

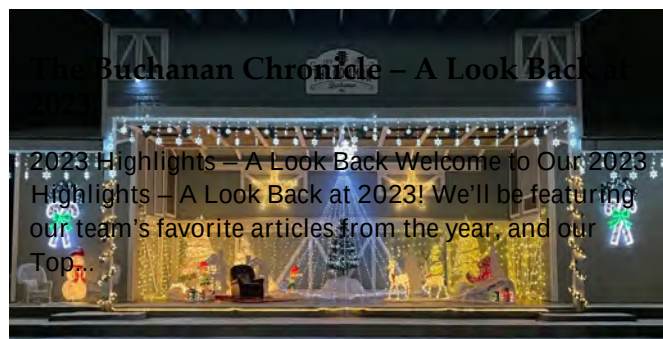
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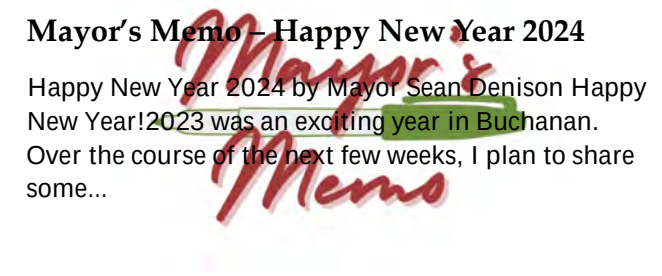
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Moccasin Update January 2024 Submitted by Moccasin Elementary School Principal Michael Babcock School Vision: Moccasin will create a safe and positive learning environment where students will achieve grade level proficiency skills....



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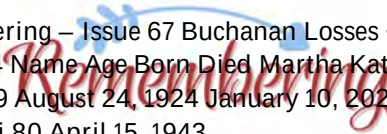
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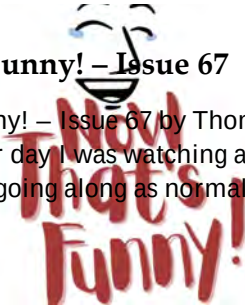
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Parents Against Bullying

by Heather Foster, Writer

Bullying is an issue that many of us have faced throughout our lifetimes. Overtime, we've seen bullying go from school yard name-calling to frightening cyber-bullying, physical attacks, and deadly activities.

According to Bullying Statistics, half of adolescent suicides per year are because of the extreme taxation bullying has on mental health (<http://www.bullyingstatistics.org/content/bullying-and-suicide.html>).

Parents everywhere are trying to figure out how to keep their kids safe from bullying, especially with the current social media environment. Bullying often extends past in-person and has infiltrated our electronic devices. Parents are asking, how do we keep these kids safe when bullies can be carried around in our children's hands (smartphones) everyday.

Communication, education, and community partnerships are three ways that parents can begin. Communicate with your children. Teach them about bullying, how to have self-confidence, and ways to keep themselves safe. Educate yourselves and your children by researching bullying and ways to help your children cope. Most importantly, make those community partnerships with your schools and after school events to ensure you're on the same page with their bullying policies. Make sure the policies align with the state laws and regulations on bullying.

Together, parents can learn and educate our children, and hopefully lessen the incidents that all school children face today.



Mayor's Memo – Happy New Year 2024



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by Mayor Sean Denison

Happy New Year!

2023 was an exciting year in Buchanan. Over the course of the next few weeks, I plan to share some of the highlights from last year, and details about the amount of investment, job growth and progress that the city made in 2023.

I would like to start this year off by answering some of the most common questions that I get asked about concerning decisions made by the city commission and staff.

Thrill on the Hill: The city has made the difficult decision to not hold the thrill this coming summer, and I would like to try and explain why. First and foremost, the wooden structure platform used at the top of the hill is showing its age, and is starting to rot. Not only does it get very wet during the event, but it is also stored outside when not in use, and the elements have taken a toll on it. The heavy plastic that makes up the slide portion for the thrill is also in disrepair. This past summer we had to continuously make repairs during the event, often times requiring us to temporarily shut down the slide in order to patch tears and holes. Both of those important pieces of equipment need to be replaced. Using them in their current condition is not an option, as it could put the city at risk of a lawsuit if someone was to get injured. We want to be able to enjoy the event without ever risking the safety of our thrill seekers. The price tag for those items came to nearly \$15,000. Currently, the city does not have the funds to support those repairs. Our hopes are to perhaps find a corporate sponsor or two who could help us fund the thrill, and continue the fun summer program that brings thousands of people to our community sometime in the future.

"The picnic tables": As you may have seen and heard on social media, there are a few folks in our community who have concerns over the price of recently purchased picnic tables. These tables, which you may have seen recently around town, have a covered roof over them, and can comfortably seat 8-10 people. The tables were purchased for \$5,500 each. The city purchased (5) and the Township purchased (5). The decision was made to purchase them for a number of reasons. First, they are high quality, and being covered by a metal roof, should last a long time. Considering that we would normally pay \$3,500 for a normal, uncovered, municipal grade picnic table, the price for these "personal picnic pavilions" did not seem unreasonable. Second, we purchased them from someone in Buchanan, and we were happy to support their efforts to keep the manufacturing local, rather than buying tables from a catalog that were made outside of our community. And finally, the recommendation to purchase these tables came from the Buchanan Area Recreation Board (BARB). This is a joint, city and township board that is tasked with making improvements to our local leisure areas, they have their own annual budget, and they work hard to decide how we should make those improvements. We respect their efforts and recommendations. They saw a need for public seating, and I am sure that the tables will be put to good use during events like the summer concert series and Munchie Mondays, which draw thousands of people to the city each year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. I am happy to try and answer them.

Thank you,

Sean Denison, Mayor



Mayor Sean Denison, Photo submitted by City of Buchanan

Mayor Sean Denison invites any citizen of Buchanan who has additional questions or feedback to contact him directly at sdenison@cityofbuchanan.com.



