

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.



I want to thank Brian Sutton of Premium Life Cafe for providing our lunch for the March meeting. Thank you.

Thank you, Jim Robertson on your informative past and present of the EMS of Potterville-Benton Township.

HAYES-GREEN-BEACH HOSPITAL: Barbara Fulton encourages everyone to attend the Health Fest on Saturday, March 5 from 8 - 11:30 am. There are over 50 stations with lots of free screenings, kids' activities and health education information.

Also on Saturday, March 5, there will be a Medicine Take Back Event. People are encouraged to bring their medicines and prescriptions to the Health Fest where the Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery will have pharmacists and law enforcement overseeing the take back of drugs. (I guess, they need the drugs more than us, just kidding!) Enter through the Outpa; tient lobby entrance.

POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The fire department is only one of four departments in the State of Michigan to receive a federal grant. Potterville was awarded \$145,000 to be used in the areas of operations and safety.

Also, I am more human than most, since I really messed up the date on the pancake breakfast last month. Please use the attached flyer and display it in your place of business and/or plan to attend to help the fire department.

CITY OF POTTERVILLE: Wanda stated a new parks and recreation director has been hired. His name is Jonathan Miller. He has a degree in Parks and Recreation from Michigan State University and resides in Grand Ledge. Currently, Lake Alliance has sign ups for youth and adult leagues.

City is planning an Arbor Day Clean-up of our parks in April.

City is looking to have new welcome signs. According to the studies, there needs to be more prominent and inviting signs coming from the north, east and west. Wanda will investigate costs. **POTTERVILLE SHELL:** A new promotion that can save you money on your fuel of 10 cents a gallon, Shell is offering a Shell Saver Card and acts like a debit card. Stop by Shell for more details.



POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY: Luann stated there will be a new knitting and crocheting club forming.

Also Maisy will be visiting the library for Toddler Time on March 22. The library works in conjunction with the Eaton County's Great Start supporting early childhood.

eaton county parks: There are quite a bit of upcoming programs. Saturday, March 5 will be a Pileated Woodpecker program, the large impressive woodpecker was considered extinct but has undergone a remarkable resurgence and successful breeding at Lincoln Brick Park in Grand Ledge. Program cost is \$3 per adult, \$2 per child 12 and under or \$8 per family.

Also on Saturday, March 5 is a Birding Workshop from 1-3 pm. at Lincoln Brick Park Interpretive Center. Cost is \$10 per nest box kit.

Two special events have been awarded to the Eaton County Parks, the 2011 Michigan Community Hershey Track and Field Games and the National Football League Punt, Pass and Kick in the fall. For more information on any or all these events, call Parks Director, John Greenslit (517) 627-7351 or www.eatoncountyparks.org.



MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES: Julie Robertson is in need of volunteers. She needs someone to take over the bike decorating contest. If you want to participate, donate or volunteer, call Julie at 645-2763.

big egg hunt

POTTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Sunday, March 27 at 2 pm will be the Annual Cake Auction to raise money for camp tuition. Last year, the Church sent 30 kids to camp and raised \$5,000 within two hours.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 16. There will be flyers forthcoming as well as letters seeking donations for prizes and candy for all the area children.

POTTERVILLE SCHOOLS: Potterville is hosting girls district basketball tournament. So far, Potterville beat Bath and Maple Valley and advances to district finals against Laingsburg on Friday, March 4. Good Luck, Lady Vikes!!!!

The band festival for Middle School and High School Bands was Saturday, February 26. Monday, February 28 was the MME testing for 11th graders. Upcoming event is Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 pm will be the PTA Ice cream social and book fair at the elementary school.



GIZZARD FEST: Meeting was Wed., March 2 at the PUMC fellowship hall. Call Joey Bristol to help in any way, (517) 927-7912.

It is important to realize the number of people that come to Potterville for Gizzard Fest, we revitalize our local

economy for our retail businesses and showcase our hometown genuineness to all. Perhaps if more people could volunteer for an hour, it would help. I can reflect back on the many people we had for many, many years and realized if only we had some additional help we would not have burned out our chairs and volunteers, so consider just helping for one hour in the chamber booth or wherever.



EATON COUNTY UNITED WAY: Suzanne reported that the applications for funding for 501 (c) 3 non-profit organizations are due March 31 by 3:00 pm. There will be a \$750 cap now for all organizations plus stricter guidelines.

The most effective, successful businesses and organizations do not rely on luck!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND THE NEXT CHAMBER MEETING!

Wednesday,
April 6, 2011
at Potterville United
Methodist Church
12 noon

2011 Officers:
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

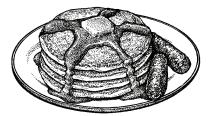


Sponsored by POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, March 19, 2011 7:00 am - 11:00 am

at Potterville United Methodist Church 105 N. Church St.

\$7 per adult \$4 per child (2-10 yrs. old)



- Pancakes
- Eggs
- Sausage
- Applesauce
- Milk, Juice or Coffee