

### **Buchanan Area Senior Center (BASC)**

October 2025

# Buchanan Area Senior Chronicle

"Happy, Active, Living"

# NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We hope your transition to the fall season is going well, and this time of the year means BASC Board elections are coming up. If you are interested in running for the Board, applications can be picked up at the front desk and are due by October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have one week of voting from October 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>,



so stop by the BASC during that time to cast your vote. If you would like to discuss Board service, the Executive Director or a member of the Board would be happy to discuss this with you. The BASC is powered by volunteers, including our volunteer Board of Directors, and we appreciate the efforts all of our volunteers give to keeping the BASC humming.

After the Board elections, we will hold our Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 23 at 2 p.m. We will discuss the past year's activities and the plans we have for the upcoming year. We hope you can attend. Light refreshments and socializing will follow.

Also, please note that the Medicare Open Enrollment period runs from Oct.  $15^{th}$  to Dec.  $7^{th}$ , 2025. See page 6 for more information about help we can provide to evaluate your current plan.

### SHIPWRECKS & BRIDGES

Our Great Lakes serve as a major link and yet a barrier at the same time. For centuries this massive fresh water has been used as a major means of transporting people and goods. It serves a major highway linking the interior of North America to the world. Unfortunately, some of the ships never reach their destination due to unforeseen obstacles. From the Griffon and the Eastland to the Edmund Fitzgerald. Shipwrecks become legends. Learn about some of these historical events. With land transportation the Great Lakes become more of a barrier that must be crossed. Three land connections between Michigan and Canada will also be discussed including the new Gordie Howe International Bridge.

One Book One Buchanan, Buchanan District Library and the BASC invite you to attend this program presented by Ruth Writer.



Shipwrecks & Bridges
The Great Lakes as Links & Barriers
Thursday, October 2
2:00 pm
Please call 695-7119 to register

### PINECONE BIRD FEEDER

Make Two Pinecone Bird Feeders! Wednesday, October 29, 1:00 pm Fee is \$2 Cash Only / Due Oct. 22 Registration Required / Call 695-7119 to register





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Programs

# Compassionate Care Caller Program at the BASC

**SPOTLIGHT** 

CCC volunteers perform a free well-check telephone call to seniors, who appreciates the connection with another person. With a quick call the senior is safely checked in on and the call offers them something to look forward to on their day.

If you are interested in joining our Compassionate Care Caller program, please contact Jayme at 695-7119 or email her at jayme@thebasc.org.



If you do <u>NOT</u> want to receive the BASC newsletter, call 695-7119 to let us know.

### WEEKLY EVENTS HEALTH

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS:** The second Monday of each month, get your blood

#### GLASSES ADJUSTMENT AND REPAIR:

pressure check at 11:00 am.

The third Thursday of each month, get your eyeglasses repaired and adjusted at 9:30 am.

#### **FITNESS**

CHAIR FITNESS WITH LINDA: Mondays at 10:00 am

**ADVANCE WALK DAYS WITH FLO:** Mondays at 11:00 am, meet at the BASC.

**OSTEO-FIT WITH BRENDA:** Tuesdays at 10:15

QIGONG WITH MALKAM: Oct 7 & 14 Tues at 2:30 pm Starting Oct 22 Wed at 2:00

POWERBEATS WITH MISSY: Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

CHAIR FITNESS WITH CeCe: Wednesdays at 10:15 am

**CHAIR YOGA WITH SARA:** Thursdays at 11:00 am

**POWERBEATS WITH LIZZ:** Fridays at 9:00 am

CHAIR FITNESS WITH LIZZ: Fridays at 10:00 am

**FITNESS ROOM:** Is open all hours BASC is open.

### **CARDS & GAMES**

**EUCHRE:** Mondays at 1:00 pm **MAH JONGG:** Mondays and Thursdays at 1:00 pm

**PINOCHLE:** Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

### HAND AND FOOT CARDS:

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

**GAME DAY:** Thursdays at 1:00 pm—play a variety of games

#### TABLETOP SHUFFLEBOARD:

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm/No play the 4th Wednesday of each month

Women play on Fridays at 11:00 am

#### **OTHER PROGRAMS**

**QUILTING & SEWING:** 

Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

### FIBER FRIENDS:

Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm No class Oct. 31

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Programs are subject to change.

