



Potterville Chamber of Businesses

Potterville, City of Helping Hands

Mission Statement: To build the bridges between the area businesses, local government, the schools, and churches, to create a very inviting place to live, educate and have fun.

October 2011

THANK YOU!

We want to thank Potterville Schools for the delicious lunch provided by Taher, the public schools lunch provider and director of the food service, Chef Andrew Rogers.

POTTERVILLE SCHOOLS: Superintendent Tim Donohue hosted the October meeting. It is important that the businesses/chamber are aware of the schools' successes. The Chamber is one of our biggest allies and understands how improving and keeping Potterville moving forward is beneficial to the community.

There were many changes made this year and they did not go without anything glitches but changing food and transportation services to save money was huge. The food service change has double the amount of meals per day. 320 meals last year compared to 800 meals per day served this year, any business would love those numbers.

We have brand new leased buses that are saving our budget. The number of students that ride the bus also increased significantly.

Another consultant has coordinated business donation of used computers to the district. Delta Dental has provided another 12 work stations and flat-screen monitors for our buildings. Potterville is one of the only schools to have increased student enrollment, therefore it is still the number one priority to continue to offer a quality education, the numbers speak for themselves!

Elementary school will be having their Annual Halloween Carnival on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 pm.

POTTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: The Annual Trunk or Treat will be Monday, October 31. Decorate your vehicle trunks and filled them with treats for all the little goblins that come to a safe environment for trick or treating.

Also, the church youth group does an annual community service project "Rake and Run" for area residents and will be allowed to reinstitute the program at no additional costs/fees. Please contact the Potterville Methodist youth pastor for details or to request services.

EATON COUNTY UNITED WAY: THANK YOU, SUZANNE! Suzanne said if you are stopping by the United Way building, make sure you note that ECUW has moved. The new address is 311 W. First Street in Charlotte, phone and fax remain the same (517) 543-5402.



Another change that I have overlooked is the new executive director, Rick Garcia. He comes with a lots of experience in United Ways. We look forward to having a great, working relationship with Mr. Garcia.

CITY OF POTTERVILLE: The Citizens Guide is on the city's website. It is a quarterly newsletter that is available through e-mail. In order to save money, the City will move toward paperless newsletter.

Wanda is pleased with the many grants the City has received. A \$10,000 grant for an environmental study on our water and sewer systems was conducted during the spring and summer months. Two grants were received totally \$791,000 that were awarded through MDOT for road and enhancement project for Main Street project. The Police Department received \$482.76 for three sets of red/blue led rechargeable traffic flares and \$754.00 for a bullet proof vest from Eaton County. The Bureau of Elections awarded the city \$4,750.28 for improvements to polling place. A \$7,000.00 wellhead protection grant and \$6,000.00 solid waste grant (recycling center) were submitted and granted.

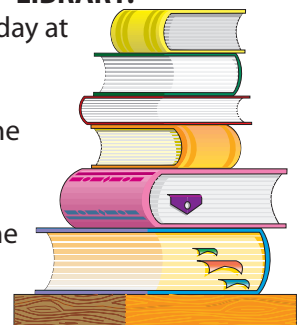
Lake Alliance Park had two picnic shelters built through donations and the Annual Dump Your Junk and Recycle Day funds.

October 25 - November 23 will be Leaf pick-up.

POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY:

Toddler times has resumed on Tuesday at 10:00 - 11:00 am.

Carol reported that the Friends of the Library will be having an open house and book sale. Donations may be dropped off at the Library. Thank you.





EATON COUNTY PARKS &

RECREATION: There is a great article on the website that is called "Did You Know?"; it highlights all the wonderful accomplishments that Eaton County Parks have done this year. I pulled out a

couple of interesting facts about Potterville from this article. The Potterville-Benton Twp. Fire Department conducted summer and winter survival and rescue training at Fox Park, included under the ice scuba work.

Due to the popularity of the swimming beach at Fox Park during the peak hot weather, Fox Park generated 215 season passes compared to 229 at Fitzgerald Park. Fox Park and Lincoln Brick had attendance that exceeded the 12 year averages of attendances. Fox Park drew 12,472 visitors. These figures are impressive considering the economy and unemployment situation plus five weekends lost due to May and July rains.

John Greenslit, Parks Director wants to remind guests that hunting is not allowed. While there is an abundance of wildlife, the trails remain a sanctuary for walking, hiking and non-motorized vehicles.

FOX PARK OBSERVATORY: Public viewing nights will be Saturday, October 22 and 29 from 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Check out the moon, Jupiter, Uranus and the Autumn /Winter Skies. Please note early time in October. Observation nights will not be held on nights with more than 30% cloud cover. You may call the Observatory at 645-6666 during public viewing hours to check on sky conditions. Public observation nights are suitable for people of all ages. Program cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family, payable on site.

HAYES-GREEN-BEACH HOSPITAL: There will be community open house on Sunday, October 23 for ALIVE from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. It is a wonderful health park designed to enhance the overall health and vitality of the community. Make sure you stop by.

POTTERVILLE CHAMBER NEEDY BASKETS: It's that time again to be thinking of the families that have been hit hard by these trying economic times. People think it is just Potterville people we are helping but actually we have helped children from Charlotte, Eaton Rapids and Grand Ledge. These kids are outside of boundaries these communities set and Potterville cannot let any child be without some type of hope. I have attached a form for donations or to adopt a family, there are many ways a business can help, call Jo Lehman (517) 645-2313 or 224-6066. Last year, we had 17 businesses participate, that's incredible, let's do it again! Thanks.

SAFETY TRAINING FOR NEW BUSINESS OWNERS: In today's challenging business climate, many employers are faced with the need to have their employees be able to perform new or multiple job functions. As personnel shifts to accommodate business needs, it is essential to have staff understand the importance of safety and health management and the underlying effect it has on business.

There are many programs that the MIOSHA Training Institute provide from 1/2 day programs to three day programs ranging from free to \$225. Just go to the website MIOSHA Training Institute or MIOSHA General Industry 10-Hour+ or contact Nella Davis-Ray at (517)322-6560. I can also forward the e-mail I received if you would like, just e-mail me lehman_jo@yahoo.com

POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.: An open house was held, Tuesday, October 11 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in honor of Fire Prevention Week.

The Fire Association said the pancake breakfast was very successful. The antique model T was on display at the Color Cruise. There will be a spaghetti dinner planned to benefit state trooper Spencer.

The Fire Association stated the church floors are being refinished as payment for the use of their meeting space.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND
THE NEXT CHAMBER MEETING!**

Wednesday, November 5, 2011

**Potterville United
Methodist Church**

12 noon

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