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Press Release – MI DNR Grant to Fund Buchanan ADA Accessible Kayak Launch



ADA Accessible Kayak Launch in Buchanan Funded by Michigan DNR Grant

Submitted by Richard Murphy, City of Buchanan Community Development Director

Buchanan, MI – December 21, 2023

The City of Buchanan announced today that it has received a \$230,000 grant award from the Michigan DNR Natural Resources Trust Fund for the implementation of an ADA-accessible kayak launch at Riverfront Park in Buchanan along the St. Joseph River. The funding comes as the city nears the completion of the Buchanan-St. Joseph Riverfront Master Planning Project with Abonmarche Consultants that was funded by the American Electric Power (AEP) Foundation.

Community Development Director Richard Murphy said of the grant award, “The City of Buchanan is thrilled to receive this funding to implement the first piece of our vision of an improved and more accessible Buchanan

Riverfront Park. We know that reconnecting more people to the water will deliver more health, quality of life, and economic benefits to our community and the region,” Murphy said.



Community Development Director Richard Murphy at Buchanan's Riverfront Park, Photo provided by City of Buchanan



Community Development Director Richard Murphy at Buchanan's Riverfront Park with MDNR Representative, Photo provided by City of Buchanan

To secure the local match portion of the grant, Murphy will be seeking support from local and regional partners. The successful grant application states: The project will include the development of an ADA-accessible kayak launch at Riverfront Park in Buchanan, Michigan. The kayak launch will be designed to meet community needs – the new park amenity will be appropriate in scale for the level of anticipated use. Project design will also consider practices with minimal impact on natural features at the project site by placing the proposed kayak launch in the least environmentally sensitive area of the park. To ensure the kayak launch design meets the ADA standards, the City discussed the proposed project with the Disability Network Southwest Michigan and Be Healthy Berrien. The project design will go beyond ADA standards and strive to incorporate Principles of Universal Design by ensuring the kayak launch will be usable by all people to the greatest extent possible, while both maintaining the character and experience of the setting and providing access, without separate or segregated access for people with disabilities.

Murphy emphasized the project's broader benefits, stating, “Many rust belt cities and towns across Michigan forgot about their strong ties to the water when the jobs left, and economics got tough. Part of our economic comeback is to reconnect to this water culture. It's who we are. Water is the reason Buchanan exists. So, getting back to our essence is our path forward,” Murphy said.

The Buchanan-St. Joseph River Riverfront Master Planning Process, being facilitated by Abonmarche Consultants, is nearing completion with a final public meeting likely to be scheduled in January. The Steering Committee is made up of Mayor Sean Denison, Michael Roland, Jerry Flenar, Jeanne Harris, Fran Tuite, Phil Thornton, George Burgoyne, and Frieda Hughes. Murphy added that the city would continue to engage with community stakeholders including the Pokagon Band and community disability networks as the project approaches design and implementation.

Mayor Sean Denison said of the award, “We are so happy and thankful to see that our Michigan DNR partners support our vision with this large investment in Buchanan. This is an investment in future generations. I applaud the continued hard work and passion of city staff and Buchanan citizens working together to reel in these competitive grant awards in order to make Buchanan a better place,” he said.

A Vision for Buchanan can be accessed in its entirety at www.nicestplacetowalk.com



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Submitted by Alice Kring

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Buchanan Leo Club Christmas Activities, Photo submitted by Alice Kring



"We Serve" is our motto – 89+ years strong – and proud to serve in the 2020 Nicest City in America
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About Buchanan-Galien Lions Club: Buchanan-Galien Lion's Club has been serving the community for more than 75 years. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Buchanan American Legion Hall – to learn more about becoming a Lion, contact us. Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Lions extend their commitment beyond sight conservation through countless local efforts that include youth outreach programs, improving the environment, building homes for the disabled, and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

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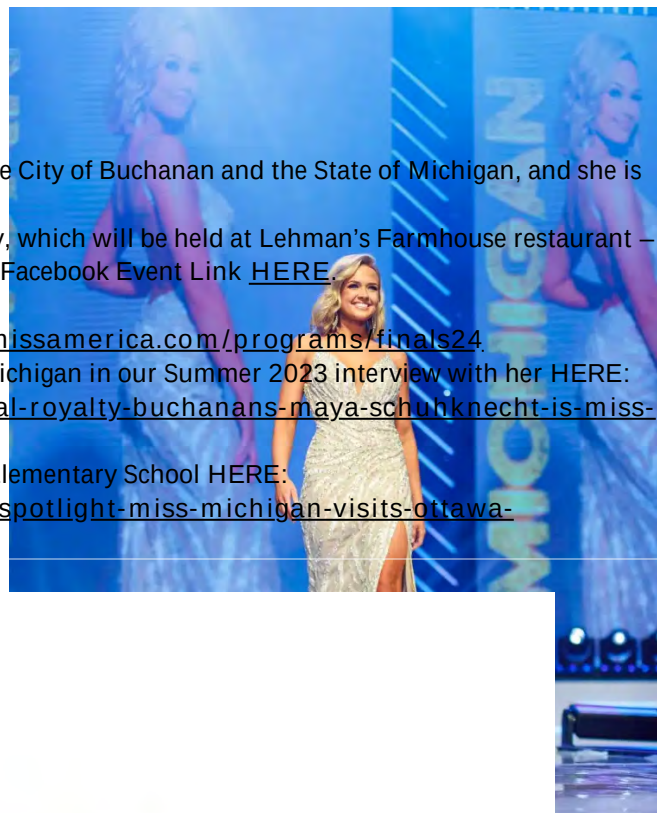
Buchanan's Miss Michigan Maya at Miss America

by Jen Garry, Publisher

Buchanan's Maya Schuhknecht (who became Miss Michigan on Saturday, June 17, 2023) is now on an even bigger stage. She is currently in Florida participating in the Miss America Pageant 2024. Already in the competition she has won the Preliminary Talent Award in the Talent Category with her unique skill of speed-painting Michael Jackson upside down!



