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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring/Summer 2023

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION PULLMAN DAYS June 24-25, 2023

For more than 2 decades Lee Township has supported our youth as they seek college opportunities and celebrated the pride we have in our community. This year we continue that celebration adding new activities, including a 5K Fun Run, corn hole tournament, indoor matinee movie, and a tour of the new Solar Farm. We are thrilled to have **Will Haenni, WWMT Meteorologist** joining us to kick off the Fun Run and Disc Golf and spend time with kids doing cool weather activities. This year we will also offer shuttle service to event locations so you can park your car in designated parking areas and leave it for the day. Most activities will be held outside. Lee Township Facebook page will post any last minute updates to the schedule of events. If there is inclement weather, as many events as possible will be moved inside the Linking Center. Call the Township office with questions at 269-236-6485 or email pullmandays@gmail.com. This is a community-wide event and we hope everyone takes some time to come out and enjoy all that Pullman has to offer. There is still time to get involved! For Car Show information email: mike@phppullman.org To reserve space at Craft/Vendor Fair email: ann@phppullman.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday June 24

8am-11am
8:30am **Pancake Breakfast** at Lee Twp Fire Station
Fishing Tournament at Ravenswood Park (parents should attend with young children; poles provided)

9am-10am **Family Fun Run** (5K & team relay) at Pullman Elementary School. Email pullmandays@gmail.com for preregistration form by June 2. Registration day of event also available.

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9am-3pm **3rd Annual Car Show** at the Linking Center
Craft Fair/Food Vendors at Pullman Town Square
Cutest Baby Photo Contest (look for roaming photo board throughout downtown to vote)
Kids Games & Inflatable at Pullman Elementary
10am-2pm **Disc Golf** at course behind Pullman Elementary
10am-Noon **Kids Crafts** at Pullman Elementary (weather activities with Will Haenni from 10:30-11:30)
10:30-1pm **History Walk & Talk** (starts at Pizza Plus lot)
Tug of War Competition behind Pullman Tavern
11am-2pm **Solar Farm Tours**— Just hop on the trolley!
11am-Noon **Fire Dept. Smokehouse** for kids at Pullman Elementary School parking lot
Noon-3pm **Senior Get Together** (Bingo, card games) at Pullman Elementary School cafeteria
Noon-2pm **VFW Book & Bake Sale**; Food /Drink specials
Noon-5pm **Cornhole Tournament** at the VFW (Registration at Noon)
1pm **Movie Matinee** (family friendly) in the Linking Center Gym (free popcorn!)

2pm **The Black River Band** at the Pullman Tavern outdoor beer garden

6pm-9pm

Sunday June 25

4pm **Unity Service & lite meal** at Pullman Town Square

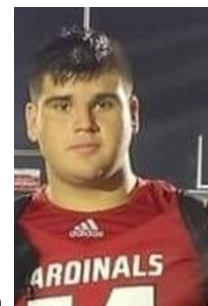
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 DEE WESBEY PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Lee Township awarded 3 High School students the 2023 Pullman Pride scholarship. Congratulations to all Lee Twp graduates as you go on to pursue your dreams.

Juanita Martinez-Martinez was awarded a \$1000 scholarship. Juanita is a Bloomingdale HS graduate who plans to attend MSU to study Social Work and Policial Science. Juanita shared in her essay that it wasn't until she started volunteering at the Linking Center that she found appreciation for the diversity in her community. "Being there made me grow emotionally, spiritually and personally in truly amazing ways. Being consistent in the kids' lives is not just about showing up everyday, its about creating bonds and growing alongside them."



Stephos Georgiou was awarded a \$750 scholarship. Stephos is a Bloomingdale HS graduate who plans to attend Cornerstone University to study Business and Marketing and participate on their wrestling team. Stephos noted in his essay that when he moved to Pullman in 5th grade he immediately felt a sense of belonging he had been searching for. He attributes much of his personal growth to his teacher Mr. Visscher, through his guidance and connecting him to sports where he would excel. "Through sports I was able to develop leadership skills and communication skills in a way where I do not hesitate to do what I know is right. Not just the school, but the community itself has helped me grow and understand the importance of volunteering and helping those in need."



