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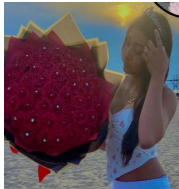
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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring/Summer 2025

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 DEE WESBEY PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**Janely Salazar** was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Janely, a Bloomingdale HS graduate, plans to attend Grand Valley University to study Cardiovascular Ultrasound. "Growing up in Lee Township has shaped me into the person I am today, instilling in me a deep sense of resilience and empathy. I am determined to make a lasting impact on my community and want to be a role model for those who are facing similar struggles, showing them that with perseverance, education, and a strong work ethic, they too can rise above their circumstances. I hope to inspire others to believe in themselves, regardless of where they come from."



**Alyssa Hernandez Garcia** was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Alyssa, a Bloomingdale HS graduate, plans to attend Ferris State University to become a dental hygienist. "Growing up as a kid, I've seen how close everyone is in the small town of Pullman. However, many people who live in Pullman are low-income. I plan to use my degree to volunteer in free dental clinics around Pullman to help families in need of dental health care."



**Mary Green**, a Bloomingdale graduate, was awarded a \$1000 scholarship. Mary's family lives on property dating back to her great grandparents. "I feel deeply rooted in the community. My family runs a farm stand where those in need can get produce and flowers for free. We recognize the high food costs and that many struggle financially and hope it helps people feed their families in our neighborhood." Mary is planning on attending Lake Michigan College for a teaching degree.

## 24TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

We have so much to celebrate together! 24 years of supporting our youth as they seek college opportunities and celebrating the pride we have in our community. This year's Pullman Pride event will be held the third weekend in July and will include some favorite activities including a pancake breakfast, car show, craft fair, corn hole tournament, activities for children, and live music. For questions, email [ann@phppullman.org](mailto:ann@phppullman.org). This is a community-wide event and everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy all that Pullman has to offer. T

**There is still time to get involved! For Car Show information email: [mike@phppullman.org](mailto:mike@phppullman.org). To reserve space at Craft/Vendor Fair email: [ann@phppullman.org](mailto:ann@phppullman.org)**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **FRIDAY JULY 18**

6-10pm **Live music by Crazy Mic @ The Pullman Tavern**

#### **SATURDAY JULY 19**

8am-11am **Pancake Breakfast @ Lee Twp Fire Station on 109th**

9am-3pm **5th Annual Car Show @ the Linking Center 925 56th**

9am-3pm **Craft Fair/Vendors @ the Pullman Town Square**

9am-3pm **Lee Township Cutest Baby Photo Contest** (look for roaming photo board throughout downtown to vote)

To submit baby photo: contact Joan Laraway 269-906-5180 \$10.00 fee to enter

11am-2pm **Pullman History Talk @ Museum** (Pizza Plus parking lot)

10am-8pm **Medieval games and celebration free all day @ MFS Reelplay Center / Sigil Metaphysical(109<sup>th</sup> & First)**

10am-3pm **Younger kids activities outside @ Linking Center**

10am-Noon **Disc Golf** at course behind Pullman Elem. School (Open play, bring your own discs)

11am-2pm **Senior Fun & Lunch @ the Linking Center**

Noon-8pm **Food/Drink Specials, Pet Photo Contest & Raffle @ the Pullman VFW Post 6134 @ 5632 109th**

1pm **Cornhole Tournament @ Pullman VFW** (Registration at Noon) Contact Joan at 269-906-5180

3pm **Movie Matinee @ the Linking Center**



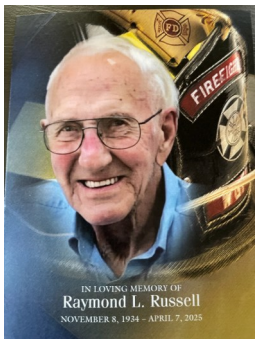
**Be sure to pick up your Passport and Map at the Town Square the day of and check out all the activities, get your card stamped at each location, and drop it off at the VFW to be entered into a drawing for great prizes including \$100 cash. Must be 18 to enter the drawing. Need not be present to win. Drawing will be at the VFW at 5pm.**

### **3 Free Dump Days for Lee Township Residents** (May 17, July 12, and Sept. 20)

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of free dump Saturdays scheduled to clean up their property. 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](http://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.**

#### **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 a 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).
- If you are planning a gathering of more than 100 people, be sure to review the Special Event Ordinance # 2032 Application online at [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org).



This spring Lee Township lost a long time servant of our community. Ray Russell, age 90 of Grand Junction, passed away April 7, 2025. He lived in the Osterhout Lake area for over 50 years. Ray was a long-time member of the Lee Township Fire Dept. and helped establish the second firehouse in southern Lee Township. He gained notoriety as the "fireman with the coffee pot." He also served on the Lee Township Board in several positions including Supervisor and Board of Review member.