- ♦ **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS:** The second Monday of each month, October 13 between 11:00—11:45 am get your blood pressure checked. Provided by Ellen.
- ♦ HEARING AID CHECKS: Dr. Michelle Ridenour from Miracle Ear, will be at the BASC on Tuesday, October 14, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, to check ears for wax, clean hearing aids, and answer questions. Please call 695-7119 to register.
- ♦ **BOOK CLUB:** The Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month in our library. The book club meeting is **Thursday**, **October 16**, **at 10:30 am**.
- ♦ LUNCH BUNCH CLUB: The Lunch Bunch Club meets at a restaurant for lunch and socialization. Call the BASC at 695-7119 to reserve your seat for lunch on Friday, October 24, Pizza Transit, 215 E Main St., Niles, MI. Please indicate when you make your reservation if you are meeting at the BASC at 11:00 am or at the restaurant at 11:30 am.
- ♦ FOOT CLINIC: Blessed Feet, LLC, Thursday, October 9, beginning at 9:00 am. Initial appointment fee is \$40; all subsequent appointments will cost \$30 (checks payable to Blessed Feet, LLC). This is not covered under any insurance. Please call and schedule your appointment at 695-7119. You will need to pick-up a consent form that needs to be completed by your doctor prior to your first visit.
- ♦ BIRTHDAY BINGO: Celebrate the month's birthdays at Birthday Bingo! We will sing "Happy Birthday", play bingo, and win prizes! Cake and ice cream will be provided by Willows Assisted Living. Join in the fun at the BASC on Wednesday, October 22 at 1:00 pm.
- ♦ ROOT BEER FLOATS: Enjoy a root beer float on the third Wednesday, October 15 at 12:30 pm, provided by Woodland Terrace.
- ◆ ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Brentwood at Niles treats the BASC to a monthly Ice Cream Social on the last Monday of each month, Monday, October 27 at 12:30 pm.
- FASTING BLOOD SUGAR & BRUNCH SOCIAL: Get your blood sugar checked
  the first Wednesdays at 9:00 am and join Coffee Chat. Buchanan Meadows will
  provide the blood sugar test and refreshments on Wednesday, October 1 at 9:00
  am.
- ◆ **LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GATHERING:** If you are interested in joining in a LGBTQ+ Social Gathering held the second Thursday of the month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, please call Adam at 695-7119 to learn more.

# **Qigong with Malkam Date and Time Changes**

Beginning the week of October 20, Qigong will be on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. Starting on Wednesday, October 22.



Grief Group for Adults—an adult grieving community is available at the Niles YMCA the second Wednesday of each month, 12:00—1:00 pm. For more information please call Lory's Place at 269-983-2707.

# COFFEE CHAT— ARL EDUCATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES INC.



Coffee Chat ARL Educational Health Services Inc. Wednesday, October 1 at 9:00 am Please call 695-7119 to register

Learn about ARL Educational Health Services Inc., the new nursing school going in the old Stark Elementary School.

Fasting Blood Sugar Testing Wednesday, October 1 9:00 to 10:00 am



### **MEDICARE-SHIP**

Gain more information with an educational program explaining the different components of Medicare—State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP).



Medicare—SHIP Thursday, October 9 at 1:00 pm Please call 695-7119 to register. Registration is Required

### **BASC BOARD ELECTIONS & ANNUAL MEETING**

We currently have three 3-year term Board of Directors positions open. Incumbents Deborah Hendrix and Jeanne Harris are running again for their seats, and we have a vacant seat. If you are interested in running, please pick up an application at the center, fill it out, and return it no later than 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 14. We welcome your interest in the BASC.

Board of Directors Applications are due by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 14.

Board of Directors Elections—Place Your Vote Between October 15—21 / 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Ballots are available at reception. For questions, please call 695-7119.

The BASC Annual Meeting is on Thursday, October 23, 2:00—4:00 pm.

Note that the office will be closed between 2:00 and 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 23.







### **GROUP WALK**

A group of Buchanan residents walk Mondays and Thursdays on the south end of McCoy Creek Trail. This group of friends walked 267 miles combined from April through August! Great Job!

