

# *The Connector*

*The Connector* was a weekly newspaper that started publishing in Buchanan in April 1997 and continued publishing (in Niles) through (at least) Dec. 2000. The Buchanan Library has copies of most issues during this time period – but there are a lot of missing issues.

The first issue (vol. 1, #1) was April 25, 1997. The last issue in the library's collection (vol. 4, #29) is Dec. 1, 2000. Missing issues: Vol. No. 1: 1-3, 5-9, 13, 17, 18, 20-26, 29-39, 41, 41-43, 45, and 47-49. Vol. No. 2: 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9, 13-14, 16-1, 26, 32, 34-35, 38 (or 38 is labeled 37?), 41-46, 48, and 51. Vol. No. 3: 1-11, 14-16, 18-32, 37, and 42. Vol. No. 4: 11, 16-20, and 23-24. The publication was initially free, but starting in Oct. 2000 the cost was 50¢ per issue. The publisher was Toni Lawrence, who also wrote many of the articles.

Below are listed some of the major articles that had a **Local History** bent (page 1 unless indicated):

May 16, 1997 (vol. 1, #4): "End of another era at Barron Lake" [Reid's Resort, etc.]

May 16, 1997 (vol. 1, #4): "Down by the old mill stream" [Pears Mill]

July 18, 1997 (vol. 1, #12): "Take a Step in Time" [Fifth annual Ft. St. Joseph Rendez-vous]

July 25, 1997 (vol. 1, #14): "Buchanan artist to exhibit latest works: [David Allen]

Aug. 8, 1997 (vol. 1, #16): "'Memorial Square Station' honors nation's railroaders" [Niles]

June 11, 198 (vol. 2, #7): "A Man You Won't Forget" [Ken Gearhart]

July 17, 1998 (vol. 2, #11): "Why Four Flags is so significant" [Ft. St. Joseph Rendez-vous, 1998]

July 24, 1998 (vol. 2, #12): "On the cutting edge" [Grayson Clymer, barber shop on Days Ave.]

Sept. 4, 1998 (vol. 2, #18): "A Small Town, A River and a Railroad Yard" [book by Wm. Taylor; Niles]

Sept. 11, 1998 (vol. 2, #19): "Celebrating Moccasin's Past..." [Moccasin School]

Sept. 25, 1998 (vol. 2, #21): "A Living Monument" [Olove Colcord, grad Niles H. S. 1932 and Epworth Hospital 1937; Olove Colcord Park in Niles; includes ancestral information (Kelsey, Hatfield)]

Oct. 2, 1998 (vol. 2, #22): "House of David Remembered"

Nov. 6, 1998 (vol. 2, #27): "The origination of 'Taps' bugle music" [two different explanations]

Nov. 13, 1998 (vol. 2, #28): "History Uncovered" [Ft. St. Joseph]

Nov. 13, 1998 (vol. 2, #28, page 8): "The Soul of a Poet" [Anna Marie Frampton]

April 28, 2000 (vol. 3, #50): "Celebrate White History Month" [Underground Railroad, Vandalia]

May 5, 2000 (vol. 3, #51): "Blossomtime Festival is 94 Years old"

June 23, 2000 (vol. 4, #6): "Whistle stop and tourist attraction" [trains in Niles, Michigan]

Aug. 4, 2000 (vol. 4, #12): "Sounds of Silents Film Festival at the Vickers Theatre" [Theatre in Three Oaks, includes its history - starting as a restored Livery Stable in 1911]

Oct. 13, 2000 (vol. 4, #22, page 5): "A lot of action in a little church" [Wildwood Baptist Church, Buchanan Twp., including history of Wagner School building and Wagner Grange Hall building]

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