



# 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 Subway for furnishing lunch, as usual Melissa saves the day for me. The food was great. Thanks Subway. PS. I know the firemen enjoy the left-overs.

Thank you to Jeana Rohrs and Miranda Lucyk on their informative new product - online 101.

**City of Potterville:** Wanda says there is so much going on that is positive. If everyone hasn't noticed there is new pavement on Library Lane, Cottage St. and improvements on High Street. In addition, the Imagination Station was re-stained and painted. There are also renovations being done at Sunset Hills.

Potterville received a recovery grant that will go into effect October. This grant is for a greener environment and the City will be opening a recycling center as well as putting info on the website.

City applied for a six million dollar infrastructure improvement grant for water and sewer.

Many of you don't know but the city has a new website. It is designed by the same person that does the chamber's, JoAnne Romanek. Go to the site and check it out, [www.pottervillemi.org](http://www.pottervillemi.org).

Also new is the city clerk, her name is Hillary Childs. Welcome Hillary! Wanda also said there are many businesses coming in to Potterville, so keep your eyes open because looks like we will be having lots of ribbon cuttings.

There are four openings for city council and there are nine people hoping to win one of the seats.

**Alliance Lake:** Brian Halsey said fall softball has started and the numbers are up. In addition, there will be a Senior Citizen tournament to be held, already 60 teams have signed up. Aww, the sweet smell of Ben Gay.

### **POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE**

**DEPARTMENT:** The fire department and association will continue to be active in Gizzard Fest. They had an overwhelming response to the bingo tent and sold 880 hot dogs.

**HAYES GREEN BEACH HOSPITAL:** Laraine reported that the first blood drive had 33 participants, 29 units of blood and 15 new donors. Like all groups, looking for new blood!

The Auxiliary had their semi-annual book fair on August 20 and 21.

**POTTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** There were 80 children at Vacation Bible School. What an awesome turn-out.

**POTTERVILLE SCHOOLS:** With the economic times hurting the schools, the schools are holding their own. There are new elementary bleachers, both gym floors were sanded, a new scoreboard for the football field as well as a new scoreboard for the elementary.

The summer reading academy had 100 children attend. The high school will be implementing a new privilege system reporting absentee and academic progress.

There are three individuals vying for two spots on the school board election in November.

Potterville has hired six new teachers and the outlook for more students is positive. In addition, the cross country team is number one in the Lansing State Journal poll. Go Vikings!

Football season is underway. The first home game is

**EATON COUNTY UNITED WAY:** The biggest change is going to be the loss of Joni Risner. She will probably be leaving mid to end of September in the midst of campaign kick-off. It will be hard to fill her shoes.

Also the last of a series of three, will be held Tuesday, September 22 at 9 am at the Eaton County office. The topic is income. These townhall meetings have been crucial to find out what the public feels United Way is doing right and what needs to be corrected. It is a strategic plan to implement the big goals of the United Way to fit Eaton County's needs.

**BENTON TOWNSHIP:** The township has a new newsletter out for residents. It is an excellent communication piece with important numbers of the board members and staff. Good job.