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



Buchanan Farmers' Market October 4 & 11 8:00 am—1:00 pm Buchanan Commons



Roti Roti ART CENTER OF BUCHANAN

Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan All Members Art Show September 17—October 26 Wednesday—Sunday 12:00—4:00 pm





Household Hazardous
Waste Collection
& Document Shredding
October 4, 8:00 am—12:00 pm
Southeast Berrien County
Landfill Authority,
1540 Mayflower Rd, Niles





Ottawa Elementary Shoe Drive

Students are collecting gently used shoes to raise money, teach recycling, and make the world better.

Drop your gently used shoes at the BASC. All shoe types and sizes are needed. These shoes will be repurposed and delivered throughout the world.

The more shoes they collect, the more money Ottawa Elementary will make!

# PAPA VINOS FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE

Enjoy a lunch/dinner out while supporting the BASC!

We have partnered with Papa's Vino's for a fundraiser that will help raise money for programming, services, and building upkeep.

Detailed information will be in your BASC November Newsletter.



Save the Date
Papa Vino's Fundraiser
November 3—6, 2025
in Mishawaka
And
Lunch with Adam at
Papa Vino's
on November 5

### FITNESS ROOM ORIENTATION

Fitness Instructor, Brenda Lewis will be at the BASC to teach a Fitness Room Orientation class.

The BASC has purchased new fitness equipment and we are excited to have Brenda show you how to properly use all of the equipment in the fitness room.



Fitness Room Orientation, Tuesday, October 21, 11:30 am Call 695-7119 to register

# ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR CELL PHONE & TABLET



Some members of the Buchanan High School Leos Club will be at the BASC to help you learn how to use your cell phone and tablet

Assistance With Your Cell Phone & Tablet
Tuesday, October 21 at 3:00 pm
Registration is Required—Limited Space
Call 695-7119 to register.
Bring your cell phone/tablet
with you to class.

### **BIRTHDAY BINGO**

While we appreciate your donation of bingo prizes, we are only able to accept new, unused items moving forward. Thank you.

### **MOVIE MATINEE**

### Second and Fourth Fridays at 1:00 pm

### October 10: The Penguin Lessons

95% Popcornmeter on Rotten Tomatoes Inspired by the true story of a disillusioned Englishman who went to work in a school in Argentina in 1976. Expecting an easy ride, Tom discovers a divided nation and a class of unteachable students. However, after he rescues a penguin from an oil-slicked beach, his life is turned upside-down. Rated PG-13

### October 24: I'm Still Here

97% Popcornmeter on Rotten Tomatoes As Brazil faces the tightening grip of a military dictatorship, Eunice Paiva, a mother of five, must reinvent herself and her family when authorities abduct her husband. Rated PG-13

### SHIPSHEWANA VISIT

Enjoy a day in Shipshewana shopping and lunch at Blue Gate Restaurant

**Shop & Lunch in Shipshewana** 

Friday, October 10
Meet at the BASC
at 9:00 am
Call 695-7119
Registration is Required
Lunch is patrons
responsibility.



When you register please let us know if...

- \* You are riding in the van.
- \* You are following the van.
- \* You need a ride if the van is full.

### **BASC HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Mark your calendars for the BASC Halloween Party! We will feast on snacks and watch the movie Hocus Pocus 2

Get dressed up in a costume for extra fun and you may end up winning a prize.



BASC Halloween Party
Friday, October 31
1:00—3:00 pm
Bring a snack to share.
Must be 55+ to attend.
Registration is Required.
Call 695-7119
to reserve your space.

### **VETERANS SERVICES**

If you need to talk to someone regarding Veteran services or transportation, please call the Berrien County Veterans Services, at 269-983-7111.

# **WORD SEARCH: Transportation**

**HAVE FUN!** 

**AIRPLANE** 

**BICYCLE** 

**BLIMP** 

BOAT CAMEL

CANOE CARRIAGE

ELEVATOR ESCALATOR FERRY

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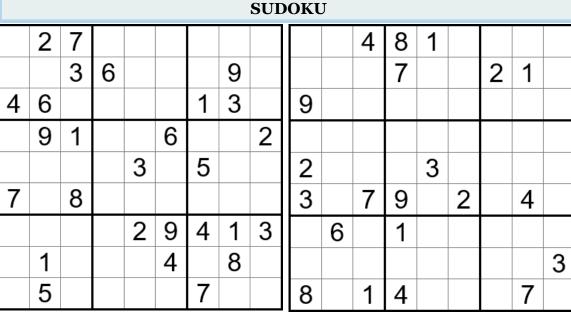
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### **RECIPE: Tuna Panini Melt**

This tuna panini melt is a new twist on an old standby.