Maya:



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Miss Michigan

About Miss Michigan: The Miss Michigan competition is the pageant that selects the representative for the state of Michigan in the Miss America pageant. Michigan has won the Miss America crown on five occasions.
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BCS Spotlight – Iconic Michigan Teachers Fellowship



Iconic Michigan Teachers Fellowship

Submitted by Monica Luke, Buchanan Middle Schools

Since Thanksgiving, 41 seventh graders at Buchanan Middle School have been analyzing the Statue of Liberty's symbolism through PBS' Iconic America lessons. These lessons were based on snippets of the network's documentary series of the same name. Students in Erin Kratky and Monica Luke's shared Iconic Advisory class have been working alongside their teachers to dig deeper into icons for an hour each week.

"I think the Iconic America lessons are very interesting. There is lots of potential for education. It can teach kids how to use resources and it will teach them about our country," said student, Tyler Pothoff.



Iconic Michigan Teachers Fellowship, Photos provided by Monica Luke, BCS

Students have completed two PBS lessons that examined the Statue of Liberty's original 1865 vision by the Frenchman Édouard de Laboulaye. Laboulaye was an admirer of President Abraham Lincoln and an ardent supporter of the abolitionist movement. Laboulaye loved America and wanted to celebrate America's centennial anniversary plus strengthen the already strong relationship between America and France. He, and the statue's sculptor, Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi, felt that a monument, then known as Liberty Enlightening the World, should

symbolize the abolition of slavery. Surprised? You're not the only one. Neither Kratky nor Luke were aware, but one student was!

"As a senior in high school, I was lucky enough to visit the Statue of Liberty. I don't feel like I've ever associated her with a symbol of abolition, and I've been to Liberty Island! People have worked hard to change the narrative to suit their interests. It's dishonest, and people who don't know any better keep perpetuating the wrong narrative. That's why lessons like PBS's are important; we need to correct the errors we keep making," said Luke.



Iconic Michigan Teachers Fellowship, Photos provided by Monica Luke, BCS

PBS' Iconic America series has not highlighted any Michigan icons yet, but hopefully, that's about to change with BMS' help. Kratky and Luke's students will be working toward creating final projects later this school year that showcase Iconic Michigan. Right now, they're in the process of analyzing the PBS lessons and providing honest feedback for the company. This week, teachers and students completed anonymous surveys about the effectiveness and quality of the company's lessons.

Students showed Kratky or Luke their completed surveys and were entered into a drawing for two \$20 Amazon gift cards provided by PBS and the Michigan Learning Channel. Winners were selected at random and will receive their gift cards this coming week.



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

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Winter Indoor Pickleball flyer

Event Details:

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- *What:* Winter Indoor Pickleball
- *When:* **Tuesdays, 1-4pm, & Wednesdays, 2-5pm, beginning January 10, 2024**
- *Where:* St. Paul Lutheran Church Friendship Hall – 212 W Front St, Buchanan MI
- *Details:* For more information or to reserve a time, e-mail buchsmp@gmail.com.



About St Paul's Lutheran Church: We are a small church who has been serving the Buchanan community for many years.

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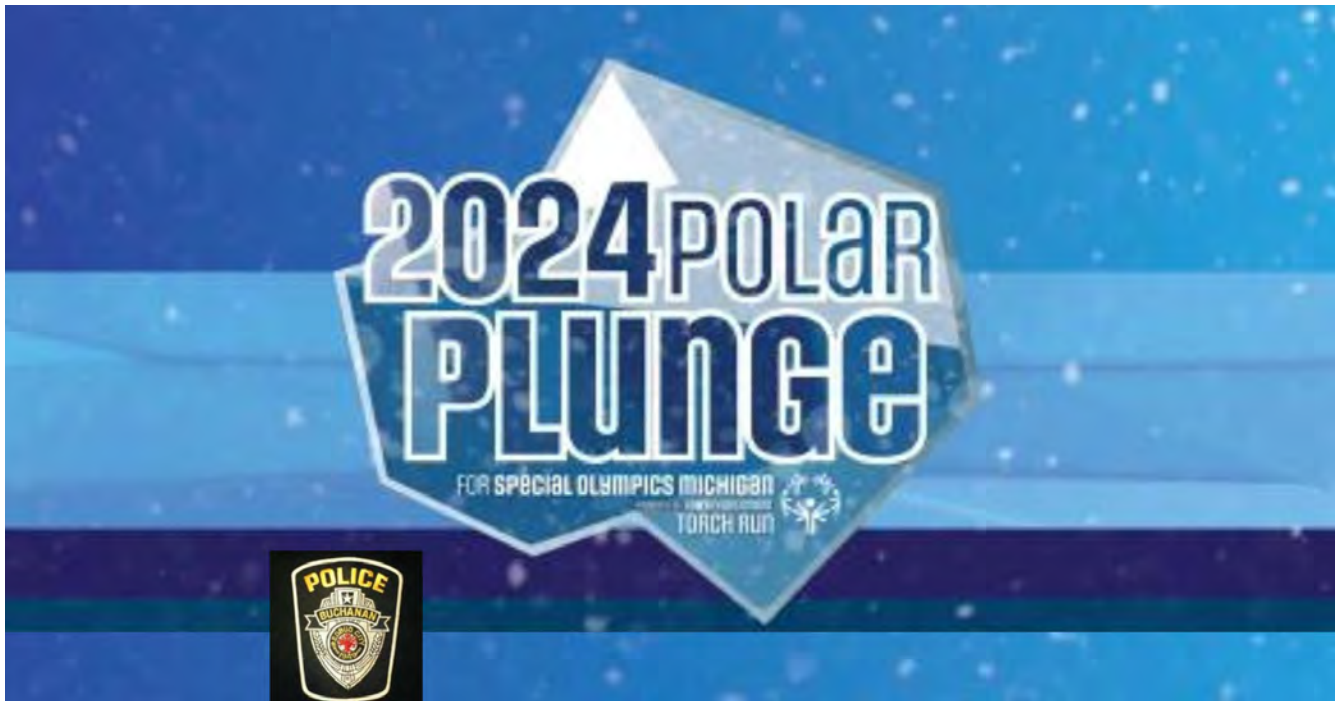
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Upcoming Event – Polar Plunge 2024



Buchanan Police to Participate Again in Polar Plunge 2024

Submitted by Officer Brie Schmitz, Buchanan Police Department

Dear Community Partner:

For 5 years, the Buchanan Police Department, in conjunction with local departments, has participated in the Polar Plunge. This program helps raise money for the Special Olympics.

