She appeared in decent health, lively, chatty, moving around fine. The last time I physically saw her, her frail figure walked with a limp as she optimistically explained that chemotherapy had damaged her hips but also destroyed cancer cells. She was still in good spirits.

Because of these good spirits and perhaps her delusions about the severity of her illness (the cancer devoured a large portion of her brain), I didn't know she was declining until I texted Jen the beginning of last year. Katie had stopped replying to my texts and worry consumed me.

"She is not well," Jen told me. "She is no longer able to text." My eyes finally opened to just how serious the cancer was; just how much she was declining.

I lamented that I should have moved close to Katie when I returned to Michigan – to be more physically present in her life.

"You can't plan for other people, love. You gotta live your life and fulfill YOUR spiritual obligations. She would be so pissed if she knew you weren't doing right by you." Of course, Jen was right. Katie would have been pissed.

From that point on, any updates on Katie were delivered by Jen, via Facebook Messenger.

- April 21, 2021. "She's living in 15 years ago."
- August 19, 2021: "She's no longer Katie. She has no phone anymore. She can't operate it."
- September 10, 2021. Katie's birthday. "She has no idea who she is, no idea what a birthday is, no idea it's her birthday. She has no idea who I am."
- November 4, 2021. "I just wanted to let you know they decided to stop treatment. Chemo and all appointments are done as of today. No more blood work, nothing."
- December 18, 2021. "Katie passed away tonight."

I should have done more. I should have tried to see her more. I should have told her how much her friendship meant to me. "Should haves" plagued my thoughts while the fused images of her appeared in my mind. The sassy twelve-year old with wild mushroom-shaped hair and purple glasses. The cheerfully rebellious teenager – bangs curled over her eyebrows; rosy cheeks and bold statements. The 35-year-old woman – hair grown out after her last chemo rounds, moving slowly, limping, yet radiantly smiling. I never personally witnessed her decline. I should have, for I have no image representing the last part of her life. But, in a way, I'm relieved my memories of her are when she was living, not dying.

I am standing at the shore of Lake Michigan. The winter gales surround me, chewing on my cheeks, slicing my skin. The waves in front of me greet me with gentle nods. They understand transition. Their very existences are mere moments. A wave forms, reaches its peak, and merges back into the sea. Its life is just a flash, and it's over.

I take one last look at the water, clouds forming at the horizon – flat, purple and orange shadows in the low sky. Tears sting my eyes, their salty warmth penetrating the numb cold of my skin. "Fly high, old friend."

The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for guest writers to be showcased. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submissions as received.

Community Press Release – City of Buchanan



City of Buchanan Receives Large Grant Commitments for McCoy's Creek Trail Extension to River St. Joe Brewery

Submitted by Richard Murphy, Community Development Director

Buchanan, MI – February 25, 2022

The City of Buchanan announced today that it has received a commitment of approximately \$340,000 from the Niles-Buchanan Area Transportation Study (NATS) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) programs to assist with the funding of the McCoy Creek's Trail Extension to River St. Joe Brewery at Flatwater Farms.

Community Development Director Rich Murphy said of the grant award, "The City of Buchanan is thrilled to receive a commitment of these grants which will make our vision of an extended trail into a reality, and deliver more health, quality of life, and economic benefits to our community and the region. Everybody loves this project." Murphy continued. "The trail extension will take you from our beautiful historic downtown, through the wilderness, across the river, and end at the only organic brewery in Michigan, River St. Joe Brewery at Flatwater Farms. How cool is that!" Murphy said.



Page 51 from "A Vision for Buchanan" masterplan by Andrews University design team, Image provided by Richard Murphy

The McCoy's Creek Trail Extension project is being led by a coalition of community leaders including Jerry Flenar and Don Brooks of Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail, Suzannah Deneau of Wightman & Associates, Brian Dougherty of River St. Joe Brewery, and Kris Martin and Brandon Kovnat of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission with support of the Buchanan City Commission and the Buchanan Township Board. Multiple funding sources on the federal, state, and local level are being pursued for the project.

The successful grant application states: We believe our project is highly competitive and will be a catalyst to spur other economic and quality of life benefits and opportunities. What other project with just one new half mile trail extension can "knit together" so many high quality and significant cultural assets and experiences into one?

With the connections this trail extension creates between historic and architecturally significant assets, walkable arts and culture experiences, special experiences in adjacent natural resources, and organic, farm to table dining and leisure activities, as well as Flatwater Farms's sustainable program of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) – the McCoy's Creek Trail Extension Project essentially elevates the existing trail into "Cultural Trail Status" and creates a "Walkable Treasure Trove" that will be of regional significance.



View of Walton Bridge from Public Access, Photo provided by Richard Murphy

Murphy further cited the benefits of the project. "The trail extension will allow Historic Downtown Buchanan to leverage itself as a conduit to Pure Michigan by creating a non-motorized connection to high quality "green and blue trails activities" including fishing, boating, kayaking at Buchanan public access areas on the river as well as destination dining and leisure experiences at River St. Joe Brewery and the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program at Flatwater Farms. Further, Downtown Buchanan will connect itself to "the Gateway to Michigan Wine Country" and other burgeoning agro-tourism opportunities. The "Big Picture" is that the trail extension sets up the opportunity for a trail connection all the way to Niles, Michigan, taking a large leap forward to the vision of a regionalized trail system," he said.

"We are so happy and thankful to see that our NATS and MDOT partners support our vision with this large investment in Buchanan," Jerry Flenar of Friends of McCoy's Creek said today. Flenar has led a robust campaign to solicit funders in order to implement the project. "There has been overwhelming support by community and stakeholder groups for the trail," Flenar said. "In addition to these grant commitments, the funding team has secured pledges of support from the following community entities: Michigan Gateway Foundation, Buchanan Township, McCoy's Creek Trail Committee, River St. Joe Brewery, Honor Credit Union, Cannavista Wellness, RMC Corporation, The Buchanan Scarecrow Charities, County Heritage Credit Union, McCarty Well Drilling, Hilltop Restaurant, Red Bud Hardware, State Farm Insurance, Buchanan Lions Club, United Federal Union, and the City of Buchanan. We also acknowledge the sizeable easement that will be provided by Fran Tuite, owner of Flatwater Farms, required for this project," Flenar said.

The funding team will now turn its focus to prepare an additional grant application of \$300,000 that they will submit in March to the Michigan DNR Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for further funding to complete the project.

"What a great leap forward for the City of Buchanan!" Mayor Sean Denison said on Tuesday. "This is an investment in future generations. We are honored to be working with our state and local partners to achieve this collective vision. We estimate that 75% of the City of Buchanan's 4,500 residents live within walking distance of the existing trail. More trail users result in more community health benefits as well as significant added value to economic opportunities and quality of life enhancements," he said.