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 (5oz) can solid white albacore tuna in water (such as Bumble Bee) 1 tbsp mayonnaise 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar 1 tbsp chopped onion 1 dill pickle, chopped
- 4 slices of sourdough bread 2 slices American cheese

### **Instructions:**

1. Combine tuna, mayonnaise, balsamic vinegar, onion, and dill pickle in a bowl.

2. Spread tuna mixture over 2 slices bread. Top with American cheese and remaining 2 slices bread.

3. Cook in a preheated panini press until the bread is crispy and cheese melted, 2 to 4 minutes. If you don't have a panini press, use a skillet on the stovetop, pressing the sandwich down with another heavy, flat object like a second skillet.

### **BASC LEGACY**

# BASC Memorial Options

We offer various ways to memorialize loved ones:

**Memorial Tree** –donate \$50 or more in name of a deceased person and we engrave their name on a *Memorial Tree* leaf at the BASC.

**Tribute Tree** – for a donation of \$300, we have a live *Tribute Tree* planted on BASC grounds plus add an engraved leaf to the *Memorial Tree* 

**BASC Legacy** – support BASC in end-of-life preparations, such as directing donations to BASC in lieu of funeral flowers or by including BASC in your will or estate plan.

**Custom memorials** – Contact us to discuss other ideas of how you want to honor someone.

For more information, please stop by the BASC office or contact us at 269-695-7119 or info@thebasc.org.

### MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT



It's that time of year again. Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7. This is your chance to review your current plan and compare all 2026

health and prescription drug options. Your current plan may still work for you, or you may find a plan that's a better fit.

This is particularly important if your health needs have changed and your current plan isn't covering what you need. Also, Medicare plans may change every year, so, by comparing your options, you may find a plan that saves you money or offers you better coverage. If you would like to explore your Medicare options, please call to make an appointment with our counselor.

### QUILTING & SEWING PROJECT

# Make a Scarecrow Hanger



Call 695-7119 to Register Registration is Required Space is Limited Pattern & Color May Vary Please sign up for only one day. October 7, 14, or 21 Fee: \$5.00 due by October 7 1:00—3:00 pm

# **DISCUSSION ON DEMENTIA CARE**

Dementia is a disease that changes a person's behavior. Challenges arise for those who take time to care for a loved one with Dementia. Education is important to learn how to live a new way with the disease.



James "Buzz" Busby
will be at the BASC to discuss
Caring & Interacting
Examples of Dementia Behaviors
Communication Techniques
Warning Signs
Thursday, October 30, at 2:00 pm
Please call 695-7119 to sign-up.

### PILL DROP OFF



Pill Drop Off
Safely Deactivate
Medication
Tuesday, October 28
9:00 am—3:00 pm

The Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has generously given the BASC several DETERRA drug deactivation system pouches to help our patrons remove outdated and unwanted medications (pills, liquid, and patches) from their homes.

Please stop by the BASC on Tuesday, October 28 to have your medication safely deactivated and disposed.

### WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE, THANK YOU!

Our Great Volunteers: \*Josetta Bibbs, \*Jeanne Harris, \*Deborah Hendrix, \*Leona Wonacott, \*Judi Jason, \*Tony Houser, \*Dylan Carden, \*Dianne Ross, Dan Riley, Anne Reed, Mary Weaver, Linda Luhrsen, Joan McGuire, Wendie Stephenson, Linda Abair, Charles Serene, Ellen Caagbay, Evelyn Morris, Karen Smith, Mary Blake, Milly French, Flo Sasaki, Judy McGhee, Keiah Peters, Rita Arnold, Herb Boyersmith, Maxine Brown, Kim Calkins, Tammy Downing, Marlene Kachur, Pat McBain, Wanda Middlebrook, Doreen Pienkowski, Beth Ropp, Vergie Wolfe, Dawnita Burgoyne, Schelly Hickman, Frieda Hughes, Gail Moad, Larissa Perkins, Kay Schadler, Marilyn White.

