



# 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.

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## Thank You So Much!

A special thanks to Riedy's Pizza for bringing the pizza lunch. Can you ever get tired of pizza?



**EATON COUNTY UNITED WAY:** Special thanks to our special guest and new chamber member - Suzanne Hayes, Resource Development Associate. She briefly filled us in on all the campaign strategies and how we can help. There are many resources available through Eaton County United Way other than funding like the 211 and helping individuals with taxes. I enjoyed her enthusiasm about United Way. It is refreshing in this dismal economy to hear such excitement. I love it when people enjoy what they are doing and it shows with Suzanne. Thanks for your thumbnail look of Eaton County United Way.

**CITY OF POTTERVILLE:** There was a higher than average turn-out for the Tuesday, November 3 election, 20% plus. There were four city council seats up for grabs. The city council voted in were Sean Hammond, Howard Metzmaker, Mike Stahly and Elise Ross. There is also a new TIFFA board in place and Wanda said there is funds available for businesses. Wanda is working to help Broadstripe find a location to stay in Potterville, they want to expand and hire 30-50 more people.

City of Potterville received a 13,000,000 grant for water and sewer which will go into works in 2011. The recycling grant money received will go into action in December. City of Potterville has joined the social trend, Facebook. It is a great way to inform residents about city programs and projects.

On Wednesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day will be a tribute to honor our veterans at city hall from 8 - 10 am. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

The Potterville police will help with the food drive - fill a police car, date pending. The annual holiday tree lighting is being planned, no date yet.

**ALLIANCE LAKE:** There were lights added to the sledding hill for safety reasons so in light of that, there could be some night sledding as well as cross country added this winter.

**HAYES GREEN BEACH HOSPITAL:** Laraine reported that the H1N1 vaccines are being administered to key personnel. The hospital auxiliary's book fair as well as the jewelry, craft and bake sale have been cancelled due to the H1N1 threat of bringing too many people into the hospital.

Loretta reminded us to reiterate one small piece of advice that will help immensely. Tell children to cover their mouths - the elbow up and wash their hands.

Two new physicians join the HGB Specialty Clinic, Dr. Landon Duyka. He specializes in pediatric and adult ear, nose and throat. The other is Susan Bryant a certified audiologist. New patients can call 332-0100.

**POTTERVILLE SCHOOLS:** There is so much excitement buzzing at Potterville Schools from the education portion to the athletics. Parent-teacher conferences will be next week.



First, Potterville made history by taking three CMAC champions in one season, the football, volleyball and cross country teams. Now onto districts, regional and states. Go Vikings!

The operating millage was approved and that was good news. The bad news is that with the State in such a financial crisis, it burdens all school districts to educate a child on less money each year. We are to give students an excellent education with minimal funds. What's that about? In the meantime, we have lots of positive things happening, the MEAP testing is done and Potterville thus far has been immune to the H1N1 virus with the highest total being in the 10% range.

**POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.:** The fire department raised \$1800 toward the \$8,500 needed for the ambulance cot. The spaghetti dinner is going to be an annual event. Everyone that won the 50/50 gave back their winnings to the fire department.

**POTTERVILLE/BENTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY:** LuAnn is extremely happy about the National Gaming Day on Saturday, November 14 from 10 am - 1 pm. Thousands of libraries throughout the country will participate in this celebration. Both character visits, Biscuit at the Library and A Very Hungry Caterpillar at the Potterville United Methodist Church were very successful.