The existing McCoy's Creek Trail is an approximately five-mile improved shared use path that runs along McCoy's Creek, through prairie, downtown Buchanan, and E.B. Clark Woods. It includes historical markers and natural elements that tell the history of Buchanan and the region. The McCoy's Creek Trail Extension Project would extend the existing McCoy's Creek Trail a half-mile along Schirmer Parkway, down River Street across River Street Bridge and into Buchanan Township. This extension would not only provide recreational opportunities, but also much needed alternative transportation options for residents and visitors to the region. Additional benefits include healthy lifestyle promotion, handicap accessibility, tourism/economic development, improved air quality, stronger community connections, and a great enhancement to our region's overall quality of life.

This Extension Project is the necessary first step down the path to connect Buchanan, MI – the southern and eastern gateway to a tourism center in Southwest Michigan – to the extensive and developed regional trail system, the Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail ("IN-MI River Valley Trail"). The project is planned for construction in 2023-24.



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Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail sign, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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

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

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

BCS School Spotlight – Moccasin Elementary March 2022



Moccasin Elementary School

It's Maple Syrup Time in Buchanan!

by Dr. Michael Dunn, Moccasin Elementary School Principal

It's maple syrup time in Buchanan! The maple syrup project has been a long-standing activity for fourth grade students in Buchanan Schools. Each year, students get to have a hands-on experience with making maple syrup. This year, students began tapping trees mid-February and collecting sap through mid-March.



Tree tapping education, Photos provided by Dr.
Dunn, Moccasin Principal

As a part of their science lessons, fourth graders are immersed in deep learning with this project. It is not just about making maple syrup! Students first learn about maple trees, how to identify them versus other types of trees.

From there, they practice with and use the tools used for tapping trees to when tapping should occur. When students are able to go out and tap, for many, this is the first time they will have used tools like a brace and bit or a hammer and anvil. We are very fortunate to have a long-standing community partnership with Life Action Camp. As a part of the experience, students get to go out to the camp and tap the maple trees.



Tree tapping education, Photos provided by Dr.
Dunn, Moccasin Principal

Eventually, students learn about the process of collecting sap and turning it into syrup and put that learning into practice. Most students are stunned to realize that sap is over 90% water and how much sap needs to be collected to just make one gallon of syrup from the evaporation process. For those who may not know, it takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup!

Once the sap is collected, it is brought back to the sugar shack located on the Buchanan Schools Farm. Buchanan is one of two school districts in the state of Michigan to have its own school farm! Students cut kindling and chop wood as well as take time in the sugar shack seeing the evaporator in action boiling down the sap to make the syrup.

Sometime at the end of May to early June, students will then get to taste the sweet syrup of their labor with a

pancake breakfast at school. In the past, there is enough syrup made to provide each student with their own bottle as well as enough for the pancake breakfast for Plow Day.

During this project, students are reading thermometers, converting temperatures from Fahrenheit to Celsius, as well as many other science concepts. The maple syrup project is a true (and original) STEM-focused project, utilizing science, technology, engineering, and math concepts and skills.

For 20 plus years, Buchanan was blessed with Mark Nixon, former principal and outdoor education coordinator, who oversaw this project and many other school farm activities for students in grades K-4. Buchanan is very fortunate to be able to continue the outdoor education through the school farm with our new coordinator Jane Mitchell!

In the above photos is Jane teaching fourth grade students about tapping trees, overviewing and demonstrating the experience they will have once they arrive at Life Action Camp.

Moccasin Elementary School

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Automotive Tech Tips – Spring



Spring Roads

by Thomas Hoyt

It's that time of year when our roads have had their fair share of salting and plowing resulting in those infamous potholes. In Great Britain they drive on the left, while here at home we drive of whatever is left. 🤔 So here are some tips that can help reduce any damage to your automobile should you have to drive over a pothole.

- Keep your tires up to pressure
- Slow down! The faster you hit potholes, the more likely you'll cause damage to your suspension
- If possible, drive around to avoid hitting the pothole

For more tips, click here: [Pothole season in Michigan: Tips on how to avoid and report potholes](#)

Answer to Puzzle 4 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

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Local Faith – BAMA Meeting March 2022



Buchanan Area Ministerial Association Monthly March Meeting

Written by Pastor Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church

We had another good BAMA meeting this Tuesday morning, March 1, 2022 at Buchanan First United Methodist Church. Thank you Ellen for your hospitality, the breakfast, and your generosity with your books!

Those present were: Ellen Bierlein, Rachel Holloway, David Habicht, Jan Van Lear, Jann Mitchell, Dave Mitchell, Patti Mitchell, Father Leo Cartegna, Brendan Shea, Dan Barz, Nate Babcock, and a special guest, Kevin Haislip – a pastor from Texas and South Bend who is now living in Niles.

As always, remember the ministries of R.A.M. and Life Plan in your prayers and with your donations.

We have paid our annual dues as a member of the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce. Our individual member dues to BAMA fund this payment. If you have not yet given your \$10.00 contribution to Dan, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Lenten and Good Friday Services

- **Ash Wednesday:**
 - 9:00 am at St. Anthony
 - 1:00 pm at Buchanan First Presbyterian
 - 7:00 pm at both St. Paul Luther and Buchanan First United Methodist
- **Every Wednesday during Lent:**
 - 7:00 pm St. Paul will have services
 - 6:30 pm St. Anthony will have the Stations of the Cross service
- **Palm Sunday:**
 - Service at 3:33 pm at Faith United Methodist Church
- **Good Friday:**
 - 9:00 am: Memorial of Jesus Nailed to the Cross at St. Paul
 - 3:00 to 5:00 pm: Meditation and Prayer Time in the sanctuary at Buchanan First United Methodist. There will be people there available to talk if the need arises.
 - 6:00 pm: BAMA Good Friday Service: Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony

The National Day of Prayer will be Thursday May 5th. Ellen Bierlein will be organizing this year's prayer event.

Nate Babcock will organize getting BAMA involved once again in offering the invocation at Buchanan City

Commission Meetings. The goal is for us to be plugged-in and attending these meetings again beginning in April. Baccalaureate will be Sunday May 22nd at 2:00 pm. Brendan Shea will be our speaker. Potential location will be Faith United Methodist Church. We will await confirmation on that. Blessings to you all as you continue to represent and serve our Lord Jesus Christ!

*If your church or club would like to highlight your meetings/events, please email us at:
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BCS Sports Scores – BHS March 2022



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Girls Wrestling Scores

Kaitlynne Walter won the first match, lost the second match, but won the third match at MHSAA STATE FINALS on Friday, March 4, 2022. She moves on to Day 2 today (March 5, 2022)! Good luck Kaitlynne!