\*Indicates Board Member\*

<u>In Kind Donations:</u> Pam Sten, Judi Jason, Diane Wilcox, Deann Benak, Wanda Middlebrook, A. Carol Taylor-Fowler, Herb Boyersmith, Jim Barrier, Stephanie Thornburg, Edna Lakin, Linda Snodgrass, Pam Serene.

**Dollar Club:** Julie Deeds, Diane Heiler, Norman Decker, Walter Birdsong, Pat Bateman, Ann Forsgren.

**Program Fund:** Patron Donation Box, Vicki Rosenbluth, Jerry Flenar, Schelly Hickman.

General Fund: Donna Potter.

Fitness Room Upgrade: Patron Donation Box. Deb Hendrix.

Puzzle Donation: Carl Shepard.

<u>Medical Transportation Donation:</u> Pam Sten, David Thain. <u>Memorial Donation:</u> A. Carol Taylor-Fowler for Leon Parker Taylor.

The BASC is collecting bags of individually wrapped candy for TREK-OR-TREAT at McCoy's Creek Trail.

Please help by donating candy!!!



Candy donations can be dropped off at the BASC, 810 Rynearson St., by October 17. Thank you!

Trek-or-Treat at McCoy's Creek Trail is on Saturday, October, 25, 12:30—2:00 pm



We had lots of laughter and fun on our South Haven Trip We had a perfect day for our walk day!





### **Warm Hearts-Warm Hands**

is beginning to think about the giving season with making mittens for the Buchanan's preschoolers.

The 5th Annual Warm Hearts Warm Hands program will provide every preschool student with a pair of mittens. We ask you to please volunteer your time in helping create and crochet



around 6 pairs of mittens. We will need approximately 100 mittens total. We will provide worsted weight yarn. The pattern is available at the BASC. Please drop off the mittens at the BASC by October 23. Thank you!



We had amazing experiences on our art gallery trip!

### **CARD GAME WINNERS**

#### **Monday Euchre**

08/04 1st Place: Norman D & Danny S 2nd Place: Gary Nagy 08/11 1st Place: Mary Nixon 2nd Place: John March 08/18 1st Place: Norman Decker 2nd Place: Glen Allender 08/25 1st Place: Danny Sandmann 2nd Place: Donna Sarley

### **Tuesday Pinochle**

08/05 1st Place: Sharon Oswalt 2nd Place: Marilyn Holden 08/12 1st Place: Maxine Brown 2nd Place: CJ Leiter 2nd Place: Kay Schadler 08/26 1st Place: Pat Peterek 2nd Place: Danny Sandmann

### **Wednesday Evening Pinochle**

07/301st Place: CJ Leiter2nd Place: Herb Boyersmith08/061st Place: CJ Leiter2nd Place: Marilyn Holden08/131st Place: Sharon Geisler2nd Place: Herb Boyersmith08/201st Place: Kay Schadler2nd Place: Gail Moad

### Cribbage

08/07 Kay Schadler 08/14 Kay Schadler 08/21 Wendie Stephenson 08/28 Wendie S & Norman D

### **Mah Jongg Best Weekly Score**

08/07 Judy Brewer 08/14 Rosalie Holloway 08/21 Jeanette Arent 08/28 Pat Lorance

### **Hand and Foot**

08/06 Valerie Frye

08/13 Wendie Stephenson 08/20 Wendie Stephenson

08/27 Kay Schadler



Make sure you register for the BASC Euchre Tourney!
Saturday, October 11, starts at 1:00 pm
Registration is required. Call 695-7119 to register.
2 people per team / Ages 55+





**Buchanan Area Senior Center Dollar Club** Please consider making a pledge? Gold Level—\$1.00/day Silver Level-\$1.00/ week Bronze Level-\$1.00/ month Patron Level-\$500.00+/year Thank you for your pledge!