### **PHP's New Outdoor Learning Environment (Playground)**

In 2018 PHP opened the doors to the Linking Center; a space dedicated to serving families, with a focus on children. Twenty-five children came each day that fall. Today, the Linking Center is bursting at the seams with nearly 100 children every day. This playground was built with a focus on children living in trauma situations. In addition, this space will be for families from community to gather, play and make memories. As with many PHP projects, there is an amazing God Story about this playground. Come for a tour, we would love to share it with you! Jeff K (PHP Director).



#### **PHP PULLMAN & LINKING CENTER OFFERINGS**

##### **Pantry**

Indoor Pantry Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays - 11pm - 2pm

Outdoor Pantry Hours: Wednesdays 12pm - 1pm

##### **Linking Center Youth Program:**

Vacation Bible School: June 16- 19 10am - 3:30pm

Summer Program (FULL): June 23 - August 14

Back to School Supplies: Accepting applications starting July 14 (contact PHP to apply). Distribution on August 16.

For information on People Helping People programs or activities, please call 269-236-2001 or email [ann@phppullman.org](mailto:ann@phppullman.org) or [melinda@phppullman.org](mailto:melinda@phppullman.org)

##### **Worship Services at the Worship Center (925 56th St.):**

Every Sunday: 10am

##### **Faith-Formation/Bible Study at Worship Center:**

Adults: Thursdays 6:30-8pm

Teen (ages 15-25) Every other Friday- 7-9pm

For information on worship times email

[Mike@phppullman.org](mailto:Mike@phppullman.org).



A beautiful spring day brought the community out to honor our veterans at the annual VFW Post 6134 sponsored Memorial Day

Parade and ceremony at Lee Township cemetery on Monday May 26th. Beautify Pullman also sponsored a free lunch at the Town Square. Lee Township thanks all our service men and women for their dedication and sacrifice.





## NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meetings are open to the public and held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Twp. Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman.
- Additional information @ [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org) or our Facebook page @ Lee Township Allegan County MI.
- Fennville District Library offers free library cards to Lee Twp. residents.
- Transfer Station hours SAT & SUN 9am - 3pm.
- The Lee Township newsletter can be viewed in Spanish on the Township website @ [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org).
- Donations for to the Scholarship Fund should be made out to Allegan County Community Foundation with the "Pullman Pride Scholarship" in the memo line, and mailed to ACCF at 112 Locust St. Allegan, MI 49010.

### 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 269-236-6485

Rich Rawson, Supervisor 269-236-6485  
Kathy Blackburn, Clerk 269-365-7102  
Joe Godlew, Treasurer 269-416-1074  
Ann Hatfield, Trustee 269-206-6196  
Ben Lewis, Trustee 269-568-4126  
Heather Jahr, Assessor 616-970-7820  
Dan Poll, Building Inspector 269-673-3239  
Ted Chamberlain, Chief, Fire & First Responder 236-5988  
Ryan Wasilewski, Twp Deputy 269-673-0500  
Lee Township Transfer Station 269-236-6485

Township Ordinances are available at the Township office or can be viewed on the Lee Township website @ [www.leetwp.org](http://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 Chief Ted Chamberlain at 269-236-5988.

Fire District Hearing is July 14th at 7pm at the Twp. Hall.

### CHURCH NEWS

*Check with Churches for updates on service times.*

**Bravo Christian Reform** - 5587 113th Ave., Fennville, Pastor Duane Terpstra. 616-581-5295. Sunday 10am.

**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 Roberto Ortiz, 269-254-7626, Service Sun. 4pm.

**Mt. Calvary MB Church** - 5424 105th, PO Box 36, Pullman, Pastor Knox, 269-599-9304. Sun. 11:30am.

**New Hope Missionary Church-** 558 58th St. Sun. 11am, Pastor Martin Jackson. Bible Study 7pm online.

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

**Pullman Church** - 915 North Ave., Pullman, Pastor Mike Jones. 616-350-0711. 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.

## 2025 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 (NOT THE ABSENTEE VOTER BOX). Receipts will be mailed if requested (write "mail receipt" on envelope). If paying by cash, the Treasurer will be in the office on Wednesday evenings from 5-8pm to accept cash payments. No change provided, so exact payment is required. Debit and credit cards are not accepted.