Girls Varsity Basketball Scores

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Buchanan v. Brandywine
Score: 57 Buchanan – 46 Brandywine

- LaBria Austin; 3 rebounds, 2 steals
- Alyssa Carson: 11 rebounds; 3 blocks; 1 steal
- Hannah Herman: 3 rebounds; 2 steals
- Alexa Burns: 7 rebounds, 2 blocks

Buchanan 44 – 30 Watervliet Final District Championship game held at Watervliet, Friday, March 4, 2022
Next Girls Basketball Regional 20 game: March 8, 2022 against Bronson 7PM @ Hartford High School, in Hartford, MI

Boys Varsity Basketball

Buchanan 62 – 50 South Haven Tuesday, March 1, 2022 *Makeup from 2/4/22
Buchanan 49 – 50 Parchment Thursday, March 3, 2022
Next Boys Basketball District 79 game: March 9, 2022 against Brandywine 7PM @ Buchanan



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Community Press Release – Office of Governor Whitmer

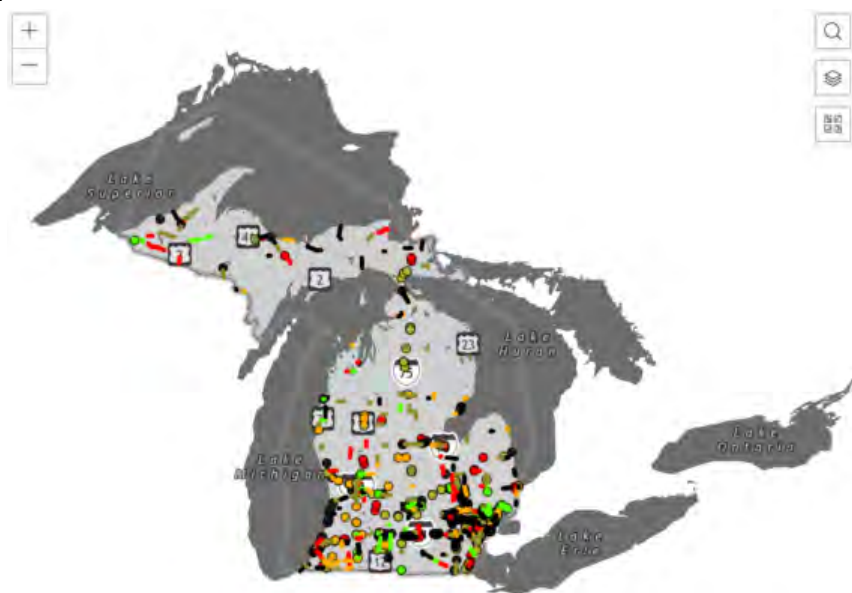


Fixing the Damn Roads

State of Michigan – February 25, 2022

Dear Michigander,

Since my first day as governor, it has been my mission to fix the damn roads in Michigan. Since January 1, 2019, my administration has repaired, replaced, or rebuilt over 13,000 lane miles of road – enough to drive from the Indiana border to the mighty Mackinac bridge 40 times. We have made tremendous progress and we still have so much more to do.



MDOT Interactive Progress Map for Rebuilding MI Plan, Photo provided by Office of Gov. Whitmer, State of Michigan

(Click [HERE](#) to access the MDOT Interactive Progress Map).

My [budget proposal](#) for fiscal year 2023 will make the biggest state infrastructure investment in Michigan history. It will build on the work we've done to fix our roads and bridges with the right mix and materials, help Michiganders stay safe on the roads, and create jobs that pay prevailing wage along the way. Here are some of the ways we plan to make that happen:

- Invest \$6.3 billion to fix state and local roads, bridges, airports, transit, and rail programs with the right mix of materials, supporting tens of thousands of good-paying jobs along the way
- Install generators at water pumping stations to keep roads and highways clear during storms
- Invest \$150 million in a one-time fund for critical roads and bridges projects
- And **more!**

We have a huge opportunity to make our roads and bridges stronger and safer for commuters, travelers, and families. Let's work together to invest in important projects across the state and uplift local economies

Sincerely,



Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

Health Huddle – Office of Governor Whitmer



Investing in Mental Health

State of Michigan – February 23, 2022

Dear Friend,

Mental health is just as important as physical health. That's why my administration has increased access to physical, behavioral, and children's health services, funded fourteen community behavioral health clinics, and given direct care workers a raise. These are noteworthy accomplishments – but there is still a lot of work to do.

One of the most significant barriers to mental health care in Michigan is access. Every Michigander deserves access to the quality, affordable mental and physical care that they need. That's why in my 2023 budget I am proposing an expansion of mental and physical health services.



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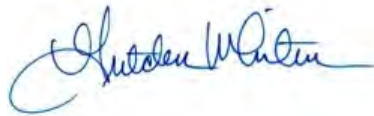
These investments include:

- Increasing the availability of inpatient mental health services
- Supporting outreach campaigns to increase veterans suicide awareness
- Expanding student loan forgiveness for more mental health professionals
- Making mental health screening tools available in all Michigan school districts
- Promoting recruitment and retention of mental health professionals
- Providing funding for up to 425 new mental health professionals and counselors in schools
- Opening 40 new school-based health clinics and serving 20,000 more kids ages 5-21

- Connecting local mental health professionals with psychiatry support for treating children with significant needs
- Expanding Behavioral Health homes and Opioid health homes programs to new counties
- And **more!**

I know that improving mental health care in Michigan will take more than just investments directly into health care. That's why my budget includes major investments into education, our economy, and our infrastructure. Together, we can put Michiganders first and get this done.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

Community Press Release – Office of State Senator Kim LaSata



Photos provided by Office of State Senator Kim LaSata, State of Michigan

District Update from State Senator Kim LaSata

State of Michigan – March 3, 2022

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some updates from the Legislature as we continue to work hard on your behalf. You can read below about efforts to support Michigan families, seniors, and small businesses, safe roads and bridges, and making sure students get the education they deserve.

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

Southwest Michigan Spirit Tournament now live

The Southwest Michigan Spirit Tournament is back again for 2022! Participants can support their school at [Facebook.com /SenKimLaSata](https://www.facebook.com/SenKimLaSata) and www.StateSenatorKimLaSata.com.

LaSata supports bill to cut taxes for all Michiganders

Over the last couple of weeks, the Legislature has been working on a historic tax cut plan that puts money back into the pockets of the hardworking Michiganders who earned it.

Senate Bill 768 would help Michigan families by reducing the state's income tax to 3.9% from 4.25 % and creating a \$500 tax credit for each child under the age of 19. The legislation would also increase the tax exemption for seniors up to \$40,000 for individuals and \$80,000 for couples and allow more seniors to qualify for the exemption by lowering the age for eligibility from 67 to 62.

Michigan residents are paying more of their income to state government than our neighbors in Indiana. In order to stay competitive, attract talent and grow our economy, we must find a way to lower the cost of living in Michigan. If signed into law, this legislation will provide meaningful relief to Michiganders across the board.

The bill has been given final approval from the Legislature and now goes to the desk of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for consideration.

