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BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2025 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

BUCHANAN, MI - Buchanan Community Schools proudly announces the 2025 Hall of Fame inductees during halftime of our home varsity football game on September 12th. Each year, a committee of school leaders and staff members reviews nominations in three categories: Contributions to Society, Performance in School-Related Activities, and Contributions to Buchanan Community Schools. This year's honorees have shaped our community and schools in ways that continue to inspire generations.

Bill Rae Desenberg, Contributions to Society

Bill Rae Desenberg devoted his life to strengthening Buchanan. A 1927 graduate, voted “Best All Around,” Bill went on to earn degrees from the University of Notre Dame before returning home to serve as Buchanan’s City Attorney for 35 years. His leadership was instrumental in securing Memorial Field and establishing the City Charter. Together with his wife, Marjorie, the Desenbergs donated \$260,000 to launch the independent Buchanan District Library. Today, the Children’s Library proudly bears their name. This award was presented posthumously and accepted by his son, Lou Desenberg.

David Casey & Mark Nixon, Contributions to Buchanan Community Schools

Dave Casey established the district’s Outdoor Education Program in the early 1970s, guiding the purchase of the 100-acre school farm in 1972–73. Mark Nixon carried this legacy forward for more than three decades as principal and program coordinator. Together, they provided thousands of students with hands-on learning in agriculture and nature. Buchanan’s school farm remains one of only two active programs in Michigan, continuing to inspire students after more than 50 years.

1978 Men’s Basketball State Championship Team, Performance in School-Related Athletics

The 1978 Buchanan Bucks etched their names in history by finishing with a remarkable 27-1 record and capturing the Michigan Class C State Championship. Led by Coach Mike Rouse and two-time All-Stater Gerald Busby, the team showcased determination, skill, and school pride that will forever be remembered.

Team Members: Todd Cornwell, Alan Ward, Joe Watts, Brad Pointer, Rydell Tutson, Moses Kyles, Ronnie Williams, Dave Price, Jeff Butler, Gerald Busby, Greg Frazier, and Dave Karpinski. We are honored to welcome members of the championship team, including Coach Mike Rouse, Manager Rick Eichler, Moses Kyles, Todd Cornwell, Dave Price, Jeff Butler, James Busby representing the late Gerald Busby, Brad Pointer, Joe Watts, and the 1978 cheerleaders.

Buchanan Community Schools congratulates the 2025 Hall of Fame inductees for their enduring contributions, achievements, and legacy of excellence.

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1978 Men's Basketball Championship Team with the cheerleaders.



James Busy and Coach Mike Rouse, 1978 Men's Basketball Championship Team with Superintendent Robinson.



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Lou Desenberg accepting for Bill Desenberg & Superintendent Robinson.



Dave Casey, Mark Nixon & Superintendent Robinson