### COMMODITY **PICK-UP DAYS**

Commodities are distributed from the Senior Center garage.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**CSFP Monthly** Thursday, October 9 1:00-2:00 pm

Second Pick-Up Date Monday, October 13 1:00-2:00 pm

In order to alleviate traffic back-ups, blockage of the entryway and dangerous situations for our patrons and community, please **DO NOT** line up before 1:00 pm for monthly/quarterly commodities.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

It is very important that your trunk be cleaned out and opened for us to place your box.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



### SENIOR CENTER **SERVICES**

At the Senior Center you can:

- Make b&w copies for 10¢ each
- Make color copies for 40¢ each
- Send a FAX for \$1.00 per page
- Have paperwork notarized (Please call ahead to make sure notary is available.)
- Use our computer to go on the Internet.

### **Senior Nutrition Services** suggested donation based on monthly income

\$1,101 & up \$4.50 and up

\$801-\$1,100 \$4.00 per Meal

\$701-\$800 \$3.25 per Meal

\$551-\$700 \$2.75 per Meal

\$0-\$550 \$2.25 per Meal

Meals are funded in part by Region IV Area Agency on Aging and Senior Nutrition Services

### **SENIOR NUTRITION**

SNS/Meals on Wheels of SW Michigan is pleased to announce the meal site in the BASC is open.

- Lunch starts at noon.
- You will need to call Kerri at 695-7119 bv 10:00 am (Monday-Friday) to reserve your meal for the next business day.
- The number of people attending each meal may be limited.
- Home delivery service may also be available to qualifying homebound seniors.
- Must be 60 years or older.



West Michigan

### FEEDING AMERICA MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The distribution schedule below is provided as a courtesy. It is not guaranteed to be error free, and may be updated or changed at any time, use at your own risk. If you have questions about a specific Mobile Pantry distribution, please contact the host agency, or visit www.feedwm.org/findfood/ and click on Mobile Food Pantry.

Feeding America West Michigan Online Schedule: AMERICA www.feedwm.org/mobile-pantry-schedule/

Wednesday, October 1, 2025—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Christian Service Center, 322 Clay St., Niles, MI 49120

Wednesday, October 1, 2025-4:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Rd, Bridgman, MI 49106

Tuesday, October 7, 2025—3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru). Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125

Monday, October 27, 2025—4:00 pm—Berrien County (Drive Thru), Galien River Church @ Galien American Legion, 402 N. Main Street, Galien, MI 49113

Faith Global Methodist Church, 728 N. Detroit St., Buchanan, distributes food from 9:00 to 10:30 am, on the second Saturday of each month, to people in the Buchanan School District.

TOWARD THE DONATION YOUR

TO KEEP OUR MEAL HELPS COST OF A

Z PROGRAM PLACE. MEAL

PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS

WE THANK YOU CAN! YOU!



Yogurt with Berries

Roasted Carrots Lima Beans

13 Pizza Casserole

- OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN -

Diced Butternut Squash

20 Meatloaf

Spinach Salad w/

Vinaigrette Seasonal Fresh Fruit

GRAMS CARBOHYDRATE WEEKLY AVERAGE): CALORIES FROM FAT 19 GRAMS PROTEIN 800 CALORIES 75 800 MILLIGRAMS MEALS PROVIDE: LESS THAN 30% SODIUM

EALS ON WHEELS OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN GENERAL MENU - CONGREGATE & PACE

Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Offering Choices for Independent Lives Plums or Seasonal Fruit Sliced Cucumbers with 3 French Dip w/ Swiss Carrot & Raisin Salad Cheese on a Hoagie Potato Wedges 10 Tuna Casserole FRIDAY Grapes Ranch 2 Cheesy Spinach Chicken Roasted Squash Medley Mushroom Gravy over Brussels Sprouts 9 Pork Chops w/ Mashed Potatoes THURSDAY Berry Crisp Pineapple Casserole Ham, HB Eggs, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Green Peas, Shrd Cheese & 1000 Island Dressing Texas Toast w/ Margarine Warm Cinnamon Apples 1 Chili w/ Kidney Beans 8 Chef Salad w/ Turkey Sauteed Spinach WEDNESDAY Cornbread Pears 7 Teriyaki Meatballs over Edamame Oriental Blend Veggies Steamed Rice Pineapple TUESDAY Chicken w/ Creamy Garlic Honey Roasted Carrots 6 Parmesan Crusted Sauce over Pasta Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit MONDA