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Bill to help make prescription drugs more affordable signed into law

Legislation to improve access to and lower the cost of prescription drugs was recently signed into law after being approved by both chambers of the Legislature.

Public Act 11 of 2022, also known as the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act, will hold pharmacy benefit managers accountable and will allow pharmacies to be more competitive, provide more affordable prescription drugs to patients across Michigan, and will bring reporting and transparency to a previously unregulated process.

Michigan is one of the last states to regulate pharmacy benefit managers and it was important that we got this signed into law to protect Michigan consumers, and ultimately, help to combat the rising cost of prescription drugs.

New grant program supports struggling businesses

Last year, I supported Senate Bill 85 to create a grant program for businesses that experienced financial hardship due to the pandemic. After several attempts to provide property tax relief for shuttered businesses were vetoed by the governor in 2020 and 2021, this legislation was finally signed into law.

Job providers across Southwest Michigan have suffered significant financial losses because of the executive orders issued in response to COVID-19. I am happy to see this well-deserved help reach affected businesses.

The Growing MI Business grant program is designed to help make up for some of the lost sales and earnings, and I strongly encourage those who are eligible to submit an application before the end of the month.

According to the department, eligible businesses include:

- Entertainment venues;
- Recreational facilities and public places of amusement;
- Barbers and cosmetologists;
- Exercise facilities;
- Food service establishments;

- Nursery dealers and growers;
- Athletic trainers;
- Body art facilities; and
- Hotels and bed and breakfast establishments.

Eligible businesses that were in operation on Oct. 1, 2019, may receive a grant equal to a percentage of their loss in total state sales during the pandemic. Those that were not in operation on Oct. 1, 2019, but started before June 1, 2020, may receive a grant equal to 25% of specified costs representing their financial hardship. It is important to note that applicants will be required by the state to submit certain financial and tax documents for verification.

Businesses must submit a completed online application no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on Thursday, March 31. Grant awardees will be notified in the spring, and grant awards will be distributed by July 1, 2022.

For more information about the Growing MI Business grant program and to sign up for a free upcoming webinar, visit [Michigan.gov/abr](https://michigan.gov/abr).

Growing Michigan's workforce

I recently had a chance to speak with President and Chief Executive Officer of Cornerstone Alliance Rob Cleveland during a recent Senate Committee on Economic and Small Business Development hearing.

He represented Economic Development Leaders for Michigan and testified to the importance of growing regional awareness of tools that can be used to help create jobs for Michiganders.

It was great to hear Rob's testimony and speak with him after the committee about how we can continue supporting Michigan job providers.

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Education update

Curriculum transparency: [Senate Bill 868](#), which I sponsored, would require schools to document materials used in their child's curriculum and activities in an accessible format online for parents and the public to view.

Parents are an important part of a child's educational journey and should have access to the material their child is learning.

Ensuring our students succeed: Legislation to create a grant program aimed at providing additional resources to students who have struggled with their education during the pandemic was recently introduced in the Senate.

[Senate Bill 925](#) would provide eligible families with grant funding that could be spent on tutoring, summer courses, and certain educational supplies. Grants would be open to all Michigan families, with priority given to low-income students who have had more days out of the classroom because of COVID-19.

This plan would provide up to \$1,500 to Michigan students whose education has been affected by pandemic closures.

LaSata praises Nottawa Road Bridge repair in St. Joseph County

The state Legislature last year approved a funding measure to address the condition of bridges across the

state, and that funding is now being used for a select number of bridge projects — including one in St. Joseph County.

Last summer, I supported a measure as part of the budget process that uses federal funding to focus on bridge repairs as part of the ongoing efforts to improve Michigan's infrastructure. The plan will streamline and save overall costs by “bundling” the bridge projects — which is when the design and construction of multiple projects around the state are contracted at the same time.

The legislation, which was later signed into law, will fund 19 current bridge projects as part of a statewide pilot program, including the Nottawa Road Bridge in St. Joseph County. It's great to see the funding we approved in this year's budget benefitting local communities!

The project begins Aug. 15 and will continue for 90 days. The bridge will be closed during construction and detours are expected.

This effort continues the Legislature's commitment to fixing roads and bridges and will play a major role in making travel safer for Michigan motorists. This pilot program was launched without raising taxes or relying on borrowing from future generations.

The public can track the initiative through a newly announced online dashboard at Michigan.gov/BridgeBundling. The website will provide project updates, show completion percentages, detour routes, and other relevant information for each project.

Supporting our nation's Vietnam veterans

Many Michigan veterans served honorably overseas and many continue to serve their communities with the same courage they did while in uniform.

We know that 7 million American men and women served during the Vietnam War era — including my dad. Unfortunately, many remained silent after returning home. Even friends and neighbors may have never have known that someone close to them is a Vietnam-era veteran.

These heroes were part of our military and are part of our nation's history and they deserve a hero's recognition for their service and their sacrifices they made on behalf of our country.

On March 29, please join the countless veterans, families, military organizations and advocates as we recognize Vietnam Veterans Day, where we formally thank our Vietnam veterans and give them the recognition they deserve, and that many never received.

And to all of the Vietnam veterans reading: Welcome home!

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2022 LaSata Reading Challenge

Each year during the month of March, teachers and parents work to instill both the benefits and importance of reading in their children. Schools across the state plan activities for students and often host different challenges that encourage kids to open a book and enjoy the adventure.

In addition to visiting classrooms and reading to students, my office will again be participating in March is Reading Month by hosting a reading contest to encourage students across the 21st District.

From March 1 to 31, the LaSata Reading Challenge will be open to all K-8 students in Berrien, Cass and St. Joseph counties. This year, instead of completed books, the contest will be based on pages read.

The student who reads the most pages for the challenge will be invited to come up to the state Capitol for a day and serve alongside me as a junior senator. Additionally, the students with the three highest numbers of pages read during the month will receive a signed, framed award, and anyone who participates will get a certificate.

Students may enter the challenge at www.StateSenatorKimLaSata.com/2022-literacy-challenge/, or by sending an email to SenKLaSata@senate.michigan.gov with the student's name, grade, school, parent or guardian name and phone number, and book titles with the number of pages read during the month.

As a former teacher, I was thrilled to see the number of participants in last year's contest. I encourage all eligible students to take on the challenge and help promote the importance of reading.

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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 – St. Anthony Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2022



Image from St. Anthony's website

St. Anthony Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2022

St. Anthony's
Spring Bazaar
and Food Drive

March 26, 2022

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Anthony Parish Hall

509 W. Fourth

Buchanan, MI 49107

Variety of Crafts – Baked Goods

Lunch available for purchase

Admission: Free

Please bring a non-perishable food item

Redbud Area Ministries (R.A.M.)

Food Pantry

Sponsored by:

St. Anthony Conference of Catholic Women (C.C.W.)