"Special Olympics is a global movement that unleashes the human spirit every day around the world through the transformative power and joy of sport. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, Special Olympics is tackling the inactivity, stigma, isolation, and injustice that people with intellectual disabilities (ID) face." Special Olympics strives to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people.

This year, The Polar Plunge will take place at the Watermark Brewery in Stevensville on February 3rd, 2024. Once again, our team of plungers will jump into freezing cold water to help raise money for a good cause. Our officers are passionate about this program, and we strive to help our community. Every year, our team decides on the costumes to wear while plunging. In the past, these have included Super Man and Super Woman, Dodgeball players, Red Bud Motocross fans, and A League of Their Own. This year our team has picked the theme of Robin Williams movie characters!

Our goal for this year is to reach \$1000 in donations for the Special Olympics. All donations go directly to the Michigan Special Olympics. Please consider donating to this program and come to Watermark on February 3rd, 2024, to watch our team take the plunge!

Feel free to contact Diana Selir or myself at (269) 695-5120 if you have any questions regarding this wonderful program. Thank you for your generous support in advance! For more information [click here](#).

Sincerely,
Officer Brie Schmitz
Buchanan City Police



Buchanan City Police Department Polar Plunge 2023 Team Costumes, Photo shared by BCPD



Polar Plunge 2024 graphic

Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan City Police Department
- *What:* Southwest Michigan Polar Plunge 2024
- *When:* **Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 12pm**
- *Where:* Watermark Brewing Company
 - 5767 St Joseph Ave, Stevensville MI 49127
- *Details:*
 - Join us for the annual Southwest Michigan Polar Plunge taking place Feb. 3 at Watermark Brewing.
 - Registration/Check-In opens in the Patio Area of Watermark at 10 am.
 - Plunging in the PLUNGESTER takes place at 12 pm.
 - The After Splash Bash in Watermark's Solarium takes place at 1:30 pm.
 - Event Info Link: <https://www.classy.org/team/549374>

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Upcoming Event – Artists' Reception at Roti Roti Art Center



Artists' Reception with Jeffrey Paulette, John L Trapp, & Heather Pletcher

Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Mark your calendars and join us for the Artists' Reception, Sunday, January 21st from 2-4pm ET! Jeffrey Paulette will exhibit his lithographs, handcrafted furniture and stained glass in the Fehlner Family Gallery. Photographer, John L Trapp captures the beauty of our area in "Reflections" displayed in the Hess Library Gallery. Heather Pletcher's "Drawing at Daybreak" spans 27-feet, in the Showplace. Exhibit dates: January 10 – February 18, 2024. Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan (RRAC) 117 W Front St, Buchanan, MI 49107. www.rotirotiartcenter.org

Jeffrey Paulette: Lithographs & Hand-crafted Furniture & Stained Glass

Jeffrey Paulette's interest in drawing and painting began at a young age. His passion for pen & ink drawings led to his exploration of creating images using the method of lithographs, prompted by the suggestion from an outstanding teacher who noted Paulette's attention to detail. Paulette, a local artist, portrays Buchanan area landscapes, all hand printed originals, not photo reproductions. Each print is a numbered, limited edition, drawn on lithograph stone, then hand inked and printed, one at a time on a lithograph press.

Inspired by remodeling an older home, Paulette began making his own Mission-style furniture, incorporating stained glass, mica and tiles. In addition to his lithographs and furniture, the exhibit features several of Paulette's beautiful stained-glass windows and lamp shades, all of which contribute to a timeless aesthetic.

John L Trapp: Reflections Photography Exhibit

John Trapp grew up in the bustling (at the time!) farming community of Galien, Michigan, graduating from Galien High School in 1964. Chasing a boyhood dream of spending his life studying birds, Trapp attended Michigan State University, graduating with a degree in Wildlife Management in 1969. That led to a 35-year career as a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which took Trapp from the far-flung wilderness of Alaska (from Attu to the North Slope to Sitka and all points in between) to the bureaucratic halls of Washington, DC, which

presented a totally different challenge. Following retirement, Trapp moved back to Berrien County, settling just outside Buchanan. Trapp's exhibit, *Reflections*, features photos taken exclusively in Berrien County.

Heather Pletcher: Drawing at Daybreak

Heather VanDyke Pletcher's ink and acrylic painting, *Drawing at Daybreak*, spans twenty-seven feet, taking the viewer in as it encompasses the space. Pletcher created this piece over several early mornings before she began the day's routine. Creating this was a departure from the small, representational painted ornaments she has created over the past fifty years. Pletcher's intimate ornaments are collected and loved year-round.

Sitting at the scrolled wallpaper against a wall, Pletcher began by drawing with brush and ink. The next morning, she unrolled the drawing and added another section. Nothing was planned. She added watercolor, then acrylic paint, followed by outlining her shapes with black. Pletcher found the rapport of working with the larger format to be a grand relief from her small representational work. Her use of color is whimsical and inviting.