15 Potato Soup w/ Scallions & Shredded Cheese Tossed Greens Salad w/ Dressing Apple Crisp

Roasted Seasonal Veggies

17 Smoked Sausage

16 Chicken Enchilada Bake

Fiesta Corn Roasted Bell Peppers

Grapes

Baked Beans

14 Stuffed Green Peppers Steamed Yellow Beans Seasonal Fruit

21 Zucchini Lasagna with Ground Chicken

Kale & Brussels Salad Peach Cobbler

Wheat Bread W/ Margarine

/inaigrette

Yogurt w/Fruit

Steamed Squash Medley Banana

Mac & Cheese Seasonal Vegetable Apple

24 Chicken & Broccoli

Fish Sandwich on Bun w/ Tartar Sauce

23

22 Fall Cobb Salad w/ Chickpeas, Apple, Squash, Cheese Crumbles &

Alfredo Bake

28 Chickpeas & Dumplings Mixed Vegetables

27 Sweet Potato Breakfast

Casserole

Asparagus Cuts & Tips Citrus Mix

29 Honey Mustard Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Fruit Cocktail Green Peas

Green Beans Cinnamon Baked Apples 30 Cheeseburger Mushroom Casserole w/ Mushrooms w/ Raisins

31 Spaghetti & Meatballs Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Medley

Spinach Salad w/ Italían Orange Wedges Birthday Cake

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1/3 RDA FOR VITAMINS

AND MINERALS

### SAVE THE DATE—BASC FALL FESTIVAL



### BASC Fall Festival – A fun event for the whole family! Saturday, October 18, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Space is limited and you must RSVP no later than October 3

We will have food, havrides (courtesy of Ted Foster), Little Bucks Bookmobile (courtesy of the Buchanan Library), pumpkin painting, face painting, crafts, and goodie bags. Flyers went out in K-5 backpacks in early September.

We will also have a 'Decorate Your Own Small Scarecrow' station, courtesy of the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities. There will be a fee of \$35 to decorate a scarecrow, which will be the patron's responsibility. If you are interested in making one, please let us know when you call to RSVP. Money is due by October 10, cash only, and you can bring your money to the Buchanan Area Senior Center during office hours.

### FALL WATERCOLOR PAINTING

You don't need to be an experienced painter for Mary's watercolor class. She will guide you on how to use watercolor paints. Each painting will be unique, as you are the creator of your art.

**Fall Watercolor Painting** Thursday, October 8 1:00-3:00 pm Fee: \$20 / Cash Only **Due by October 6** All material is provided. Please call 695-7119 to register—required



# **AARP TAX AIDE** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



This is a free tax return preparation service provided FOUNDATION to seniors and low income who live Michigan. We are seeking

volunteers to assist with various aspects of tax All materials, computers, and preparation. training are provided. In 2024, the Niles/ Buchanan service areas provided service to 550 clients with over \$300,000 of federal and state If you are interested in refunds processed. learning more, please contact the Buchanan Area Senior Center and leave a message for Maxine Brown, Local Coordinator.

# ADVANCE WALK DAY IS STILL HAPPENING!

Join us on Mondays at 11:00 am at the BASC for a walk around Buchanan. They will be walking as long as weather permits.



### PUMPKIN ROLLS FOR SALE

**Pre-Order your Pumpkin Rolls!** 

Call the BASC at 695-7119 to place your Pumpkin Roll order. **Each Pumpkin Roll** is \$15.



Your order will be available to pickup after November 1.

Thank you to our volunteer bakers for making the delicious pumpkin rolls!

### VETERANS PROGRAM

Veterans and their families, please join us for our Veteran Program on Thursday, November 6 at 1:00 pm. Please call us at 695-7119 to register.

Veterans will be honored with a lapel pinning by Stephanie Kostizen, Corewell Health, Veteran Advocate, and a Challenge Coin by Ryan McNeely, Berrien County Veterans Service Officer.

We also welcome the Buchanan American Legion Post #51, Auxiliary American Legion Buchanan Post #51, Berrien County Veterans Services, and Therapeutic Equestrian Center.



### **BASC BOARD MEETING**

**Attend the BASC Board Meeting** Thursday, October 9, at 3:00 pm.

Board minutes & agendas are available to be read at the center.

