

DDA August Report from the BAFAC 2026

Recently, the Buchanan Area Fine Arts Council has been working on many projects to improve The Tin Shop Theatre while focusing on keeping it connected to the community with a variety of programming.

Our season so far has brought us a community panel of speakers and discussion celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. some of the speakers included our own Chief Harvey Burnett and retired history teacher, Ruth Writer and retired science teacher, Al Whitfield. This was followed up with a performance by The Redbud Ramblers, and our opening production directed by Alice Kring in April. Since then we have had a staged reading of Mothers and Sons, directed by David Ferrell, and two comedy improv nights. Most recently, we had a sold out run of youth production, including an added show of Disney's Descendants. We have three additional productions beginning in September to complete the season including Gaslight, comedy, Ladies First, and a fun spoof on Scrooge from A Christmas [Carol](#). We have continued getting sponsorships for our season and working on cross promotion with our local restaurant and store owners.

We have recently worked with the Buchanan District Library teens to clean up the gardens at the theatre in July. One of our biggest projects to improve the theatre is cleaning out the upstairs. We began last fall with a big purge of the upstairs furniture and costumes with help from the Leos and city workers. It was a great day of work from a great group of volunteers! Our recently appointed Strike Manager, Toni Mayberry, has lead the charge since the beginning of the year to continue and make a real difference in disposing of unneeded items and reorganizing the upstairs.

We have also been working on getting building signs made for the theatre, and have been assured that McCullum's will be taking over the maintenance of the rock garden next to theatre.

We are in the process of making some changes to our by-laws to adjust the parameters for the size of our board and location requirements for the members. This will also include a clause for meeting absence limitations for members.

Recently our bill paying method has changed and is now going through the city and being approved by the city commission before we can access funds over a \$1000 limit debit card account.

We are currently getting bids for the replacement of new doors. Our north and west facing doors especially are severely compromised allowing for a much easier possibility of unwarranted access to the theatre. This is of the utmost priority. We recently acquired new gutters to help deter additional rotting of the doors and frames.

We have been required to remove our storage shed and have it moved down by the city building on Smith Street. One of the things that we continue to be in desperate need of is more space. We have recommended a building extension to allow for more seating

and a backstage area. Currently, large casts have to stay outside in the summer or upstairs in bad weather. Since having to move our weathered shed and remove much of the inventory upstairs, we have even more limited space. We were getting a bid on getting an additional shed for furniture storage before we were made to relinquish the one we currently have to a more inaccessible location. We truly need an additional space to store heavy things other than upstairs. Our stairs are incredibly precarious to use without carrying anything down them. Newly in place, we are no longer allowed to have any storage that is not built onto the building itself. The building itself belongs to the City of Buchanan.

We look forward to raising money and getting assistance to add on to the theatre and help us continue to enrich and entertain the surrounding communities. We are excited to begin work in September on scheduling our 2027 Season!

The attached is our most recent financial report.
Thank you for your consideration!

Kelly Carlin
Chairperson of the BAFAC