Artists' Reception with Jeffrey Paulette, John L Trapp, & Heather Pletcher graphic

Event Details:

- *Who:* Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* Artists' Reception with Jeffrey Paulette, John L Trapp, & Heather Pletcher
- *When:* **Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 2-4pm**
- *Where:* Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
 - 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Exhibit Dates: *January 10 – February 18, 2024*
 - **Jeffrey Paulette:** Lithographs & Hand-crafted Furniture & Stained Glass
 - **John L Trapp:** *Reflections* Photography Exhibit
 - **Heather Pletcher:** *Drawing at Daybreak*

Roti Roti ART CENTER OF BUCHANAN

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

www.rotirotiartcenter.com

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

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BCS Spotlight – Coach McBeth’s 300th Career Win



Coach McBeth’s 300th Career Win

Shared by Buchanan Athletics

Mens Varsity Basketball Coach McBeth had his 300th career win over River Valley on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Most wins in school history! 300 Wins to 187 Losses is amazing! Congratulations!!!



Congratulations to Coach McBeth on 300 Wins, Graphic shared by Buchanan Athletics



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BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics Winter Scores 2023-24



Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 12/15/23 – 1/10/24

Scores Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

Below you can find some of Buchanan Athletics recent sports scores. Current sports include Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball.

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

SPORT: Varsity Basketball (Girls)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
1/10	7:30pm	Away	St Joseph Michigan Lutheran	WON 61-16
1/9	5:45pm	Away	Berrien Springs	WON 58-45
12/19	7:15pm	Home	Edwardsburg	LOST 31-42
12/15	6:00pm	Home	Niles Brandywine	LOST 27-38

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Basketball (Girls) Recent Scores Fall 2023 / Spring 2024

SPORT: Varsity Basketball (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
1/9	7:00pm	Away	Berrien Springs	LOST 36-41
1/5	7:15pm	Home	Climax-Scotts	WON 61-31
12/21	7:15pm	Home	New Buffalo	WON 58-44
12/19	7:15pm	Away	Three Oaks River Valley	WON 54-27
12/15	7:15pm	Home	Niles Brandywine	LOST 41-73

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Basketball (Boys) Recent Scores Fall 2023 / Spring 2024



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SPORTS



Buchanan District Library – January 2024

This Month at



January at Buchanan District Library

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JANUARY AT THE LIBRARY



"That is part of the beauty of all literature. You discover that your longings are universal longings, that you're not lonely and isolated from anyone. You belong."

F. Scott Fitzgerald



Winter Truck Day | Thursday, January 4 at 12pm
Join us outside the library as we welcome the City of Buchanan DPW crew and their winter trucks! Kids will get to touch and experience the trucks up close and personal, just like our summer truck day. Warm up with hot cocoa inside the library after the event!



Our Gift to You! from the Buchanan District Library
Enjoy 2 additional checkouts on hoopla in January!
Happy Holidays from all of us here at the Buchanan District Library!
Our gift to you is TWO additional checkouts on Hoopla in the month of January 2024.
[Click here to learn more about using hoopla!](#)

ADULT PROGRAMS:



BUCHANAN BOOK CLUB 2024
Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5,
Jul 10, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4

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

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



Sit & Knit
Friday, January 12 at 5:30pm

Novice and expert knitters welcome! Learn to knit or bring your expert projects with you to show off. Some materials provided but you are welcome to bring in whatever you are working on. Enjoy conversation with fellow knitters while you work!



How Do I Start? | Ideas For Getting Fit With Carrie Barbus, PA

Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30pm

Join Carrie Barbus, retired Physicians Assistant and Redbud Fitness instructor, as she gives you tips on how to get moving and feel great doing it! Carrie will cover different types of exercise and dispel notions such as: I need expensive equipment or clothes, I need to join a gym, or "I'm too old, I'm too big, little, or broken down" to exercise regularly.



Grownup Game Night

Friday, January 19 at 5:30pm

Who says kids get to have all the fun? Come to the library to enjoy a classic board game night just for grown ups!



Puzzle Tournament

Friday, January 26 at 6pm

Sign up in teams of 2-4 in a race to finish a 500 piece puzzle faster than the rest! Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Registration is required, call the library to sign up.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS:



Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11:00am

January 17–April 24

Join us for Preschool Storytime with Ms. Julie. Come sing, dance, and hear stories! Recommended for ages 2–6 but families with children of all ages are welcome.



Teen Scene

Wednesdays at 2:30pm

January 10–April 24

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



Pajama Storytime

Thursday, January 25 at 6pm

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



Lego Club
 Tuesday, January 30 at 4pm
 Join Ms. Jen to have fun building with Legos!

WHAT WE'RE READING:

JULIE IS READING...

QUEEN: THE NEAL PRESTON PHOTOGRAPHS

Neal Preston is one of the most prolific and highly regarded rock photographers of all time. He began working with Queen in the mid 1970s as their tour photographer. He was present on the legendary South America tour in 1981, Live Aid in 1985, and the band's last tour with Freddie Mercury in 1986, among others. Brian May has commented, "Neal just has the knack, the skill, to always be in the right place at the right time."



This official book, produced in collaboration with the band, features over 200 images and is an exhilarating ride through their years on the road together. It is the first time Preston and Queen have collated this work in one volume: glimpses of life backstage, live performances, post-performance highs and lows, and outtakes—many of which have never been seen before—are accompanied by memories and anecdotes from Preston with forewords by Queen guitarist Brian May and drummer Roger Taylor. The pages vibrate with a palpable energy.

LAURA IS READING...

AN ENOLA HOLMES MYSTERY, THE CASE OF THE MISSING MARQUESS

NANCY SPRINGER

Meet Enola Holmes, teenaged girl turned detective and the younger sister to Sherlock Holmes.



When Enola Holmes, sister to the detective Sherlock Holmes, discovers her mother has disappeared, she quickly embarks on a journey to London in search of her. But nothing can prepare her for what awaits. Because when she arrives, she finds herself involved in the kidnapping of a young marquess, fleeing murderous villains, and trying to elude her shrewd older brothers—all while attempting to piece together clues to her mother's strange disappearance. Amid all the mayhem, will Enola be able to decode the necessary clues and find her mother?



