



# 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.

August/Sept. 2010



I want to thank McDonald's for providing our lunch for the September meeting. McDonald's donated all the funds collected back to the Chamber. Thanks Chris and Renee Draves for your generosity.

A special thanks to our August guest speaker, Holly Makimaa of Great Start. She is inviting all the businesses to attend Eaton Great Start Breakfast at LCC West Conference Facility on Tuesday, September 21 from 7 - 9 am. There will be a free breakfast buffet, mini massages and stress management demonstrations. There will be an inspiring speaker from MSU, Charles Ballard - economist. He will be citing the value of early childhood programs and their positive impact on society. There will be opportunities to network, brochures and a free take-home gift. Please register online at [www.eatonisd.org/prodevelopment](http://www.eatonisd.org/prodevelopment).

A special welcome and thank you to Nicole Selleck who was our guest speaker for September. She also is with Eaton Great Start, however her role is to work with Potterville businesses and families to make them aware of the programs Eaton Great Start offers and the benefits of early childhood learning from 0-5 years.

Eaton Great Start has a program that identifies businesses that are family/kid friendly. Anyone can nominate a business, agency or organization. You can send your nominations to [ronda@eatongreatstart.org](mailto:ronda@eatongreatstart.org) or fax it to 543-8016. You can get a form from the website [eatongreatstart.org](http://eatongreatstart.org).

**EATON COUNTY UNITED WAY:** Suzanne donned a lei, pink balloon and purse as she presented her report. Thursday, September 30 at 7 pm at the Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran will be the kick off for this year's campaign. It will be a Trivia Night and Silent Auction, with door prizes, 50/50 raffles, prizes and lots of fun in-between. It is \$25 per person or \$200 for a team of 8, businesses or organizations can bring their own team or come and join a scrambler team. It will be fun! Let's just say, after her enthusiastic presentation, we all just wanted to ...



**POTTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Kathy was elated with the turn-out from Vacation Bible School. There were 80 children in attendance. While other churches were anemic in their numbers, Potterville's program soared.

Church is very busy and involved with the other local churches in the annual Crop Walk on Sunday, September 19.

**POTTERVILLE PHARMACY:** The pharmacy has changed their hours to accommodate the working families - the new hours are 10 am - 7 pm.

**CARL'S SUPERMARKET:** Jacob said that Randy Burton has retired after serving Carl's for 42 years.

**CITY OF POTTERVILLE:** Wanda was pleased to report that Potterville has received the grant to keep the Recycling Center going! Woohoo! I love the ease of using those containers.

Wanda shared the news that the city council approved a 16 million capital improvement with improvements being made in five to 10 years. There will be better streets, walks and sewers. Great news! The one section of Main Street is done and just in time for school. It has been very trying for the residents and school employees but it sure looks great! The next phase will begin after Gizzard Fest 2011.



The Labor Day walk in Memory of a Loved One was held Monday, September 6 at 10:00 am. It originally was started by Terri Lowe in memory of her daughter and niece that were killed. Every year it grows in numbers!



**ALLIANCE LAKE:** We have a new parks and recreation director, his name is Bob Schrah. He said there will be a benefit softball tournament in memory of Rick Hill and Meg Collins on Saturday, October 23 at 9:00 am.

**POTTERVILLE DDA:** Will Lemanski was excited to report the new flag pole in front of city hall is done and a plaque will be placed in memory of Rita Joseph soon.

Will was excited to report that the DDA will give grants twice a year to businesses.

**GIZZARD FEST:** Elizabeth reported that Gizzard Fest broke even for the second year in a row, that is a positive note, hopefully we will make money soon, at least we aren't losing money now!!!

*I know we have mentioned this for the past two meetings and hopefully this time*

**Nana's Gourmet Caramel Corn**

*will have a ribbon cutting. The good news we received, in addition to the wholesale business of caramel corn they sell to businesses, Nana's will be expanding to have a bakery. The hours will be Tuesday - Saturday from 6 am - 5 pm. Yummy!!!*

**POTTERVILLE-BENTON TWP. LIBRARY:** LuAnn reported that all the newspapers have been copied on disk from 1929-1964, so you can check out any old Pottersville news by numerous types of searches. Jessica Carrol has been hired at the library and she will now be in charge of Story Time.

**Please note location change. The Athena Hall's fire damage has closed the facility. We will be using the fellowship hall at the Pottersville United Methodist Church.**

**INDEPENDENT BANK:** Elizabeth is pleased to announce that the bank is holding a school supply drive to provide for those who need them. Kudos to the bank staff for all their community involvement, not just with this program but the many programs they do all year long.

**HAYES GREEN BEACH HOSPITAL:** HGB receives national awards for exceeding patient expectations. It is one of only 18 hospitals out of more than 350 nationally to receive this prestigious honor.

The 3rd annual Nspired 5K Run/Family Walk will be Saturday, September 11. This is a unique opportunity to join others from all walks of life that will Nspired you to be more committed to the vitality of yourself and your community. Online registration is available at [www.livelifainspired.org](http://www.livelifainspired.org).



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