Summer tax bills will be mailed July 1, 2025. The Treasurer will collect tax at the Township Office on **Wednesdays (5-8pm) and alternate times by appointment**. Interest will be added to taxes paid after **September 15th. POSTMARKS NOT HONORED. Summer Tax 2025 must be paid to Lee Twp. Treasurer until February 28, 2026.**

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](http://www.leetwp.org), and [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org). The form must be filed with the Township Treasurer by September 15, 2025.

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](http://www.leetwp.org).

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### *A Note from Heather Jahr, Lee Township Assessor*

Please be aware of the following:

⇒ Any time a deed or land contract is drafted the Grantee (person or entity acquiring the property) needs to file a Property Transfer Affidavit with the Township Assessor. This document serves as notification of a change in ownership and is paired with the deed recorded at the Allegan County Register of Deeds.

⇒ If you have recently purchased property in Lee Township that is your principal residence, you must file a completed Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit with Lee Township in order to claim the exemption. Forms can be found on the Township website [leetwp.org](http://leetwp.org).

The Assessor has authorized the **Board of Review to convene on July 22nd** (tentative time 6:00pm but check Twp Hall window or website for update). 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.**

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**Election Day is Tuesday August 5th.** Voting will take place at the Lee Township Hall from 7am-8pm. On the ballot for Lee Township voters will be the renewal of the 2 mill road millage for 3 years, which was first approved in 2009, for road upgrades and maintenance for the 24 miles of asphalt roads within Lee. Voters residing in Fennville School District will vote on a 25-year, \$22.35 million bond issue, which would drop by 0.5 mills, resulting in a decrease in tax rate for residents. *Please be sure to vote.*

### **Pullman Elementary Improvements**



As part of the Bloomingdale Public School 2024 Bond Proposals approved by voters, construction began on a new parent drop-off/pick-up loop and parking lot, as well as secure front entry. Updates should be complete before students return next school year.

**Lee Township Newsletter**  
**877 56th Street**  
**P.O. Box 427**  
**Pullman, MI 49450**

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

Baylor Buddy Johns	Midwest Fun Stuff
Cemetery Monuments Sales	Mobile Gas Station
Champs Pet Care	Nikki's Chair
Channing Event Center	North Street Storage
Country Life Natural Foods	Pizza Plus
Dave's Tree Service	Preferred Market
Diamond Supply Station	Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Dollar General	Richwood Contracting
El Arcoiris Del Sabor	Rusty Rocket Brewing
El Arcoiris Supermercado	Shed Crafter
El Buen Taco	Shek Law Office
Home Sweet Home Cleaning	Sigil Metaphysical
InterCare Community Health	Simpasrosa Riding Stables
Iva's Place Dog Boarding	SND Cleaners
JMJ Cleaning Service	Stellar Overhead Door
Laraway & Son Movers	TLC Cleaning Services
Little Land Homestead	Taqueria La Tia Linda
Loretta's Family & Friends Diner	Truguard Gutter Services
Maynard's Custom Concrete	The Willow Ranch
MFS Reelplay Arena	VFW Post 6134

**DID YOU KNOW.....**

**AA Meetings** held every Wednesday 7pm, 915 North Ave. Contact Trevor at 989-429-588. All are welcome.

**Ambulance Service**-Sign up for annual Lifecare+ Membership at [www.lifeems.com](http://www.lifeems.com) and click "Explore Memberships" at the bottom of page. Cost per family \$60 with insurance or \$95 without insurance.

**West Michigan Ministries (WMM)** provides food, clothing, and household goods the 3rd Wed. of each month, 5-6pm. Contact Carlos Lopez @ 616-834-2604 or email [Los5471@yahoo.com](mailto:Los5471@yahoo.com).

**Need a Ride?** Community Action offers seniors rides for medical appointments on a donation basis. Contact # 269-673-5472 ext. 261. Allegan County Transportation Services offers transport for \$1 one-way for seniors within the county, \$2 non seniors, and \$5 one-way for rides out of the county. Contact # 269-673-4229.

**Pullman Town Square**  
**Food Trucks &**  
**Free Concerts**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Black River Band**  
**El Buen Taco**

**July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Live Bait Band**  
**Taqueria la Tia**  
**Linda**

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Michael & Sophia**  
**McIntosh**  
**Hoggs Nest BBQ**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Jimmy Savage Band**  
**Dog Waggin'**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Michael Hulett**  
**Smoke'n Joes BBQ**

**Food Opens at 6pm**

**Live Music 7-10pm**

**Hosted by Beautify Pullman**



**Farmers Market**  
**Saturdays 9am-noon**  
**June 21 to August 30**

**Fresh Produce**  
**Baked Goods**  
**Farm Fresh Eggs**  
**Local Cider**  
**Plants**  
**Live Music**  
**& more**

**at Pullman Town Square**