

## Van Buren gets a new score board thanks to some lucky charms

**ST. JOHN VALLEY** – Van Buren’s Fire Chief Brian Caron had attended several of his daughter’s middle school games in the fall of 2016.

After seeing the school’s score board go down during games, and having to be reset, he realized that this was embarrassing for the home team hosting the event, so he set forth to raise funds to purchase a new gym score board.

“After one of the last home games for middle school, I approached our athletic director and asked if the school had funding to replace the board. I was told that with budget cuts, that replacement had been cut out of the budget, stated Chief Caron.

I was just tired of seeing us having to reset the board several times in the middle of school games, it was just plain embarrassing.

I asked if I could do some fundraising to replace our old board that had been in place for several decades, and went to the task of finding out how much I needed to raise.”

With two girls in the basketball program, and a proud father, Caron set to his task of replacing the board with a newer wireless, LED display

He approached NorState Federal Credit Union’s Van Buren branch manager Cheryl Beaulieu during his fundraising efforts, with a request for donations for the new score board, but little did he realize that NorState would step up and make his vision a reality sooner rather than later.

“I really saw this donation as a great opportunity to showcase our support and commitment to our community and to the members we serve; but most importantly, to be able to communicate a sense of pride with multi-generations that will live and attend school and school events here.” comments NorState’s Van Buren Manager, Cheryl Beaulieu.

Susan Whitehead, CEO of NorState added, “Businesses get asked daily for contributions and support, but our volunteer board of directors saw great opportunity to support our Van Buren members and their families with a significant amount to purchase the new score board.

We felt that community pride and a display such as this new score board, would bring forth a sense of pride for the students and their families, as well as away teams attending events in the gymnasium. This request was definitely something worth our consideration, because of Brian’s commitment to the cause.”

In order to showcase the new score board, there will be a fundraiser basketball game between the Van Buren Fire Department and NorState Federal Credit Union on Friday evening at the Van Buren High School at 7:00 PM. All proceeds from the charity game will go toward local ending hunger efforts and food pantry. Tickets are available from any Van Buren firefighter, the high school or at any NorState location . Tickets are \$2 adults and \$1 students. Little kids and seniors are free. Tickets will be available at the door that evening, doors open at 6:00 PM.

Join us for the unveiling of the new score board and for a fun and entertaining evening of St. Patrick’s Day shenanigans. Public is invited. For more information visit [www.norstatefcu.org](http://www.norstatefcu.org)



Representing NorState Federal Credit Union, the Van Buren School and the Van Buren Fire Department during the unofficial unveiling of the new score board at the Van Buren School Gymnasium on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> were L-R: Ray Marquis, NFCU Director; Maurice Pelletier, NFCU Supervisory Committee; Muriel Dechaine, NFCU Director; Nancy M. Cyr, NFCU Exec. VP; Susan G. Whitehead, NorState FCU’s President/CEO; Superintendent of Schools Thomas Kane; Brian Caron, VBFD Chief and fundraising coordinator; VBFD Firefighters Jimmey Willette and Derek Grivois and Jay Edgecomb, Van Buren School Athletic Director

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The following also donate to purchase the twin board

- JD Irving , Daniel Emery
- VB Hardware, Kristen Vailincourt
- Vailincourt transport, Tony Vailincourt, ALSO GARY & DIANE Vailincourt
- Village car wash, Boy Sandy saucier
- Epic trucking, Keith Vailincourt
- David Madore, the one and only
- Borderview rehab , Robert Posez
- United insurance

The following are people that donated time ,equipment and supplies to install the scoreboards.

- Marc Lajoie (electrician)
- VB Housing Authority Scissor lift rental)
- Gilman Electric -Justin Chambers ( electrical supplies)
- Kyle & Mindy Chasse
- Glenn Searles
- Hunter Searles
- And my wife Christina and kids Brooke & Audrey. For the help to install the boards.