MEG IS READING...
TOUCHED
WALTER MOSLEY

Intergalactic visions, deadly threats, and explosive standoffs between mostly good and completely evil converge in a dystopian fantasy that could only be conceived by the inimitable Walter Mosley, one of the country's most beloved and acclaimed writers.

Martin Just wakes up one morning after what feels like, and might actually be, a centuries-long sleep with two new innate pieces of knowledge: Humanity is a virus destined to destroy all existence. And he is the Cure. Martin begins slipping into an alternate consciousness, with new physical strengths, to violently defend his family—the only Black family in their neighborhood in the Hollywood Hills of Los Angeles— against pure evil. Think Octavia Butler meets Jeff Vander Meer meets Jordan Peele. Expansive and innovative, sexy and satirical, Touched brilliantly imagines the ways in which human life and technological innovation threaten existence itself.

LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEM:



RIVER OF LIFE YOGA CLASS PASS

Check out a pass to River of Life Yoga, located at 113 Main Street in Buchanan. This pass is good for one studio drop-in class for one adult. It is valid for any regularly priced and scheduled weekly class. Not valid for workshops, events, or specialty classes. Visit riveroflifeyoga.com to view class schedule and register for a class. You must have the pass from the library checked out before you register for a class. Passes are available to adult Buchanan District Library cardholders only. Passes are able to be reserved for a specific date through your account in the library catalog.

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

THE DEWEY DECIBEL SYSTEM



WE STARTED A PODCAST!

The Dewey Decibel System is the official podcast of the Buchanan District Library. Each episode Meg, Karen, and Grant will discuss books, movies, music, video games and more...basically anything that can be checked out with a library card! A special guest from the community will be part of each conversation. Check out our first episode on [Spotify](#) or [YouTube](#), or right on the [library's website](#).

ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

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



2024 Remembering Buchanan Calendars are here!

Calendars are \$20 each and are a wonderful way to enjoy Buchanan history throughout the year. And they make wonderful gifts! Purchase yours in the library while supplies last.

HOOPLA

Have you tried hoopla yet? Check it out!

What is hoopla?

Hoopla Digital is a service that provides online and mobile access to eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, movies, and TV. The hoopla digital collection includes popular entertainment and educational content, such as hit TV series, newly released music, bestselling audiobooks and eBooks, and much more. With hoopla and a valid library card, you can instantly borrow, stream, and download dynamic content for free!



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

How do I sign up?

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

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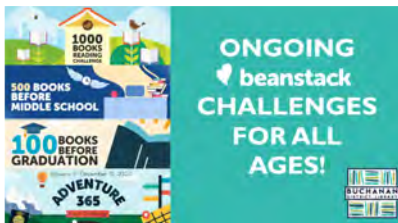
NEW! Join the Reading Dragons challenge!

Kids 5–17, join our new Reading Dragons challenge on [Beanstack](#) and earn your own magical menagerie! Earn a new set of creature cards each week from September 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Register for the challenge and learn more details in the Beanstack Tracker app or on our [Beanstack site](#).

New Beanstack Challenges!

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

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



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

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

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

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



Community Cookbook

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

[Click here to submit a recipe!](#)



The myLIBRO app is now available at BDL!

- Search and browse the library's catalog from your mobile device
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- Checkout and read/listen to eBooks and audiobooks
- Connect to Amazon's Alexa

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

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The library is always closed Sundays & Mondays.

HOLIDAY HOURS :
CLOSED Tuesday, 12/26
Happy Holidays!

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



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

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – January 2024

This Month at



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

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR CELL PHONE & TABLET

Some members of the Buchanan High School Leos Club will be at the BASC on Tuesday, January 23 from 3:00 — 4:00 pm to help you on how to use your cell phone & tablet. Please call 695-7119 to register. Bring your cell phone & tablet with you to class.

MEET SARA BURNS THE BUCHANAN AREA SENIOR CENTER'S NEW YOGA INSTRUCTOR

Sara Burns lives in Galien with her husband, two year old daughter, two dogs, and two cats. She works full time as an environmental scientist. She has been practicing yoga for 17 years, and received a 200 hour yoga teacher certification from the Authentic Movements teacher training program. She enjoys spending time in nature and baking. As a yoga teacher, she focuses on a sense of integration, activation, and playfulness. Stop by the BASC on Thursdays at 11:00 am for chair yoga! We are happy to have Sara join the BASC Team!

Veteran's Benefits Q&A

Thursday, January 25, 1:00 pm – Call 695-7119 to register.

Berrien County Veterans Service want to make sure that you have information for those moments when life happens and gives you unexpected situations to work through. Ryan McNeely, a service officer from BCVS, will be at the BASC to share information as well as to answer your questions. Be sure to attend this program to learn how their services can help you. If you have questions, write them down and bring them to the program.

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!



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

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Press Release – MI McDonalds Encourage Winter Travel



McDonald's of Michigan Encourages Winter Travel with "Discover Michigan Skiing"

Submitted by Spencer Wheelock, McDonald's of Michigan

Fuel up at your local McDonald's and head north to the slopes! Winter enthusiasts from across the Midwest are invited to the Mitten State for a chance to explore all that Michigan has to offer this season and learn to ski or snowboard. It's thanks to a special program from McDonald's of Michigan and the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association. The "Discover Michigan Skiing" program is offering discounted beginner lessons to get more people involved in winter sports.



Learn to Ski – Discover Michigan Skiing graphic

The program includes a beginner lesson, rental equipment for skiing or snowboarding, and a pass for either a beginner ski lift or cross-country trail. Twenty-one ski facilities, each offering the package or a similar version, will honor this initiative from January 2 through January 31, 2024. Participants can opt for downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, or snowboarding, with the program welcoming anyone aged seven and older for downhill or cross-country skiing and those aged 10 and above for snowboarding. The cost is a flat rate of \$60, although some ski areas may charge less, as indicated on the program's webpage. The beginner lesson covers fundamental skills such as stopping, turning, riding lifts, and recovering from falls.

