



# 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.



## T H A N K S

**SPECIAL THANKS:** We want to thank our special guest speaker for September's meeting, Dricilla McCourtie from Fountain of Wellness.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** Thank you to Frank's Party Store for donating lunch for September's meeting. Your generosity is very appreciated.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** To Joey Bristol and Joe's Potterville Inn for furnishing the yummy lunch for October's meeting.

**POTTERVILLE DDA:** The DDA has voted to buy the old building that used to house the hardware store. It is the first time the DDA has purchased property but felt with the new sidewalks, curbs and greenery the timing was right. Good things are happening in downtown Potterville.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** Yes, it is just around the corner if you haven't heard the Christmas music being played in stores and decorations that are up. The Christmas baskets are a huge endeavor that has to have so many people involved - the main parties are The Chamber, The Potterville United Methodist Church and the Potterville Schools. We all work hand in hand trying to identify families in need as well as shut-ins that need some food for the holidays. The Chamber has made a generous donation but the numbers of people needing help continues to grow. ***We still need businesses, individuals or organizations to adopt families. If you cannot adopt, run a can drive for non-perishable items or send a check in to help offset the gifts we have to buy the children.*** Our biggest goal is to make sure the children have a gift of clothing and/or toy. Thank you, checks can be made to the PUMC, make sure you mark it as Christmas or holiday baskets, 105 N. Church, Potterville, MI 48876.

**HAYES GREEN BEACH HOSPITAL:** The hospital welcomes Cara Leahy, D.O. She is added to the neurology staff as part of the services needed to meet the needs of our local community. She will see patients ages 16 and older at HGB between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, every other Monday. For more information [www.hgbhealth.com](http://www.hgbhealth.com) or [www.myalive.com](http://www.myalive.com).

**POTTERVILLE-BENTON TWP. LIBRARY:** Tuesday, October 16, Story Time travelled to the Country Mill where toddlers and their parents enjoyed a hay ride, story, donut and cider plus the opportunity to pick a pumpkin. We are so fortunate to have such a family friendly business so close.

**EATON COUNTY UNITED WAY:** Potterville inducted and installed its first JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) members. It is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing dropouts among young people who are most at-risk.



**CITY OF POTTERVILLE:** More improvements are continuing in Potterville and one of the most positive is the new signs that greet visitors. I like this picture above, shows progress on Main Street, the new sign being erected and the grain bins all painted.

Wanda also noted that there is a bid on the land in the industrial park.

Recycling bins at Lake Alliance are open seven days a week.



**LAKE ALLIANCE:** There is a new ball field being erected which can add to the revenue for more teams especially tournaments that bring in teams for all over the United States.

**POTTERVILLE SCHOOLS:** Fall sports are winding down, MEAP tests were done last week and getting ready for the Halloween carnival on Friday, October 26.



The student count was down, but every school in Eaton County lost students. We have been fortunate that this is the first time our numbers went down, there will be a survey going out as to where students went but so far many of them just moved out of district or out of state. We still have many that come to Potterville as school of choice which speaks volumes.

The school is breaking ground for the new entrance to the elementary. This will provide better security and easier access for parents to locate the office plus less interruption for many teachers as visitors will not frequent their rooms for directions.

**POTTERVILLE/BENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.:**

This month was Fire Prevention Month. On Tuesday, October 9 there was an open house. There was informational tables, hot dogs, kids area and more. On Tuesday, October 12, there was a rescue demonstration at the Potterville schools grades K-5.



Also the fire truck and ambulance will be at the Potterville United Methodist Church's Trunk or Treat from 6 - 8:00 pm.

**POTTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Community Dinners have started again the first and second Mondays of each month, everyone is welcomed.

The Food Bank is also available to families who are in need, if you know of anyone please have them call the Church, 645-7701, by appointment only.

The Labor of Love Auction on Sunday, October 14 was a huge success helping yield \$3,200 for the new stained glass project underway.

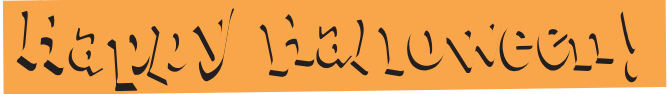


The Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Wednesday, October 31 from 6 - 8:00 pm.



**EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Everyone is invited to join us at the Fox Park Public Observatory on Saturday, October 27 from 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm, also for November 3, 10, 17 from 7 - 10 pm. Keep in mind observation nights will not be held if there is 30% cloud cover. Public observation nights are for people of all ages. Program fee is \$2 per person and \$5 for a family.



**JOE'S POTTERVILLE INN:** Come join all the ghouls at the Annual Adult Costume Party on Saturday, October 27 from 8 to midnight. There will be a DJ.

**FRANK'S PARTY STORE:** There are two new store managers that will share responsibilities, Linda Mason and Stacy Carrigan.

**THE COUNTY JOURNAL:** Since the inception of the County Journal it was policy not to have letters to the editor, however with new management, changes do occur. Make sure you send any letters to [tsilvas@county-journal.com](mailto:tsilvas@county-journal.com) or mail to 241 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813.

**CHARLOTTE SHOPPING GUIDE:** Charlotte Shopping Guide has changed locations, its new home office is 1885 Eaton County Courthouse, 100 W. Lawrence Ave. New hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am - 5 pm and Thursday and Friday from 9 am - noon.

**THE COFFEE BEAN OR PREMIER CAFE** has closed their doors in Potterville. We will truly miss them.

**SUBWAY:** The \$5 foot long subs are still available through October in honor of their anniversary.

**VERNON & CO.:** Jack Horner has retired from Vernon and Company, what is everyone going to do without Jack's calendars and specialities? Good luck on your retirement.

**INDEPENDENCE COMMONS:** There will also be a Trunk or Treat at Independence Commons from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

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

**Wed., November 7, 2012  
at Potterville United  
Methodist Church**

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