



# 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.

MAY 2009

## *Thank You So Much!*

A special thanks to Acclaim/Colleen's Catering for furnishing the lunch. As usual and being caterers had a very nice presentation with scrumptious food and dessert. Thank you Linda, Don and Leann.

Our guest speakers for May were Jennifer Atkinson and Bryan Musser from First Data. Their knowledge in the credit card industry was very informative plus talked about their valued added services. Their intent was to make sure businesses are PCI compliant and know what changes are taking place in the credit card industry.

**BUSINESS NEWS: Independent Bank** had a canned goods drive for Siren/Eaton Shelter on May 11 from 6-7 pm.

**Carl's Supermarket** after 20 years is having a new paint job, maroon and gold. Also Rita said, hanging baskets are only \$9.99.

**Joe's Potterville Inn** had karaoke May 9th.

**McDonald's** is no longer as of June 1st a corporate store, it will be owner operated. The new owners are Chris and Renee Draves. They also own the Grand Ledge store. Welcome Chris and Renee to Potterville.

**GRANT WRITING USA:** Ann Arbor Community Center and Grant Writing USA will present a Grant Writing Workshop in Ann Arbor, June 4, 5. This training is applicable to city county and state agencies, non-profit organizations, K-12 schools, colleges and universities. Go to <http://GrantWritingUSA.com> or call Cathy Rittenhouse 800-814-8191.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:** The tribute to veterans past and present was very moving to anyone who attended. Pastor Becky researched the beginnings of Memorial Day plus to hear the men that served honor those who died for our country was very sobering. I always tear up when I hear taps but the beautiful American songs that the Potterville Band played contributed to the memorial. Sometimes we tend to forget that it isn't about a long weekend to grill but to have the ability to do those things because of the men and women who died protecting our freedom.

**POTTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** The church has been busy battling water in the basement.

**POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY:** The Potterville Library received the Family Friendly award. In order for anyone to receive that award, families have to nominate and two families in the area boasted on how friendly the library is. Kudos to our local library.

**POTTERVILLE PRIDE/DDA:** The committee voted to have 16 signs to promote the festival.

**POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:** The fire department and association will be active during Gizzard Fest. There will be a bingo tent at the Potterville United Methodist Church. There will be an opportunity for individuals to take photos in the antique fire truck, in addition, they will be having hot dogs for sale.

The fire department is also working on grants for new equipment and safety training.

**CITY OF POTTERVILLE:** Wanda has been swamped with grant writing. Right now in the final phase of approval is a \$677,000 grant for a community center, campground and pathways between Sunset Hills and Alliance Lake.

The City applied for youth workers funded by the Eaton Intermediate School District's grant. They will have eight individuals helping for the summer.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS:** The Potterville Community Action Team is having a Playing Safe in Potterville event. It will be held Saturday, May 30, 10:00 - 11:30 am. This is a family fun event for families with children birth to five. It will be held at the Potterville United Methodist Church parking lot. Decorate your bike and have your helmet checked by Officer Koepke. Each family will receive a free book.

**HAYES GREEN BEACH HOSPITAL:** It is very hard to keep up with the advancements the hospital is doing. Laraine said there was an annual recognition for the hospital volunteers who had 14,000 hours of service. That is fantastic!

The hospital is working hard on ALIVE, a rehab, wellness, women's health services center.