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

St. Anthony's Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2022 flyer

- *Who:* St. Anthony's Conference of Catholic Women
- *Where:* St. Anthony Parish Hall ~ 509 W Fourth St, Buchanan, MI
- *What:* **Spring Bazaar and Food Drive**
- *When:* **Saturday, March 26, 2022 – 9a-2p**
- *Admission:* Free

Variety of Crafts – Baked Goods

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

for purchase.

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

Leo Cartagena

509 West Fourth St. , Buchanan, MI 49107

269-695-3863

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

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

Buchanan Area Senior Center – March 2022



March Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Buchanan Area Senior Center

March 2022

Buchanan Area Senior Chronicle

"Happy, Active, Living"

FIELD TRIP: HISTORY CENTER & BUCHANAN'S CLARK EQ.

Register to attend the BASC field trip for a special tour of the History Center at Courthouse Square, Berrien County Historical Association on March 24, 2022. In addition to a short tour of the History Center Grounds, guests will be given a tour of the museum's newest temporary exhibit, *Global Titan: The Story of Buchanan's Clark Equipment Company*. At the exhibit you will have an opportunity to view images, and artifacts, and enter the sales room to thumb through catalogues, review sales manuals, and look at scale models. Then put on your best sports coat to enter the Executive Suite, where company ledgers, awards, and more will be on display. Let yourself sit at our CEO's desk for a photo moment before exploring the nooks and crannies!



**Field Trip: History Center & Buchanan's Clark Eq.
on Thursday, March 24**

**Registration is Required—Limited Space Available
Registration Fee: \$7/person, cash only.**

Please bring your \$7 registration fee to the BASC by March 16.

Please let us know if you are meeting at the BASC at 9:15 am to ride in the BASC vehicle or following the van, or if you are meeting in the parking lot at the History Center, 313 N. Cass. Street, Berrien Springs, MI, at 9:45 am.

FEELING THE BLUES AND BLAH FEELINGS: A PROGRAM TO HELP UNDERSTAND HOW YOU AND OTHERS FEEL



Join us for a presentation exploring how our thoughts, biology, and experiences impact our mood. With so much focus on our physical health we often overlook our emotional health. This can leave us struggling to understand what is happening in our own lives. Decreased motivation, feeling 'blue', noticing more aches and pains, and generally experiencing "blah feelings" can all be indicators of depression. We will look into what is commonly felt by people but often misunderstood. Julie Weckel, LMSW from Geriatric Connections, LLC home counseling services agency will provide an understanding of what is normal feelings and when more support is needed. Come join our program and learn how to address depression in an effective and knowledgeable manner for yourself or someone you know and care about.

**Feeling the Blues and Blah Feelings:
A Program to Help Understand
How You and Others Feel
Wednesday, March 9,
at 2:00 pm**



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Daylight Saving Time

**Spring forward on
March 13th**

**Remember to set your
clocks ahead one hour!**



*May the blessings
of each day,
Be the blessings
you need most!*

Winter Closing Reminder:

If the Buchanan Schools are closed due to bad weather, the BASC is closed and there will be no meal delivery. Watch for closings on WNDU-16. If you are in doubt, please call us at 695-7119.

If you do NOT want to receive the BASC newsletter, please call 695-7119 to let us know.

AARP TAX PREPARATION



The Buchanan Area Senior Center will once again offer free assistance in filing taxes (e-filing) for seniors (60+) who live in the BASC service area, through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program.

Call the BASC at 269-695-7119 to schedule an appointment.

Appointments are only available three weeks out.

Pick up an "Intake Form" at the BASC **before** your scheduled tax appointment. Complete the "Intake Form" and return at your scheduled appointment.

Please bring the following documents to your scheduled tax appointment:

1. Social Security card and picture ID's for both you and your spouse.
2. All monthly or annual income statements for you and your spouse (W-2s, 1099s, etc.).
3. Social Security Benefit Statement(s), for SSA-1099, SSI Statement(s).
4. Pension(s) and information pertaining to the company you receive it from (1099-R).
5. All interest and dividend statements from your financial institution (1099-INT and 1099-DIV).
6. Property tax notices or amount you pay in rent.
7. Name and address of your landlord.
8. Total heat cost from the previous year.
9. Health insurance premiums you pay.
10. Completed "Intake Form."

VERY IMPORTANT TO BRING A
11. BLANK CHECK AND
12. LAST YEAR'S TAX RETURN!

BASC Service Area ==>>



FUN TIMES AT THE BASC!



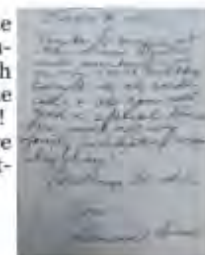
GENEVA SWEM SENT A THANK YOU NOTE TO EVERYONE...

"Hello to All—

Thanks to everyone at the Senior Center who remembered me on my 100th birthday. Enjoyed all the cards, cake & the zoom call! Had a special time here with all my family celebrating my big day!

Greetings to all.

Love,
 Geneva Swem"



VETERANS SERVICES

If you need to talk to someone regarding Veteran Services, please call Lee Lull, Berrien County Veterans Services, at 269-983-7111, ext. 8224.



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BASC March Newsletter

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

For more information on programs/classes you can contact Program Coordinator, Diana Smuda at the BASC at 269-695-7119 or via email: diana@thebasc.org

Buchanan Area Senior Center - March 2022 Calendar				
Exercise / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Field Trip: History Center & Buchanan's Clark Eq. Thursday, March 24 Registration is Required	1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 9:00 Coffee Chat 10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 11:00 People Inspiring People 1:00 Fiber Friends
10:00 Chair Exercise with Linda 11:00 Zumba Low- Impact with CC 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 1:00 Hand & Foot 2:00 Feeling the Blues & Blah Feelings 6:00 Pinochle	9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00 Chair Exercise with Ulrike 11:00 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 3:00 Board Meeting	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Jungle Cruise
10:00 Chair Exercise with Linda 11:00 Zumba Low- Impact with CC 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 2:00 Hearing Aid Check	10:15 Chair Exercise with CC 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle	9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 10:30 Book Club 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 2:00 Conversations with Friends FL Adam Burck HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Exercise with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends
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BASC Calendar of Events for March 2022

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Now That's Funny! – Issue 23



by Thomas Hoyt

Some time ago, back when I was in courtship with my wife, Rebecka, I had an experience that involved a flatulence. At that time, my now sister-in-law had a strong dislike towards any amount of flatulating. She would get so upset with others around who would do such a thing. Well, it happened to be that I was in the living room of my in-laws with my now wife and her sister. Suddenly, I felt a flatulence coming on. I thought, oh no! I don't want her

to bite my head off, so I began rapidly walking toward the bathroom. Well, as I was walking it came out. I wound up crop dusting the living room, but at least it made the ladies break out laughing! 🤔🤔🤔



Keep laughing folks! 😊

Answer to Puzzle 3 from this Issue's Puzzler Page:**PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD**