"Michigan is the perfect state to learn to ski or snowboard," said Steve Kershner, chairman of the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association (MSIA) and director of snow sports at Shanty Creek Resort. "Our slopes aren't as intimidating or expensive as the mountains in the West and you'll find trained, friendly instructors who know how to make it a really fun experience."

To enroll in the program, participants can complete a Discover Michigan Skiing Voucher [online](#) and then either call their chosen ski area for an appointment or [register online](#). Program times may vary from one ski area to another.

- Participating ski areas include:
 - **Upper Peninsula:**
 - Big Powderhorn, Bessemer
 - Marquette Mountain, Marquette
 - Mont Ripley, Hancock
 - Pine Mountain, Iron Mountain
 - Ski Brule, Iron River
 - Snowriver Mountain Resort, Bessemer
 - **Northwestern Lower Peninsula:**
 - Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls
 - Cross Country Ski Headquarters, Roscommon (cost: \$40)
 - Crystal Mountain, Thompsonville (offers a slightly different program)
 - Mt. Holiday, Traverse City
 - Nubs Nob, Harbor Springs (offers a slightly different program)
 - Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire (offers an additional learning program)
 - The Highlands, Harbor Springs
 - The Homestead, Glen Arbor
 - **North Central Lower Peninsula:**
 - Forbush Corners, Frederic (cost: \$45)
 - Hanson Hills, Grayling
 - Treetops Resort, Gaylord
 - **West Central Lower Peninsula:**
 - Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park, North Muskegon
 - **Southwestern Lower Peninsula:**
 - Timber Ridge Ski Area, Gobles
 - **Southeastern Lower Peninsula:**
 - Mt. Brighton, Brighton
 - Mt. Holly, Holly
 - Pine Knob, Clarkston

Additional information on Discover Michigan Skiing is available at goskimichigan.com/discover-michigan-skiing or by calling MSIA at (248) 620-4448.



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About Michigan Snowsports Industries Association (MSIA): The Michigan Snowsports Industries Association (MSIA) is the trade association of the ski and snowboard industry in Michigan. Established with a passion for winter recreation and a commitment to fostering a vibrant snowsports community, the MSIA stands as a dedicated advocate for the exhilarating world of snow-based activities in the Great Lakes State. The MSIA offers Michigan ski and snowboarding discounts and programs to make the winter season affordable and fun. Their mission extends beyond the slopes, aiming to inspire a love for winter activities, drive economic growth, and ensure the sustainability of Michigan's snowsports legacy.

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BCS Spotlight – Moccasin Elementary January 2024



Moccasin Update January 2024

Submitted by Moccasin Elementary School Principal Michael Babcock

School Vision: Moccasin will create a safe and positive learning environment where students will achieve grade level proficiency skills.



4th Grade Classrooms Participate in Coding Activities

Ms. Holloway and Mrs. Hemphill's classes partnered with Mrs. McBeth for a fun Thanksgiving activity. After reading the story "Balloons over Broadway" and learning about the history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, students collaborated together to create a parade route of their own. Using Dash robots and iPads that were borrowed from Berrien RESA, students used coding to program their robot. They used tape to mark their route and used trial and error to code their way to the end of the route. At the end, they were able to demonstrate their robot's movements to their classmates. It was a fun and educational experience.



4th Grade Classrooms Participate in Coding Activities, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Roller Skating Lessons during PE Class

The atmosphere in the gym during November and December looked and sounded like a roller skating rink. Students are all smiles as they listen to music and skate around the gym. Bravo to Ms. Maurer and all Moccasin students for creating and participating in a positive learning environment.



Roller Skating Lessons during PE Class, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Annual Holiday Shop at Moccasin

Thank you to the PTM and the many volunteers who helped make December's Holiday Shop a success. It was fantastic to see the excitement as students toured the shop. As a result, Moccasin will receive an estimated \$1500-\$2000 profit from this fundraiser.



Annual Holiday Shop at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Moccasin Student Council Carols at Buchanan Meadows

For the second year in a row, the Moccasin Student Council has spread Holiday cheer at Buchanan Meadows by singing Christmas Carols and making Christmas cards. The residents and students look forward to this annual event.



Moccasin Student Council Carols at Buchanan Meadows, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal



About Moccasin Elementary School: Welcome to Moccasin! Our Vision is to create a safe and positive learning environment where students will achieve grade level proficiency skills. We serve students in grades 2 through 4. Please contact the school office at 269-695-8408 for any of your questions or needs.

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A Note from the Editor & Publisher – Issue 67



A Note from the Editor & Publisher – Issue 67

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Jen Garry, Publisher

Editor's Update:

Well we are now two weeks into the new year! I hope that you made good memories during the Christmas season. Now we push on into 2024 to make more memories. We do have some national and world events where BHS alumni are competing in the Miss America Pageant tomorrow in Florida, and the Summer Olympics in Paris this summer. Good luck to Miss Michigan Maya Schuhknecht and Olympian Hannah Roberts on BMX this year! Anyone having a watch party for these events? Email us your watch party photos at buchananchronicle@att.net showing you cheering them on and they just may be featured in a future issue.

I would like to thank everyone who has looked at articles on our website, subscribed to our quarterly printed issues, shared our articles from our Facebook page, businesses who have advertised/sponsored with us, community members who have graciously gave donations, and last but not least to our all-volunteer team to help capture moments, articles and interviews, we could not do this without you! I also have to thank our Publisher, Jen Garry, for the many late publishing days that she and I endured – we are working on a goal by making publishing day to be shorter! She has also joined me on quite a few article interviews as well and I enjoy your time with me.

