



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.

March 2012

THANK YOU

Thanks Joey Bristol for providing our lunches for March meeting. All the money that was collected, Joey donated to the Potterville Band and Choir Program to be used towards the Florida trip. Our guest speaker was Jim Smith, Potterville High School's band director. The Chamber donated \$500 to help with the Disney trip.



POTTERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Tim Donahue is happy to announce the Building Security, Safety, and Education Technology Bond Proposal passed on Tuesday, February 28. The Potterville District Technology committee meets the third Thursday of the month.

The parent-teacher conferences are being held Tuesday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 28. The High School Band and Choir is heading to Disney on Thurs., March 29.

A great honor for a great man, Coach Paul Davis was inducted in the Coaches Hall of Fame on Saturday, March 24. Coach Davis has taken Potterville to the play-offs six times. Congratulations, he is joined by two other Potterville Hall of Famers, Tom Truscott and Sheryl Mox.

POTTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: The Annual Cake Auction yielded \$4,600 which will be used to help students with summer camp. Far Out! Okay, I had to use that term since it was a 70's theme.



The Easter Egg Hunt had to be held inside due to rain on Saturday, March 24. My granddaughter, Chloe certainly got her share of eggs.

Community dinners are currently being hosted on the first and second Mondays each month.

There will be a folk dance on Friday, April 20 at 7 pm. No charge, a great night for fellowship and folk dance.

POTTERVILLE-BENTON TWP. LIBRARY: March is literacy month and there were many local celebrities that read for the children: Jeremy Robertson - Fire Dept., Jim West - Eaton County Deputy, Cheryl Reynolds - local author and Elizabeth Schalau - Independent Bank.



CITY OF POTTERVILLE: City just signed the Rural Development Program which is a grant that helps communities.

Oh no, the dreaded orange signs and barrels! Yes, Phase II is beginning for the Main Street project. Also from Dawn Court to Lansing Road, the same section of Main Street needs to be updated and will be beginning this week.

Friday, April 20 will be City Wide Earth Day with the executives from Rural Development coming to participate. A new playground at Sunset Hills is scheduled for April 20. Underway is a community garden at Sunset Hills.

There are new picnic shelters at Lake Alliance and Sunset Hills, looks like lots of positive things going on.

LAKE ALLIANCE: Currently sign ups for summer ball are in progress for kids, men's, and co-ed teams. Two new leagues are forming, senior and church league.

EATON COUNTY UNITED WAY: Capital Area Michigan Works and Eaton County United Way have partnered with The Asset Independence Coalition, a non-profit agency serving the Tri-County area to provide free tax preparation assistance using IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) for families that qualify for the EITC.



POTTERVILLE-BENTON TWP. FIRE DEPT.: Chief Tim James reported that in 2011 there were zero employee injuries. That is great news considering being a fire fighter can be dangerous.

HAYES-GREEN-BEACH HOSPITAL: The hospital had its Annual Health Fest on Saturday, March 3. It was held in conjunction with Community Vitality Week. There were over 50 exhibits plus health services available for free. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 15 for Family Health and Fitness Day with free, fun-filled activities all day for the entire family.

Congratulations to Barbara Fulton for receiving the 'Essence of E' award. This award is given to an individual who exemplifies community spirit.

BENTON TOWNSHIP: The sad news I have to report is Martha Halsey died February 20. She was involved in so many aspects of Pottersville. She baked cakes for Cub Scouts and church functions, she and her husband were instrumental in getting the cemetery in order, identifying plots that weren't recorded, etc. She helped for many years on the needy baskets plus helped countless people. She will be missed by the Pottersville Community. Our deepest condolences to the Halsey family.

CARL'S SUPERMARKET: Jacob is proud to announce the grand re-opening of Carl's. Carl's will be celebrating 82 years and will introduce their new bakery, April 9 -22. Come and check out the celebration.

21st CENTURY PLASTICS: The Dobie family helped out with the school library. Parent-Teachers Association has been remodeling the school library/media center and the new chairs came from 21st Century Plastics. They look awesome!

Claudia Wright wife of Gordon Wright, the founder of 21st Century Plastics died last month also. Our small community has suffered so many losses lately. Our deepest condolences to Gordon and family.

THE COUNTY JOURNAL: It seems to be the month to tell everyone of some icons in our communities that have passed away. John Gaedert died Monday, March 26. He owned Charlotte and Ledges Shopping Guides and sold them. He started up The County Journal and was involved in so many other businesses. He was one of the founders of Can Do. He was one of the most generous and caring people, he gave from his heart. He helped the chamber constantly with donations to Gizzard Fest and the needy baskets. He also was my former boss at the Ledges Shopping Guide. RIP John. Our deepest condolences to Cindy Gaedert and the Staff.

EATON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.: Fox Park Observatory is having public viewing night on March 28 at 11:30 pm for Astrophotography Imaging Nights. Program fee is \$5. Bring your camera and work with experience photographers to capture photos of our beautiful sky on Sunday nights. Gosh, the clear skies have been beautiful lately.

GIZZARD FEST: The Gizzard Fest meetings are held the first Wednesday 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 Pottersville. Our local businesses gets revitalized. 2012 dates are June 8, 9, 10th.



EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Seder Thursday at 6:30 pm

Good Friday 7 pm

Easter Sunrise Service 7 am

Easter Breakfast 8 am

Easter Cantata 9 am & 11:15 am

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



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

**Wed., April 4, 2012
at Pottersville United
Methodist Church
12 noon**