1. TRICK
 2. STRAPS
 3. KID
 4. PICK
 5. RAP
 6. TRAP
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A Note from the Editor – Issue 23



by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

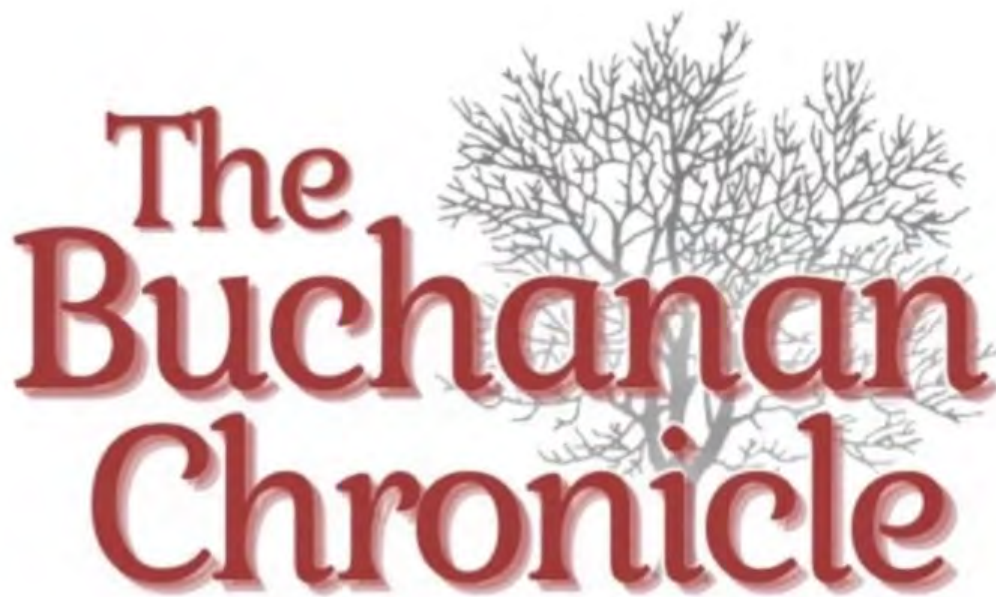
Welcome to the 23rd issue everyone! Last week on February 24, our team celebrated our 1 year anniversary of The Buchanan Chronicle becoming a business! We reminisced on articles/events that were our favorites. If I remember correctly they were: the development for the city of Buchanan meeting at the Common, Summer 2021 Olympics Watch Party in Buchanan, having a booth at the Buchanan Farmers' Market, the Memorial Day parade, interviewing Hannah Roberts, our Christmas party and a "Now That's Funny" article on waffles. There were many fun things to choose from and to come up with just one was quite hard.

We have some community events coming up in the near future here in Buchanan, so you will be seeing our team out and about. We are thrilled when we cover and report on an event that is unique to Buchanan and we have learned that you, our readers, have enjoyed those kinds of articles. Thank you for taking the time to read them. Also,

thank you for bringing them to our attention and continue to do so.

Our next issue comes out March 19 and you will see a combined "Note from the Publisher and Editor" from Jen and I. This will be the anniversary of our first issue! I wanted to let you know that we started a "Poll Tuesday." Each Tuesday, you will see a small and short poll to take on our social media pages of Instagram and Facebook. If you haven't liked/followed us yet on those platforms, please do and share with your family and friends, especially those that might live somewhere else but have ties to Buchanan. I still keep up on the things from where I came from in Fruitport, Michigan and I like to hear what is going on there. So, I would like to think that others feel the same after they have moved from Buchanan.

Happy Readings,
Rebecka Hoyt



Police Points – Call Log Issue 23



Police Chief Tim Ganus

Police Call Log : 1/26 – 2/20

Buchanan City Police Department

Description	Total Calls of Type
Sex Offenses	0
Parental Kidnapping	0
Larceny	3
Larceny – Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Fraud	2
UDAA (Motor Vehicle Theft)	2
Aggravated Assault	1
Non-Aggravated/Domestic Violence	4
Family/Other	0
Burglary/Unlawful Entry	0
Intimidation/Stalking	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0
Retail Fraud Complaint	2
Damage to Property	4
Liquor Violations	1
Obstruction/Warrant Arrest	0
Disorderly Conduct	0
Weapons Offense	0
Public Peace / Other	2
OUIL	1
Driving Law Violations	2
Health and Safety	2
Trespass	1
Juvenile Complaints	3
Animal Cruelty	0
Private Property Damage/PI Accidents	9
Abandoned Vehicle	0
Property Checks	3
Alarms	10

Description	Total Calls of Type
Civil	2
Suspicious Situations	14
Lost/Found Property	3
Natural Death	1
Suicide	0
Medical Assist	30
General Assist	50
Ordinance Violations	7
Missing Person	1
VCSA	1

Total Calls 1/26 – 2/20 : 163



Police Points

Local Veterans – Stories of Local Vets



Stories of Local Vets

by Garrick Stubblefield

Through the year I will be trying to interview local vets that have served our country and give us some stories that they experienced in the time they served.

J. L. Posey, MP Army

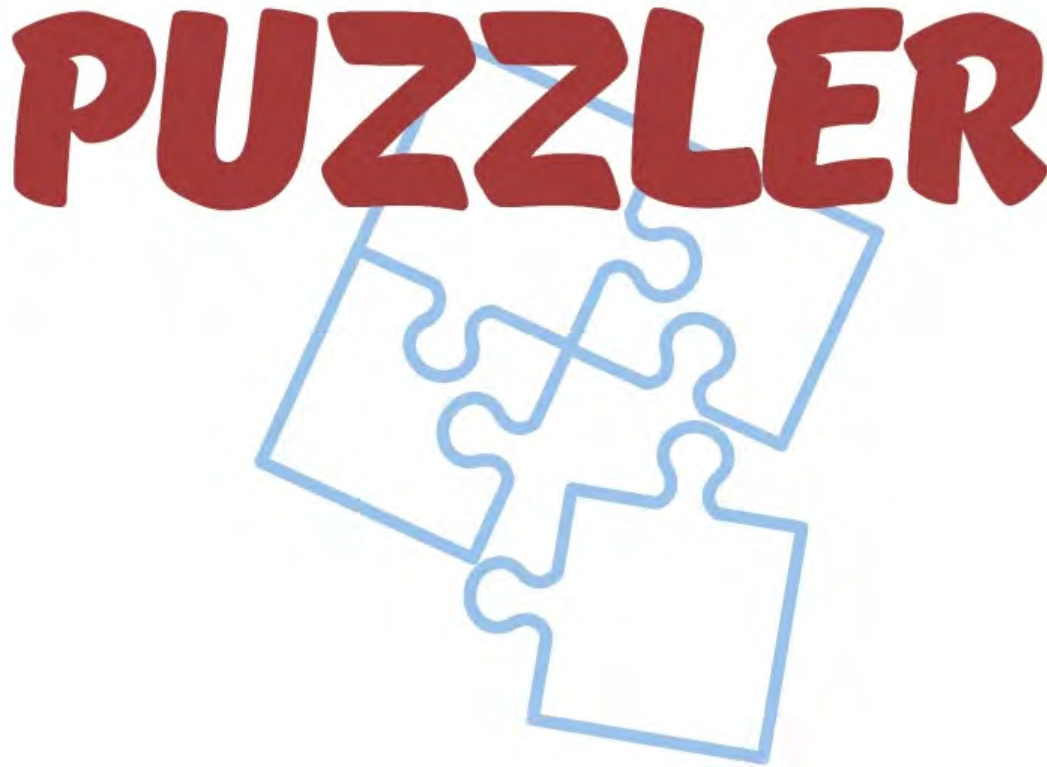
Today I'm here with Mr. J.L. Posey to give his experience while in the military. Mr. Posey was in the Army from 1962 thru 1964. Mr. Posey a "MP" which translates to a Military Policeman and obtained the rank as CPL. "Corporal". Mr. Posey's best memory in boot camp was when the Vietnam war began, he looked up in the sky from the base he was stationed at and saw 75 helicopters heading to Vietnam. He was sent to Fort Benning Georgia and was put with the 11th air assault division team. Some of his tours have included the 820, 577, and "MP" of a hecklers club.