At the beginning of 2023, we told you we had a goal to have 28,153 views to our website which was the same as 2022. For 2023, you helped us knock that goal out of the park to: 48,917 views! We were above 20,764 views, a 173.75% increase. We met our goal around late summer and it was exciting to see the number climb. Thank you for utilizing our website for your source of local news and reading. No one really knows how 2024 will go, but with your continued use of our website, more things happening in Buchanan, more local stories on businesses, city government, local interests/events, opinions sent to us, and sharing articles from the website and/or our Facebook page, etc.... will help us to reach this year's goal of 48,917 views.

Publisher's Update:

Thank you all for your readership, year after year! We had a record year in 2023, blowing our expectations out of the water and nearly doubling the website views we had projected for the year! This is all thanks to our Buchanan Community and each and every reader – we really appreciate every view we get to our publications, we

work hard volunteering our time and efforts to bring you relevant and heart-warming news local to Buchanan MI. Thank You for your Support all year long!!

~ The Buchanan Chronicle Website View Stats 2023:

- Total Website Views 2023: **48,917**
- Total Website Views by Month 2023:
 - January – **3,817** (2,482 in 2022)
 - February – **3,525** (1,961 in 2022)
 - March – **4,397** (2,481 in 2022; 2,668 in 2021)
 - April – **3,806** (2,102 in 2022; 4,444 in 2021)
 - May – **3,281** (1,915 in 2022; 3,517 in 2021)
 - June – **3,234** (1,595 in 2022; 3,016 in 2021)
 - July – **4,358** (1,986 in 2022; 2,927 in 2021)
 - August – **5,003** (2,101 in 2022; 3,227 in 2021)
 - September – **3,234** (2,209 in 2022; 3,460 in 2021)
 - October – **4,952** (2,272 in 2022; 2,752 in 2021)
 - November – **3,399** (4,541 in 2022; 2,505 in 2021)
 - December – **5,911** (2,508 in 2022; 2,196 in 2021)
- Recent Issues:
 - Issue 65 (December 02, 2023) Views: **3,526**
 - Issue 66 (December 16, 2023) Views: **3,042**

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 - Subscribers: **108**
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 - Views per Visitor on Website: **2.45**
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 - Likes: **1,562**
 - Link Clicks: **18,391**
- Instagram Followers: **265**
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As always, we'd like to remind you if you come across anything newsworthy, any announcements to share publicly, or anything you'd like your community to know about, please let us know by email (at buchananchronicle@att.net), fill out our online form [HERE](#). We really appreciate any communication – we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community! Also, we love to publish Opinion pieces and Guest Writer spots from local contributors, feel free to write in if you have something to say to Buchanan!

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

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by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

The other day I was watching a show on Disney+. It was going along as normal. My wife left the room for a bit and when she returned, she decided to turn off the ceiling light with the switch on the wall as normal. Just as she flipped the switch, the speaker of the program I was watching all of a sudden had a grand pause! As if the wall switch and the program were connected! 🤔 My reaction certainly made my wife laugh. Another funny thing happened while we were eating lunch at a Chic-fil-a. We were done eating and so I thought I would get up and throw away the trash. I get up and pick up the tray and as I was doing so one of the fry containers started to fall off. I quickly grabbed it before it fell to the floor and made a sound that according to my daughter sounded like a girl! This did make my wife and daughter laugh hysterically! 🤔🤔🤔

Today's Dad joke: Did you hear about the crazy pancake? Yeah, he just flipped! 🤔🤔🤔
Keep laughing folks! 😊

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Name	Age	Born	Died
Martha Katherine Blevins	99	August 24, 1924	January 10, 2024
Stanley Kucharski	80	April 15, 1943	January 10, 2024
Michelle Marie Zebell	52	September 2, 1971	January 8, 2024
Harry Robert Trescher	95	November 22, 1928	January 7, 2024
Patricia Lynn Havard	68	March 14, 1955	January 4, 2024
Susan Lynn Weikel	70	July 21, 1953	January 4, 2024
Jeanie Kaye Burns	60	November 13, 1963	January 3, 2024
Jimmie Ray Lawson	80	March 11, 1943	January 3, 2024
Mildred Alice Klug	88	November 15, 1935	January 2, 2024
Sharon Stella	83	January 7, 1940	January 2, 2024
Craig Erikson	75	January 7, 1948	December 27, 2023
Waneeta Marie Ott	86	April 20, 1937	December 27, 2023
Quentin Eugene Lowe	84	December 17, 1939	December 25, 2023
Olga Ann Townsend	93	April 8, 1930	December 23, 2023
Wade Cole	57	October 10, 1966	December 21, 2023
Shirley Kerlikowske	88	February 6, 1935	December 20, 2023
Freda Belle Marks	83	August 20, 1940	December 19, 2023
Micky Keith Snook	73	October 24, 1950	December 19, 2023
Frankie Louise (Lowery) Shirley	91	November 8, 1932	December 16, 2023
Robert M. Scroggins Jr.	66	January 18, 1957	December 13, 2023
Kenneth J. "Santa" Przystup	75	January 3, 1948	December 11, 2023
Samella Harper-Jones	79	October 10, 1944	December 10, 2023
Yvonne D. Hensel	60	October 12, 1963	November 29, 2023

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

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Snowmobile Rules in Buchanan

This winter season hasn't been much of a winter, but snow and storms are still to come. I heard there may be a crazy storm this weekend, do be extra cautious. With snow incoming, I thought I would share a link with you about the regulations there are for snowmobiles in Berrien County, Michigan. Click on the link below to inform yourself and others. Stay safe humans!

Find all the MI DNR Regulations Here: [MI Snowmobile Regulations](#).

If you hear or see any snowmobiles in violation of the regulations, contact Buchanan Police first to report it. The official person to speak with about snowmobiles for Berrien County Sheriff's Office Marine Division is Lieutenant Marc Hopkins at 269.983.7141 x:4921.

Woof-Woof!



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