Katelyn Jewett was awarded a \$750.00 scholarship. Katelyn is a Bloomingdale HS graduate who plans to attend MSU to study Graphic Design. Katelyn noted in her essay how growing up in a close-knit community provided a strong sense of belonging and shaped her core values. She added, "In a small town, everyone knows each other, and your reputation is everything. That means hard work and dedication are highly valued and recognized. Growing up I saw this firsthand when my parents and other members of the community worked tirelessly to support their families and contribute to the community. I am eager to use the values and lessons I have learned to make a lasting impact on the community."



Pullman says goodbye to Royal “Babe” Laraway Jr.

Babe was born and raised in Pullman and spent his life working and living in Pullman. He passed away at his home on April 6th. He founded Laraway and Son's House Moving in 1959. Babe also worked for the U.S. Postal service for 31 years. Babe shared his vibrant knowledge and history of Pullman during the “History Walk & Talk” at Pullman Pride Days or any time you found yourself sitting next to him. He was full of wisdom and always set a fine example of living life to the fullest. Lee Township sends condolences to the entire Laraway family and acknowledges the tremendous impact Babe had on our community. Rest in peace.



Infrastructure Improvements to Downtown

A bit of an inconvenience for residents and travelers through Pullman as new storm drains are being replaced. The original drains installed in 1959 were failing. The Township had them mechanically cleaned about 10 years ago after sink holes were forming due to the collapse from sections of the culvert.

The Allegan County Road Commission project includes installing the new storm sewer along 56th Street both north and south of 109th Avenue. ACRC is coordinating with the County Drain Commis-



sion on the replacement storm sewer for the county drain to connect to the Scott Creek Drain. In addition left turn lanes will be added. curbs will installed and old sidewalks in disrepair will be fixed. Work is expected to continue throughout the summer. Please continue to follow posted detour signs.

COMMUNITY PRIDE BEGINS IN OUR FRONT YARD

Blight, litter and abandoned cars are the number one complaint to the Township. Just because the township does not have zoning doesn't mean there are no regulations set for the good of all. Lee Township ordinances (can be viewed on the twp. website www.leetwp.org) spell out guidelines for all residents to comply with. **A safe and healthy living environment is a basic right for each of us.**

To assist residents in this effort, the Township continues to provide each taxpayer with 2 free dump tickets to use at the Transfer Station. In addition, **3 Free Dump Days are offered for Lee Township residents (April 22, June 17, and Sept. 16.** World Clean-Up Day is celebrated September 16, 2023. Let's all do our part.

Here are some brief reminders taken from local ordinances:

- Trash & Leaf Burning Ordinance #2013 Section 2 describes requirements for trash and leaf burning. Remember to call 269-686-5222 for burn permit, burn in designated areas set forth in ordinance, and be sure your burn container meets requirements.
- Litter Ordinance #2022 Section 2 defines “Litter” as all garbage, scrap, and waste material, inoperable appliances and equipment, brush, discarded concrete, brick or building materials or any other loose or discarded articles. Section 3 clearly explains no dumping or leaving trash on public or private property.
- Blight Ordinance #2025 Section 3 defines blight factors (similar to items listed above under Litter Ordinance with more detail) and prohibitions along with maximum time these types of items can be left sitting out (not to exceed 15 days). This ordinance includes any vacant dwelling, garage or outbuilding unless they are kept securely locked, windows glazed or neatly boarded up and otherwise protected to prevent unauthorized entry as blight (Section 3D).
- Single Family Dwelling Ordinance #2026.2 Section 2 prohibits living in tents, campers, trailers, vehicles, or any other structure that does not meet the State of Michigan Building codes. This is a major area of concern for personal safety and public health.
- No residence can be constructed, moved in, or relocated within Lee Township without a permit from the building official (contact MTS at 269-673-3239).
- If you need assistance cleaning up your property, contact the Township office @ 269-236-6485 or Jeff @ People Helping People @ 269-236-2001.

PHP PULLMAN NEWS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Youth Program Activities:

Afterschool program ends: June 1
Vacation Bible school: June 12-15
Summer Program: June 26-August 18

Food Pantry:

Wednesdays & Fridays 12:00 - 3:30pm
New Food Pantry Open House: May 6, 3:00 - 5:00pm
Annual Food Truck Event: June 21, 6-8pm

Faith-Formation (at Worship Center, 925 56th St., unless otherwise noted):

Celebrate Recovery: Monday (Bus leaves Linking Center at 5:30pm)
Adult Bible Studies: Thursdays at 7:00pm
Every other Friday-Teen Worship 8-10pm
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 6-8pm
Worship Services: Sunday 10:00am

Special Events:

(Remodeled) **Worship Center Open House:** May 6, 3:00 - 5:00pm (925 56th St)
Annual PHP Auction & Fundraising Dinner May 22, 5:30pm at A Cut Above Event Center in Saugatuck
Unity Service: June 25, 4:00pm at the Pullman Town Square

For information on People Helping People programs or activities, please call 269-236-2001 or email jeff@phppullman.org.

