



Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring/Summer 2026

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 DEE WESBEY PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Makenzie Barnes was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Makenzie, a Bloomingdale HS graduate, plans to attend Davenport University to study nursing and work toward a masters degree to become a psychiatric nurse practitioner.



Lorena Sustaita was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Lorena, a Bloomingdale HS graduate, plans to earn a certificate in cardiovascular perfusion.



Alex Martinez, a Bloomingdale graduate, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Alex plans on becoming an automotive technician by attending Grand Rapids Community College in the fall pursuing a degree in Automotive Technology.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION JULY 17-18

The 26th Annual Pullman Pride celebration will be held the third weekend in July (July 17-18) and will include a pancake breakfast, annual Car Show, craft fair/flea market, activities for children, and live music. Funds raised support the Pullman Pride College Scholarship program.

For questions, email annhatfield23@icloud.com. This is a community-wide event and everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy.

There is still time to get involved! For Car Show information email: mike@phppullman.org. To reserve space at Flea market/Craft/ Vendor Fair email: ann@phppullman.org



Schedule of Events (as of this print date)

FRIDAY JULY 17th

Live music by the Gun River Band @ The Pullman Tavern 7-9pm

SATURDAY JULY 18th

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

9am-2pm -6th Annual Car Show @ the Linking Center 925 56th

9am-3pm -Flea Market/Craft/Vendor Fair

-Lee Twp's Cutest Baby Photo Contest (Look for roaming photo board downtown to vote for your favorite) . To submit baby photo: contact Joan Laraway 269-906-5180/ \$10.00 fee to enter.

10am-10pm -Renaissance Faire free all day @ MFS Reelplay Center/Sigil Metaphysical (5581 109th St.)

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

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

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

GUN RIVER

BAND

CLASSIC • COUNTRY • ORIGINAL

Live @ The Pullman Tavern

Friday July 17th, 7-9pm

All proceeds go to the Pullman Pride College Scholarship Fund!

Fiber Projects in Lee Township/Allegan County

Reliable broadband service for Lee Township has been a priority in the Township's Master Plan for a decade, and the results of years of planning are coming to fruition.

There are several fiber projects running simultaneously in Lee Township. Vendors working in the township include Mercury Broadband, Midwest Electric & Communications (MEC), and Bloomingdale Communication. These projects are currently funded by Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), USDA Reconnect grants, and ROBIN Grant Program in Michigan.

The Pullman area, not included in the areas covered by grants listed above, is being serviced through a partnership between Lee Township, 123.NET and Allegan County. The Pullman area was not eligible for grants as it was deemed "serviced" by Frontier. The Township initiated a feasibility study in 2022 to challenge that determination as it was clear our residents were not being adequately provided for.

Lee Township was one of three townships with a representative on the Allegan County's Broadband Action Workgroup (BAW), which began its work in August of 2021. On June 9th, 2022, the Allegan County Commissioners voted to support a plan Lee Township submitted to match the township's ARPA funds, together providing the Township with over \$850K to invest in fiber access. Lee Township then secured a partnership directly with 123.NET and broke ground on an over \$2M project to connect homes and businesses in Pullman. A key component to the Pullman project is residents pay no fees for the cost of bringing the line to their home. This project ran simultaneously with Allegan County's efforts to connect the rest of the county with fiber access. 123.NET began running fiber in the Pullman area late 2025 and early 2026. As of April 15th, 223 properties were connected to fiber.

If you are not sure who is operating in your area, the best source of information is the Allegan County website. <https://www.allegancounty.org/connect/projects/broadband-internet-access-project>

LEE TWP WELCOMES DEPUTY KEVIN LAFORGE

Kevin grew up in Plainwell and attended Western Michigan University as well as the Police Academy at Grand Valley State. Prior to police work, Kevin was an EMT for an ambulance company for 4 years in the Wayland area. He looks forward to meeting and serving the people of Lee Township.

The Township extends its sincere appreciation to Deputy Wasilewski for his dedication and service to the citizens of Lee Twp. and wishes him the best.



2026 Election Information for Lee Township Residents

Lee Township voters will have the opportunity to vote in the August Primary Election and the November General Election in 2026.

Election Day Voting Location
Lee Township Hall, 877 56th Street, Pullman, MI

August Primary Election

Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Early Voting for both elections will be held at:
Fennville City Hall, 125 S. Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408

August Early Voting Dates: July 25 - August 2
Polls are open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November Early Voting Dates: October 24 - November 1
Polls are open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Residents may choose to vote early, vote absentee, or vote in person at the polls on Election Day.

To check your voter registration, request an absentee ballot, update your mailing address, view a sample ballot, track the status of an absentee ballot, and access other voter tools, visit: <http://mi.gov/vote>.
For general election information, visit:
<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections>

Keeping your mailing address up to date is especially important if you receive election mail somewhere other than your Lee Township residential address.

In the coming weeks, the Clerk will be mailing **Voter Information Cards** to all registered voters in Lee Township. This mailing is part of the Township's ongoing effort to keep voter records accurate and up to date. These cards will arrive as postcards and will include the "Official Election Mail" logo. Please note that these cards cannot be used as identification at a polling location, they are meant to be informational to the voter named on the card.

If you receive a Voter Information Card for a named individual who does not live at that residential address, please mark the card "Return to Sender" and place it back in the mail.

Because these postcards are official election mail, cards returned to the Clerk's Office as undeliverable may be used as information that the voter may have moved. If that happens, the Clerk will send a notice of cancellation to the voter's Michigan address. If the voter does not respond and does not have any voting activity by the second even-year federal election following the notice, the voter's registration is canceled. After the notice is sent, the voter is marked inactive but may still vote until the cancellation process is complete.

Are you interested in serving as an election poll worker? The main requirement is that you must be a registered Michigan voter and of voting age. This year, Lee Township will need election workers who are willing to work daytime shifts for early voting, as well as either a morning or evening shift on Election Day. Anyone interested in serving as an election poll worker can email the Clerk at clerk@leetwp.org.

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 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 on the Township website @ www.leetwp.org.
- Donations 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 cleanup.

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
Zach Clark, Chief, Fire & First Responder 269-447-6974
Kevin LaForge, 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.

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 Firefighter/First Responder contact Chief Clark at 269-447-6974.

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.

2026 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 5pm-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, 2026. The Treasurer will collect tax at the Township Office on Wednesdays (5pm-8pm) and alternate times by appointment. