

occur. Trivette ran to the vehicle and saw that the driver, Grace Makula, was unresponsive and there were three young children in the back seat. Trivette began removing the children from the vehicle as the engine caught on fire. A short time later, Tim Holtz Jr. arrived on the scene and called 911. Then Holtz grabbed the fire extinguisher from his vehicle and attempted to put out the engine fire.

Holtz and Trivette were trying to remove the unconscious driver from the vehicle as the fire spread. Holtz could not get the vehicle door open due to the damage, so he broke out a window with a wrench and used his Leatherman tool to cut the victim's seatbelt off. He and Trivette pulled Makula out of the car before it became fully engulfed in flames. Holtz sustained a cut on his toe from the window glass. Their quick action saved the life of Makula and her three children.

Youth Good Samaritan heroes

Cub Scout Pack 707 – Britton/Deerfield

For its Spring 2015 service project, Cub Scout Pack 707 partnered with its sponsor organization, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and collected new and gently used stuffed animals to be donated to the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department to give to children in traumatic situations. They called this project the "Buddy Project."

The group was able to get a grant from Thrivent Financial to purchase 50 new teddy bears.

The pack also secured the generosity of Fabricare Cleaners to properly clean the gently used animals they collected and asked Busch's to donate gallon-size reclosable, plastic bags for the group to package each animal individually. The pack donated more than 130 plush animal buddies to the sheriff's department.

The boys came up with the idea on their own and worked diligently through every step of the plan and process.

Military hero

Doug Jedele

As the former housing advocate for the Community Action Agency's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program, Doug Jedele has



Doug Jedele, military hero gone above and beyond the scope of his duties in multiple ways. In conducting his outreach, he located homeless veterans living in the woods and got them into shelter. In addition, he's gotten meals for homeless veterans; assisted with transportation to Veterans Administration appointments; and obtained clothing, including interview clothing, and hygiene products, often doing these things in his spare time. He tirelessly has devoted his time and energy in upholding the sacred principle "leave no one behind," which is an ingrained code of military ethics.

Jedele worked closely with many supportive service agencies such as federal and county VA offices, Michigan Veterans' Employment Services, Goodwill Industries and others. Jedele is a combat veteran, having served in support of both Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Since he has joined the Region 9 Michigan Works office, Jedele still helps veterans in his spare time, outside of his current role as a skill manager at the Lenawee service center.

Most recently he was honored by the U.S. Coast Guard for his role as one of five men who risked their own lives to save the lives of two teenaged girls caught up in vicious rip currents on Lake Michigan in Grand Haven. Jedele's dedication to excellence and selfless service reflects great credit upon himself, his current employer, the Michigan Army National Guard and the community at large.

Justice/court hero

Judge James P. Sheridan (posthumously)

For more than 25 years, Lenawee County District Judge James P. Sheridan was an active and supportive advocate against domestic violence in Lenawee County. As an educator, husband, father, person of legal authority, community leader and a man of integrity and faith,