Showing the love of Christ to the Pullman community by meeting daily needs and equipping each person to meet their full God-given potential.

NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Twp. Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman and are open to the public.
- Additional information @ www.leetwp.org or our Facebook page @ Lee Township Allegan County MI.
- Pullman Free Library is run by dedicated volunteers. Hours posted on the window. Fennville District Library offers free library cards to Lee Twp. residents.
- Transfer Station hours SAT & SUN 9 am - 3 pm.
- West Michigan Ministries provides monthly commodities giveaway at Pullman Elementary School.
- The Lee Township newsletter can be viewed in Spanish on the Township website @ www.leetwp.org.
- Donations for to the Scholarship Fund can be mailed to Lee Township P.O. Box 427, Pullman, MI 49450, with "Pullman Pride" in the memo section.

Cemetery

Grave sites must be kept within the rules that are posted in the cemetery and are available in print at the Township office. All decorations placed upon lots that become unsightly will be removed without notice. All artificial decorations will be removed during spring and fall clean up.

Township Board Members & Department Staff Township Office 236-6485

Scott Owen, Supervisor 236-6485
Heather Friel, Clerk 269-365-7102
Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614
Ann Hatfield, Trustee 269-206-6196
Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 236-6119
Kyle Harris, Assessor 574-596-6566
Dan Poll, Building Inspector 673-3239
Ted Chamberlain, Chief, Fire & First Responder 236-5988
Tyler Jackson, Twp Deputy 673-0500
Lee Township Transfer Station 236-6485

Township Ordinances are available at the Township office or can be viewed on the Lee Township website @www.leetwp.org.

Township Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed on the Lee Township website.

Volunteer Fire /EMS Dept. If you would like to learn more about serving as a fire fighter/first responder contact

CHURCH NEWS

Check with Churches for updates on service times.

Bravo Christian Reform - 5587 113th Ave., Fennville, Pastor Duane Terpstra. 616-581-5295.

Horseshoe Community Bible Church—4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, Pastor Don Miller 269-521-4580. Sunday School 10am, worship 11am.

Iglesia Misionera en Pullman - 915 North Ave., Pullman, Pastor Carlos Medina, 269-539-1176, Sun 5pm.

Mt. Calvary MB Church - 5424 105th, PO Box 36, Pullman, Pastor Knox, Sunday 11:30am.

New Hope Missionary Church- 558 58th St. Sunday 11am, Bible Study 7pm online. Check FB page for info.

Pullman Bible Church - 5508 109th, Pullman, Pastor Jeff Stephens, 269-236-0409.

PHP Worship Center —915 North Ave., Pullman, Pastor Mike Jones. 616-350-0711. Adult Bible Study Thurs. 6pm & Service Sunday 10am.

Ray of Light Church - 886 60th St., Pastor Mary Hoots, 236-6966.

Seventh Day Adventist Church - 671 52nd St., 236-5011, Pastor William Richardson 616-644-4153. Sat. 11am.

2023 SUMMER TAX INFORMATION

We encourage mailing in your tax payment or putting check/money order payment in an envelope with your name and address in the drop slot at the Township office door. Receipts will be mailed if requested (write "mail receipt" on envelope). If paying by cash, the Treasurer will be in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays to accept cash payments. No change provided, so exact payment is required. Masks are encouraged for anyone entering the Township office.

The Treasurer will collect tax at the Township Office **Tuesdays and Fridays (9 am-3 pm)** the months of July, August and September. Interest will be added to taxes paid after **September 15th. POSTMARKS NOT HONORED. Summer Tax 2023 must be paid to Lee Twp. Treasurer until February 29, 2024.**

Summer deferment Form may be filed to defer payment of interest on principal residence of persons 62 years of age or older or property that is classified or used as agricultural property until the time that winter taxes are due. Forms are available at the Township office, www.leetwp.org, and www.allegancounty.org. The form must be filed with the Township Treasurer by September 15, 2023.

