



Potterville Chamber of Businesses

Potterville, City of Helping Hands

HAPPY EASTER!



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.

April 2011



THANK YOU!

We want to thank the Draves of McDonalds in Potterville for providing lunch. Thank you.

A special thanks to Nick George of the Potterville-Benton Twp. Fire Dept. for his informative talk about the creation of an authority board.

POTTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

Change is inevitable, some people can adapt while others loathe change. Pastor Becky serves the Lord and the church. She has been called to serve as the Pastor of Big Rapids First United Methodist Church beginning July 1.



From my perspective, I will truly miss her enthusiasm and love for the community. She loves Potterville. Good luck, Pastor Becky!

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.



CITY OF POTTERVILLE: Friday, April 22 is the city's arbor day celebration with volunteers helping clean-up the parks starting at 9 am at Lake Alliance, lunch will be provided afterwards at Potterville United Methodist.

The city has applied for another parks grant and will wait to hear if they get it for park improvements.

The old grainery building is gone as part of the capital grants program, a newer, smaller building will be erected.

LAKE ALLIANCE: Jay said sign-ups are in progress for adult softball and youth leagues. There has already been two weekend tournaments. The parks are collaborating with Potterville Schools and Eaton County Parks & Recreation for this fun-filled track and field games.

POTTERVILLE SCHOOLS: Potterville had conferences the end of March and spring break was April 4-8. With the state budget looming with possible cuts in education, every school has to take steps to cut their budget. Tim said everyone is invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30 pm at the High School gymnasium.

Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 pm will be the PTA Ice cream social and book fair at the elementary school.

Spring sports are in progress - baseball, softball and track.

EATON COUNTY PARKS: Everyone is invited to join in on celebrating Arbor Day 2011 at Fox Memorial Park, Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a great event for families, friends and youth groups. Spend the day with Smokey the Bear and enjoy a variety of hands-on-educational and entertaining tree related activities for children and adults.



Astrophotography Imaging Nights will be held at the Fox Park Observatory on Friday and Saturday nights, April 29-30 and May 6-7. Program fee is \$5 per person.

Wildflower walks begin as you wander through the woods with Park Naturalist, Jackie Blanc. Meet at Fox Park Pavilion #2 on Saturday, April 30 at 1:30 pm. Walks are suitable for all ages. Program fee is \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

For more information on any or all these events, call Parks Director, John Greenslit (517) 627-7351 or www.eatoncountyparks.org.

12th ANNUAL GIZZARD FEST June 10, 11, 12 Potterville, Michigan

Go to www.gizzardfest.com

Contact Joe Bristol 645-2120
to volunteer or donate.



CHAMBER BUSINESS UPDATES

GREAT START COLLABORATIVE: The new spring edition insert is out. Fri., April 15 from 6:30 pm - 8 pm at Dart Bank, Grand Ledge and Saturday, April 16 from 10 - 11:30 am at EISD will be a book signing from the local children's author, Deborah Diesen.

SUBWAY: The April featured footlong for \$5 is the double bacon and egg.

CARL'S SUPERMARKET: There are newly installed state of the art registers. They are moving forward on the labeling law that was recently signed by the Governor.

MEIRS & LOMBARDINI INSURANCE SERVICES: Will briefed everyone on the Michigan No-Fault Law.

HIDDEN TRAILS: Gary said their plants will arrive the last week in April.

21st CENTURY PLASTICS: Kathy said they are in the midst of their busy season and have hired summer help.

COUNTY JOURNAL: Lisa said there are several special sections to watch for and be included in.

Congratulations to John Gaedert and his staff for receiving the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce 2010 President's Award. Your generosity to be part of every community has not gone unnoticed.

JOE'S GIZZARD CITY: There will be DJ Trivia on Thursday, April 14. Joe also wants everyone to try the new chili lime batter.

VERNON CO.: Jack said the new catalogs are out.

MCCARDEL RESTORATION: Gary is a new business and wanted to let everyone know what his services were and he is available.

INDEPENDENT BANK: Through the months of April and May, the bank is offering a loan special.

MCDONALD'S: A pineapple-mango smoothie and chocolate-banana shake are new to the menu, try one today.

PREMIUM LIFE CAFE: If this warm weather makes you yearn for ice cream, don't forget, we carry ice cream, as well as a large assortment of sandwiches, lattes and cappuccinos.

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

POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.: Julie Robertson reported that the Pancake Breakfast was very successful raising \$750 for the dept.



POTTERVILLE-BENTON TWP. FIRE DEPT.'S

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, , May 5, 2011

5 - 7 pm

Potterville United Methodist Church

Prices: Adults \$7

Seniors (55 & older) \$6

Children 2-10 \$5 Under 2 free

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Potterville United

Methodist Church

12 noon

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