



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.

Dec. 2011/Jan. 2012

THANK YOU



Thanks for providing our lunches for December and January meetings. Frank's BP/Party Store and McDonald's of Potterville, both contributed back the money collected. Thank you for your generous donation to the Chamber.

POTTERVILLE-BENTON TWP. FIRE DEPT.: The fire department filled 650 stockings on Friday, December 23rd. The excess stockings were given to Siren Eaton Shelter. Great job!

Thursday, January 5 was the Pancake Supper at the Potterville United Methodist Church from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

POTTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Carol Asher and Pastor Lyne are excited about the new community dinners that are the first two Mondays of the month. They are for every one in the community not just the needy. This is wonderful goodwill program.

The Church will be offering a course that will help you with monthly spending, getting out of debt and setting financial goals. Class started Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall. It is the Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course.

HAYES-GREEN-BEACH HOSPITAL: ALIVE is up and running, stop by and check out this unique facility. It is a fitness and wellness center that has programs for every BODY. Check out the website www.myalive.com.

Individuals can walk in the morning, eat breakfast or lunch in the new cafe.



There will be an exciting fund-raiser called "Bring Your "A" Game" for the next phase of ALIVE. This will be a team competition which includes basketball, floor hockey, hula hoops and rock climbing. It will be held Sunday, January 29 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. For more information, call 541-5800.

EATON COUNTY UNITED WAY: Suzanne Hayes is moving on, she resigned and accepted a position doing promotional work for Seniors Helping Seniors in Grand Rapids. Good luck, Suzanne, we will miss your enthusiasm you brought to the chamber meetings.



POTTERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Tim Donohue is busy working on the new Building Security and Education Technology Bond to be voted on Tuesday, February 28. It is probably the smallest bond ever asked for in any district plus there will be no millage increase. The current millage will only be extended five years for a much needed safety and education advancements for our students.

The Second Annual Tabi Tournery will be held on Friday, February 17 from 6:00 -10:00 pm and Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 - 3:00 pm.

Potterville Athletic Boosters will be hosting their annual **Chili Cook-off** on Friday, January 27.

POTTERVILLE-BENTON TWP. LIBRARY: "Thrills & Chills at Your Library"; the adult winter reading program will begin Monday, January 23 and run through Saturday, March 10. Sign up at the library today!

Library has a new lobby, three new computer stations and one laptop. Stop by and see the new improvements.

EATON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.: Fox Park Observatory is having public viewing nights on Jan. 14, 21, 28. View the moon, Jupiter, Uranus and the star cluster of the winter Milky Way.

Astrophotography Night will be Sunday, January 22 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Program fee is \$5. Bring your camera and work with experience photographers to capture photos of our beautiful sky on Sunday nights.

SIREN EATON SHELTER: An Inaugural John Gaedert Annual Generosity Celebration will be Friday, February 3 at the Eaton Area Senior Center. All money will benefit the Siren/Eaton Shelter. The event will begin at 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm with music and dancing featuring the Don Sovey Quintet. There will be hot hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and door prizes. Contact Eaton/Siren Shelter for sponsorship opportunities, 543-0748, Jessica Edel-Harrelson.

POTTERVILLE MASONICS: I know it has been my policy not to have this newsletter have anything sad but I am breaking this rule. Ed Jamros lost his battle with cancer, at age 93. He absolutely lived and immersed himself in community service. Rest in peace, Edwin Jamros, we will miss you and your stories.

Jim Robertson reported that Alro Steel has graciously donated land for the new Masonic Temple to be built.

CITY OF POTTERVILLE: There are seven new council members: Jeff Brussard (mayor), Eric Williams, Joe French, Maureen Storie, Doug Hartson, Ron Norman and Jennifer Maninno-Lane. There will be a meeting in February for all the residents on Main Street about the Phase II project.

Wanda said City will be receiving two more bullet-proof vests through a grant she wrote.

BENTON TOWNSHIP: Martha Halsey, township clerk has been hospitalized and should be home next week. She has been battling cancer. Please send her a card, she was our secretary for many, many years. Her address is 5026 Pinch Hwy., Potterville, MI 48876.

BUSINESS UPDATES:

CARL'S SUPERMARKET: Jacob said thank goodness for the Christmas basket vouchers. It gave the store a much needed revenue booster during their slow season. Also the store has a new counter that really makes it look more open. Jake said Carl's is now renting videos.

21st CENTURY PLASTICS: Kathy Dobie reported that the fourth grades will be privy to a tour. Each year, the class learns about plastics.

PREMIUM LIFE CAFE: Brian said the cafe has new hours 6:00 am - 3:30 pm. Brian said the cafe has teamed up with a local place in Dimondale hoping each can help each other. In these times, it is always good to get creative.

CHARLOTTE SHOPPING GUIDE: Jeana Rohrs reported there will be a special insert on the Hayes-Green-Beach Hospital's ALIVE center. Watch for it.

THE COUNTY JOURNAL: If you didn't read The County Journal the past few weeks, John Gaedert has stepped down because of health issues and there are new owners: Cindy Gaedert-Wing, Travis Silvas and Denise Ensley. However, not much will change, you can expect the same great community paper you have enjoyed for the past six years.

FRANK'S PARTY STORE: There is a new store manager. Her name is Sierra Needham. Welcome, Sierra!

GIZZARD FEST: The first Gizzard Fest meeting was Wednesday, January 4 after the chamber meeting. Joey needs lots of volunteers in every area. Call Joey at 927-7912 to help in any way. This event brings thousands to Potterville. Our local businesses gets revitalized.

2012 dates are June 8, 9, 10th.

POTTERVILLE CHAMBER UPDATE:

Now is the time to send in your dues. We certainly need your support. Money goes to local projects and our dues have not gone up in 10 years or more. IF you have any ideas for chamber lunch programs, please contact Jake.

Please don't forget to sign up for hosting one of the lunches.

Thanks to all the businesses that helped with Christmas Baskets by either donating funds, adopting, food drive or help. Attached will be the full list of everyone who helped in any way.

The new officers for 2012 are:

*President - Jacob Robertson of Carl's Supermarket
Vice President - Will Lemanski of Meiers & Lombardini Insurance Services
Secretary - Jeana Rohrs of Charlotte Shopping Guide
Treasurer - Elizabeth Schalau of Independent Bank
Newsletter - Jo Lehman of Lehman Graphics*

Web Manager - JoAnne Romanek - Volunteer