Reminder Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption form must be submitted annually (note any special assessments do not apply to this exemption). Call the Township office or get the form from our website @ www.leetwp.org.

A Note from the Assessor: The Assessor has authorized the Board of Review to convene on July 18th at 1:00pm. July BOR is to correct any mutual mistake of fact or clerical errors on tax notice. **Notify the Treasurer or Assessor of any necessary corrections upon receipt of tax bill.**

Fire District Hearing will be July 10th at 7pm at the Twp. Hall.

AA Meetings held every Wednesday 7pm, 915 North Ave., Contact Trevor at 989-429-5887. All are welcome.

Life EMS provides Lee Twp. ambulances service. Residents can sign up online at www.lifeems.com for annual Lifecare+ membership. Click "Explore Memberships" at the bottom of the page. Annual cost per family is \$59 with supplemental insurance, or \$89 without insurance.

Pullman VFW Post 6134 is putting together Military CARE packages for our Troops this summer. You are encouraged to drop off the following items to the VFW May-July (5632 109th): Personal Care Items:

baby powder, sunscreen, lip balm, foot powder, tampons.

Food Items: peanut butter, Slim Jims, crackers, breakfast bars, hard candy, individually packaged drink mixes, seasoning packets; dried fruit & nut snacks, instant coffee.

Other Items needed: good quality socks, 3M hooks, playing cards, crosswords, word search, baseballs & gloves.

Memorial Day Events - Monday May 29, 2023

VFW Post 6134 and Beautify Pullman is sponsoring a community event to dedicate the new Veterans Memorial and Honor Wall at the Pullman Town Square starting at Noon on May 29th, followed by a free community picnic at 1:00pm. The annual Memorial Day parade will begin at 2pm followed by a service at the Lee Township Cemetery at 3:30pm.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

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| BaleTech | Mobile Gas Station |
| Baylor Buddy Johns | Mystic View Apartments |
| Bodtke Farms | Nikki's Chair |
| Cemetery Monuments Sales | North Street Storage |
| Channing Event Center | Once Upon a Time Formalwear |
| Clemons Blueberries | Pizza Plus |
| Country Life Natural Foods | Preferred Market |
| Dave's Tree Service | Pullman Knight Tire |
| Diamond Supply Station | Pullman Petroleum |
| Dollar General | Pullman Tavern (PT109) |
| Dream House Development | Richwood Contracting |
| El Arcoiris Del Sabor | Rusty Rocket Brewing |
| El Changarrito Mexican Store | Sawmill Diamond Diner |
| InterCare Community Health | Shek Law Office |
| Iva's Place Dog Boarding | Simparsosa Riding Stables |
| JMJ Cleaning Service | Supermarket El Arcoiris |
| Laraway & Son Movers | VFW Post 6134 |
| Loretta's Family & Friends Diner | Taqueria La Tia Linda |
| Maynard's Custom Concrete | Warner Camp |
| MiDroneBotics LLC | |

NEW BUSINESS IN LEE TOWNSHIP

Pullman welcomed **Loretta's Family & Friends Diner** since our last issue. Located at 5441 109th, it is open for take-out or dine-in 11am-7pm, daily, closed on Tuesday. Loretta Null is the owner and has years of experience in the restaurant field. She offers daily specials and is working on carrying a small selection of grocery items as well. You can reach Loretta's Family & Friends Diner at 269-767-5608.



Beautify Pullman Activities at the Town Square

The Pullman Town Square is a place for community members young and old to gather, play, create and enjoy their hometown. Plans for this summer and fall include:

A Farmer's Market on Thursdays starting June 8th. Bridge cards accepted and we are working to accept WIC Project Fresh coupons at the market. Buskers, musicians and performers who work for tips, will entertain while you shop for locally grown and produced fresh foods.

A Summer Concert Series on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons (see flyer for details).

Sundays in the Park offering opportunities for community members to meet over coffee, tea, hot chocolate and a light snack.

Lumberjack Fall Fest planned for the weekend of Sept. 16th. Along with family & kids activities and an Oktoberfest meal, we have expanded to include a celebration of Pullman's logging history, including lumberjack demonstrations and a living history display of an 1860s lumberjack encampment. Watch Beautify Pullman FB page for more information.

We hope to see you soon at Pullman Town Square!

