

Donations provide life-saving equipment for Bronson community

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Ken Stutzman is considered something of a guardian angel in the Bronson community.

During his 52 years serving on the Bronson Fire Department, Stutzman has helped save many lives.

Now he and other EMTs on the department have help saving lives — a LUCUS 3 chest compression unit.

Manual CPR, a lifesaving measure, has helped spare countless lives, but humans are frail.

“You get tired,” Stutzman said.

In one instance, he and Scott Wilber, the Bronson fire chief, did CPR on a patient for more than 45 minutes.

“We had blisters on our hands when we were done,” Wilber said. “When we’re doing it that long it’s not effective or efficient CPR.”

The LUCAS device gives consistent compressions for as long as needed.

“Everything is absolutely perfect,” Wilber said. “Where with us, after we do it for couple minutes we start to fade. We start to wear out.”

The department was impressed with the \$15,000 apparatus so the LUCAS company loaned them one to check out for a while. During that time, they had a cardiac call and put it to use.

They were even more impressed.

“I’ve never been this excited about a piece of equipment since I’ve started in the fire service 20 years ago,” Wilber said.

It buys the EMTs and the patient time. Time that can be taken up in travel from an outlying area to a hospital.

How to raise the money was the next question. Then Stutzman shared the information with a longtime friend, Joanne Lee, who promptly wrote a check for the \$15,000.

Lee is not from Bronson, but in a letter to Wilber, she said Stutzman and his wife, Nancy, are “very dear friends of mine and my late husband, Ralph E. Lee, Jr. (We are) very proud of Ken, admiring his years of dedicated service to your community as a firefighter and EMT.”

The battery pack for LUCAS was another \$1,000 and when a local family heard of the need they wrote a check for the rest.

During a fire call, Stutzman said, they are saving a structure — a thing that can be replaced. It’s an important task, but as an EMT it’s a person.

“You’re saving a person’s life,” Stutzman said. “You can’t put a price tag on that.”

For that, he receives endless thank-yous, cards and recognition.

This time the thank-you is a \$15,000 unit to put to use in his hometown.

**Bronson Fire Chief, Scott Wilber and Deputy Chief
Ken Stutzman show a \$15,000 LUCAS 3 CPR device
donated in Stutzman’s honor.**



Community Garden

There are garden plots available. If you are interested in getting one, you need to come into the City Office and fill out a registration form. Plots are 25' x 25' and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

Farmer's Market:

Starts May 4th
and continues every Saturday
from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary Breakfast

Last Sunday of the month from 8-11 a.m.

12 and up - \$6.00

Ages 4-12 - \$3.00

Under 4 - Free

Money used for scholarship fund and local veterans!

26th Annual Bronson City-Wide Garage Sales

May 18, 2019

Register your sale and be placed on the map by calling 369-7334.



The Congregational Church will be providing lunch during the sale from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. They will also have gently used Spring clothes and collectibles for sale.

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CURRENT RESIDENT

Spring / Summer Clean-Up Brush Collection

Brush pick-up will continue every Monday. Leaves and clippings must be bagged in a paper bag or boxed or they will not be picked up. Bags or boxes should not exceed 50 pounds.

If you have a large amount of brush, we still have an adopt-a-truck program. A truck can be reserved by coming into the city office and signing one out. Trucks are dropped off to you generally between 3 or 3:30 p.m. and then picked up the following morning. Trucks can also be reserved for the weekend and are dropped off Friday afternoon and are picked up on Monday morning.

Help us keep our streets and storm drains clean. Please do not blow grass clippings or debris into the streets.

Please do not put brush or yard waste in your Republic Waste Containers!

The Bronson Theater has the marquee available for rent @ \$50.00 for 3 days and \$100.00 for a week.

Call the City Office at 369-7334 to check availability.

Pet Reminders...

As you enjoy a walk with your pet, please remember to clean-up what they leave behind. Bagged dog waste can be tossed in any public trash around town.

Have a missing dog? Call the Bronson Police Department to see if your friend may have been found or spotted. 369-9083

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Bronson Branch Library Hours: Monday – Friday 10:00-6:00 Saturday 9:00-12:00

APRIL

2 Spring Break Movie @ noon

3 Spring Break Fun in the basement 12-3
Kidz Crew 5 Ages 6-10 **Marshmallow Catapult**

4 Toddler Time 10:30 Babies – 2 year olds
Teen Program 4 Ages 13-18 **Button Making**

5 Friday Tales 10:15 Preschool Storytime Ages 2-5
Spring Break fun in the basement 12-3
Read-a-thon and Pizza! 5:30-6:30 Families or individuals find a nook in the library and read, read, read. Read quietly to each other or read alone. How many people can we get in the library all reading during this hour? Pizza will be served before 6:30.

8-13 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

9 Homeschool Escapades 1-2 **Drawing Comics w/ Steve**

10 Tween & Teen Club 4 Ages 11-17 **Mini Comic Con**

11 Toddler Time 10:30 Ages Babies – 2

12 Friday Tales 10:15 Preschool Storytime Ages 2-5

16 Homeschool Escapades 1-2 **Making Beads w/ Polymer Clay**

17 Kidz Crew 5 Ages 6-10 **Tissue Paper Easter Eggs and something more!**

18 Toddler Time 10:30 Babies – 2 year olds
Teen Club 4 Ages 13-18 **Are You Smarter than the Librarian**

23 Homeschool Escapades 1-2 **Zines!?**

24 Tween & Teen Club 4 Ages 11-17 **Zines!?**

25 Toddler Time 10:30 Babies – 2 year olds
Family Craft Class 5-6 Registration is required.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

26 Friday Tales 10:15 Preschool storytime Ages 2-5

30 Homeschool Escapades 1-2 **Duct Tape Crafts**
Adult Craft Class 5 Ages 18+ **Butterfly Cloche**
Registration Required

News from the Bronson Police Department:

Bicycle Use and Registration: The Bronson Police Department would like to remind residents that warmer weather is coming soon and that more and more citizens will be out riding their bicycles. We would like to remind all bicyclists that when riding on the roadway you must observe all traffic laws of the road, no different than that of driving a motor vehicle. Over the past year we have had several personal injury accidents involving bicycles and motor vehicles that were actually the fault of the bicyclist. We also remind riders to wear helmets and to keep your bicycles in good working order especially properly inflated tires and properly working brake systems.

Bicycles can be registered at the Police Department. This aids the police in knowing who the owner is when bicycles are found abandoned or stolen. We record the make, model, color, and serial number of the bicycle and print off a copy of the registration for you to keep in case of a theft or loss.

Inoperable/Unregistered/Scrap Motor Vehicles: The Bronson Police Department would like to remind residents that it is unlawful to keep inoperable/unregistered and scrap motor vehicles on your property in excess of 14 days. Instances of residents keeping these items on their property for long periods of time have been noticed. Having these types of vehicles on your property gives your property a littered and undesirable appearance and lowers property values. Wild animals find these vehicles desirable places to inhabit, especially skunks. Citizens can find the ordinance wording in full by going to the City of Bronson Website (www.bronson-mi.com) and selecting on City Code of Ordinances. The particular section is Chapter 93: Public Nuisances

Clearly Marked Addresses on Residences: The Bronson Police Department would like to remind residents that many homes within the city limit are not clearly marked with their address. Not having your home or business marked clearly slows down responses from emergency services like ambulance, fire and police. Many times, we have found where address numbers on homes have been painted over, missing, or are in disrepair. We recommend reflective numbers on your homes for faster location in times of an emergency.

Recreational Fire Permits

All recreational burning must be approved. A recreational fire permit application can be obtained through the Police Department or at the City Office. The officer will inspect your fire pit / container and make sure the distance conditions are met. There is a \$15 charge once inspected and an annual \$5 renewal fee each year after.

Church Breakfast

Congregational Church will be serving breakfast on the following dates: April 7, May 5 and June 2 from 8-10 a.m.

Monday Music at Memorial Park will be returning in August

Bring your family and friends for a fun night of live music in the park! The music will start at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the concerts will be held at the Bronson Theater. Don't forget a lawn chair or blanket!

Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt
April 20 at 1 p.m.
(weather permitting)
Kiwanis Park