# **Buchanan Area Senior Center—October 2025 Calendar**

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<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>		
Fall Festival Saturday, October 18 11:00-2:00 pm RSVP by October 3	Euchre Tourney Saturday, October 11 1:00 pm  EUCHRE * TOURNAMENT	9:00 Coffee Chat 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 11:30 AARP Smart Driver Course Day 2 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Shuffleboard 6:00 Pinochle	11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 2:00 Shipwrecks & Bridges	9:00 Powerbeats with Lizz 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Shuffleboard— Women Play 1:00 Fiber Friends		
6 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 11:00 Adv Walk Days 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg	10:15 Osteo-Fit 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing Class/Project 2:30 Qigong/Taiji 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	8 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Shuffleboard 1:00 Fall Watercolor Painting 6:00 Pinochle	9:00 Foot Clinic 11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Medicare—SHIP 1:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 3:00 Board Meeting 6:00 LGBTQ+ Social Gathering	9:00 Powerbeats with Lizz 9:00 Shop & Lunch in Shipshewana 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Shuffleboard— Women Play 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: The Penguin Lessons		
13 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 11:00 Adv Walk Days 11:00 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 2nd Pick-Up Monthly CSFP Commodities	10:15 Osteo-Fit 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing Class/Project 2:00 Hearing Aid Check 2:30 Qigong/Taiji 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Shuffleboard 6:00 Pinochle	16 10:30 Book Club 9:30 Eyeglass Repair 11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day	9:00 Powerbeats with Lizz 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Shuffleboard— Women Play 1:00 Fiber Friends		
Commodities	Board of Directors Applications are due	Board of Directors Elections 9 am—3 pm	Board of Directors Elections 9 am-3 pm	Board of Directors Elections 9 am—3 pm		
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 11:00 Adv Walk Days 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg	10:15 Osteo-Fit 11:30 Fitness Room Orientation 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing Class/Project 3:00 Assistance with your Cell Phone/ Tablet 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Birthday Bingo 1:00 Hand & Foot 2:00 Qigong/Taiji 6:00 Pinochle	11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day  OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 2-4 PM	9:00 Powerbeats with Lizz 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Shuffleboard— Women Play 11:30 Lunch Bunch 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: I'm Still Here		
Board of Directors Elections 9 am—3 pm	Board of Directors Elections 9 am—3 pm		BASC Annual Meeting 2-4 pm			
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 11:00 Adv Walk Days 12:30 Ice Cream Social 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg	10:15 Osteo-Fit 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing Class/Project 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy Pill Drop Off 9 am—3:00 pm	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Pinecone Bird Feeder 1:00 Shuffleboard 1:00 Hand & Foot 2:00 Qigong/Taiji 6:00 Pinochle	11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 2:00 Discussion on Dementia Care	9:00 Powerbeats with Lizz 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Shuffleboard— Women Play 1:00 Halloween Party		

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# RETURN SERVICE REQUIRED



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# **MEET OUR STAFF:**

**Executive Director:** 

**Adam Burck** 

**Office Manager:**Jayme Marrow

**Administrative Assistant/Receptionist:** 

**Tammy Ross** 

**Program Coordinator:** 

Diana Smuda

Staff Assistant:

**Terry Perkins** 

**Senior Nutrition Site Manager:** 

**Kerri Pettie** 

# **Hours of Operation**

Monday–Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm

# **IMPORTANT SERVICE NUMBERS:**

**Michigan 211** (Michigan 2-1-1 is a free service that connects Michigan residents with help and answers from thousands of health and human services agencies and resources right in their communities.)

United Way: 269-982-1700 or 211

**Social Security:** Benton Harbor office 877-405-5457 or

National 800-772-1213

Legal Help—Council & Advocacy: 888-783-8190

Medicare Questions: 800-633-4227

Medicaid: 269-934-2000

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services:

269-934-2000

**Area Agency On Aging:** 1-800-654-2810

**Berrien Co. Veteran's Services:** 269-983-7111 Ext 8224 **Benton Harbor VA Out Patient Clinic:** 1-269-934-9123

MI OMBUDSMAN: 866-485-9393 To Report A Scam: 877-765-8388 MI DHS Elder Abuse: 855-444-3911

For any assistance call 911 or 269-983-7141 x 4900 Dial A Ride Transportation (DART): 269-684-5150

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