Soon after his "A" school or "MOS" was finished a friend took to New York City to see the city and another time he visited the White House.

Thank You to ALL Our Veterans, we are ever grateful!

Puzzler Page – Issue 23

by Garrick Stubblefield



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

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING A LETTER

- Puzzle Instructions:
 - You'll be given a 3, 4, 5, or 6 letter word.
 - The object of the puzzle is to remove one letter each step, making a new word each time.
 - After a letter is removed you cannot reuse it.
 - Abbreviations do count. As in the English dictionary, there are 2 letter words that count, such as PI, AR, KA, KI, ER; however acronyms do not count.
 - You may rearrange the letters each step to create your new word.
- THIS ISSUE Puzzles:

- 6 Letter –
 - SPOILS
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- 5 Letter –
 - OLIVE
 -
 -
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- 4 Letter –
 - TARP
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 -
 -

- 3 Letter –
 - ARK
 -
 -

As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at garrickstubblefield@gmail.com. He will check and respond as quickly as he can.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES

Riddles below are clues to State names.

- STATES:
 1. These 2 States supply a majority of US apples.
 2. These 2 States supply a majority of US potatoes.

PUZZLE 3 – FINDING A WORD WITHIN A WORD

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

ST PATRICK'S DAY

1. A dog learns a ____ to receive their treat.
2. You need THESE to hold things down while moving.
3. A young ADULT.
4. You do THIS when finding the right item.
5. A type of MUSIC.

6. A ____ is needed to catch a mouse.

PUZZLE 4 – CRACK THE CODE

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

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1. MAKE THE FIRST ODD NUMBER A 3;
2. MAKE THE EVEN NUMBER A 0;
3. MAKE THE SECOND 3 A 0;
4. FLIP THE DIGITS;
5. WHAT IS THE FINAL 3 DIGIT NUMBER? (a correct answer will be a bowling high score.)

PUZZLE 5 – SCRAMBLES

- Instructions:
 - This game's objective is to scramble the letters to form a new word. Some words may have at least 1 or at most 10. I'll specify how many you're looking for and how many letters long. Let's see how you do.
- Example:
 - TABLE – find 2 words of 5-letters each
 1. BLEAT
 2. BLATE

DRAWS — find 4 words of 4-letters each

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

Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • February 22 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**
- **2/22/2022 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

- Vice President Mrs. Writer opened the meeting at 6:02pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mrs. Writer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

- PRESENT: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- ABSENT: H. Burnett
- OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Al Berget, Michael Dunn, Carrie Brunsting, Brian Brown

D. Adoption of Agenda

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson the agenda for the board meeting of February 22, 2022 be adopted as written.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

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

- Mrs. Robinson welcomed Jennie Brackett and Jennifer Tabor. Mrs. Writer welcomed all guests in attendance.
- W. Writer, S. Bates, T. Bates, T. Frantz, J. McClellan

F. Superintendent & Department Reports

- Buck Staff Recognition January/February Winner: Brian Pruett, BHS Assistant Principal. Board Secretary Mrs. Laesch recognized Mr. Pruett as this month's winner.
- Nominees included:
 - Abby Cantu, BHS Administrative Assistant to the Principal
 - Amanda Horton, BCS Food Service
 - Amanda Lemler, Ottawa/Moccasin Media Teacher
 - Ann Kenyon, BCS Bus Driver
 - Anna Smith, BHS Administrative Assistant to Assistant Principal & Athletics
 - Bobby Cauffman, BCS Operations Utility Staff
 - Brandon Flowers, BHS Guidance Counselor

- Cassie Granger, BCS Food Service
 - Chad VanBeek, BCS Maintenance
 - Eric Munyon, BHS Spanish Teacher
 - Jennifer Templeton, BCS Administrative Assistant to Transportation
 - Jessica Elliott, BHS ELA Teacher
 - Kristin Baker, Ottawa Media Assistant
 - Laura Morris, BCS Payroll Coordinator
 - Lisa Gregory, Moccasin 2nd Grade Teacher
 - Lisa Holok, BHS ELA Teacher
 - Maggie Patnoudes, Ottawa Speech-Language Pathologist
 - Melissa Calvillo, Ottawa Kindergarten Teacher
 - Mike Cornelius, BCS Maintenance
 - Missy Lyon, BMS Special Education Teacher
 - Rachel Carlson, BHS Mathematics Teacher
 - Tammie Herrman, BMS Paraprofessional
 - Tara Mabry, Ottawa Kindergarten Teacher
- Updates for BHS, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics/BVA/CTE, Business Office, Operations, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, and Assistant Superintendent were provided respectively.

G. Presentations

- School Highlight
 - Dr. Michael Dunn, Moccasin Elementary Principal, presented to the board. Dr. Dunn reviewed Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at Moccasin. He informed the board of the history of PBIS as well as the rollout plan for Moccasin. Moccasin has introduced PBIS recently with a focus on hallway and bathroom expectations.
- Executive Team Updates
 - Superintendent Robinson and Mark Kurland provided their updates respectively.

H. Information, Reports, & New Business

- Human Resources Committee February 2nd Meeting
 - Mrs. Berry updated the board they spoke about open positions, there was no urgent items discussed.
- Public Relations Committee February 4th Meeting
 - Dr. Carlin informed the board about our partnership with On Base Productions and the work going on to highlight the personal side of Buchanan Community Schools' instruction with the goal to have one highlight video per building by the end of the school year.
- Parent Advisory Committee, Retention/Recruitment/Marketing February 9th Meeting
 - Mrs. Robinson spoke of how this team spoke of the school highlight videos and new website design.
- Finance Committee February 14th Meeting
 - Mr. Lee informed the board that they went over the budget update – new banking company, new credit card company, switching auditing companies, updates on budget meetings for next year with leadership and a new electric sign for Buchanan High School to hopefully be completed by the June 11th 100 Year Celebration.
- Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations February 15th Meeting
 - Mrs. Robinson updated the board she had spoken with a family about safety and security of the buildings and a student had asked for more information about how to start a club.

- Emergency/Security Committee February 17th Meeting
 - Mr. Carlson said the team discussed door barricades for lockdowns and spoke of reinstating the crisis team.
- BMS Student Advisory Committee February 22nd Meeting
 - Mrs. Robinson informed the board that she met with two students. They discussed the 2022-23 school calendar and she talked the students through the process of creating the calendar.
- Celebration/Recognition Discussion
 - The board spoke of recognizing individuals, groups, athletics, and clubs and to invite them to board meetings.

I. Community Dialogue & Citizens Concerns

- Stephanie Fain
- Donald Ryman

J. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of February 22nd, 2022 be adopted as written:
1. Minutes:
 - 1-10-2022 Organizational Meeting
 - 1-17-2022 Regular Meeting
 2. Warrants:
 - Treasury & Expenditure Reports – January 2022
 3. Retirement:
 - Cheryl Warner – Moccasin Special Education Teacher
 4. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:
 - BMS Principal, Mrs. Shelby Beasley

Recommended Employee	Title
Tammy Holmer	Interim Administrative Assistant to Middle School Principal – Attendance, athletics & Discipline / District Registrar
Paula Tucek	BMS 6th Grade English Language Arts Teacher

5. Coaching Recommendation for Spring 2021-22 submitted by Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Mark Frey:

Coach	Position	Class/Level	Step
Krista Greaves	Varsity Girls Track Coach	2	1
Peter Greaves	Varsity Boys Track Coach	2	1
Ian Bossert	Boys Varsity Golf Coach	3	1
Mike Cornelius	JV Baseball Coach	5	1

6. Resignation:

- Natalie Kluge – BMS 6th Grade English Language Arts Teacher
- Riley Ruelle – Operations Utility Staff

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

K. Buchanan Virtual Academy Graduation Certification

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of Education hereby approves:
 - Buchanan Step Up Student: Kyle Coleman
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

L. 2022 Close Up Proposal for Overnight Student Trip

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Close Up trip to Washington D.C. from March 13, 2022 returning March 18, 2022 in accordance with Board Policy #2340, under the sponsorship of Mr. Josh Wegener.
 - Mrs. Writer spoke that this is the 40th year of the trip with 494 students who have gone to Washington D.C.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

M. 2022 First Robotics Competition – Overnight Field Trip

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Robotics Team trip to Muskegon, MI for the purposes of the 2022 First Robotics Competition.
 - The Robotics Team is expected to depart March 17th, 2022 and return March 19th, 2022 in accordance with Board Policy #2340. This Robotics Team trip will be under the supervision of Mr. Phillip Place.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

N. BEA Letter of Agreement – Jessica Leenhouts

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan
- Community Schools Board of Education approves the attached letter of agreement with the Buchanan Education Association for Jessica Leenhouts.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED



**Letter of Agreement Between the
Buchanan -5C Education Association, MEA/NEA, and the
Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education**

Stipend for Additional Hours – PE Teacher Jessica Leenhouts

In consideration of their mutual covenants reflected in this Agreement, the Buchanan-5C Education Association, MEA/NEA (the Association) and the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education (the Board), agree as follows:

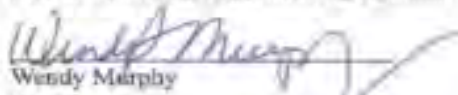
1. Due to the challenges in filling positions, Buchanan PE Teacher, Jessica Leenhouts has accumulated additional work hours outside of the regular school day during the 2021-2022 school year.
2. While the parties acknowledge that all professional staff have work responsibilities that may extend beyond the regular school work day, the additional hours worked by Ms. Leenhouts are significant.
3. Effective January 3, 2022, the District will pay Ms. Leenhouts an additional stipend of \$6,500 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
4. This stipend payment is made through payroll on a bi-weekly basis, less applicable withholdings.
5. The need for additional hours is temporary and will end, whichever is first, after the official start date of the new KidKare Director or when additional time is no longer warranted as mutually agreed by Ms. Leenhouts and the Superintendent. The stipend for that semester will then be pro-rated as needed based on the number of days worked.
6. This Agreement is not intended to set a precedent and in no way modifies any other provision of the parties' collective bargaining agreement.
7. This Agreement expires on June 30, 2022.

For the Board of Education

 Patricia Robinson,
 Superintendent

January 13, 2022

For the Buchanan Education Association


 Wendy Murphy
 President

January 13, 2022

BEA Letter of Agreement – Jessica Leenhouts

O. Additional 2021-22 Extracurricular Assignments

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of
- Education approves the additional Buchanan Community Schools extracurricular assignments for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year:
 - Melissa Frost – Mentor of David Sokolowski (long term sub) \$341.28 (prorated)
 - Dawn Van Dyke – Mentor of Brittney Gmeiner (1st yr.) \$432.00 (prorated)
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None

- MOTION ADOPTED

P. Band Boosters Crowdfunding

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education approves crowdfunding for the Buchanan High School Band Boosters to raise money for equipment, supplies, and uniforms.
 - Jennie Brackett & Jennifer Tabor spoke of the importance of these items and the recognizing March as March for Band month. They shared their plan for raising funds to meet the bands goal of \$60,000.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Q. Closed Session – Attorney-Client Privileged Communication

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session per section 8(1)(h) of Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of reviewing a confidential attorney-client communication.
- Time: 7:17pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None MOTION ADOPTED

R. Return to Open Session

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Berry, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session.
- Time: 8:43pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer
- NAYS: None MOTION ADOPTED

S. Questions & Comments from Board Members

- Mrs. Laesch thanked Buchanan Christian Church for their notes and pretzel gift.

T. Next Board Meeting:

- Monday, March 14th at 6pm

U. Adjournment

- 8:44 pm

You may view the completed February 22, 2022 Board of Education Meeting Minutes on [the Buchanan Community Schools website here](#).



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!"

Members of the public may contact members of the school board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the board. These items will also be shared with the Superintendent.

- Dr. Harvey Burnett, President – hburnett@buchananschools.com
- Ruth Writer, Vice-President – rwriter@buchananschools.com
- Kelly Laesch, Secretary – klaesch@buchananschools.com
- Chris Lee, Treasurer – cleee@buchananschools.com
- Katie Berry, Trustee – kberry@buchananschools.com
- Chris Carlson, Trustee – ccarlson@buchananschools.com
- Dr. Scott Carlin, Trustee – scarlin@buchananschools.com

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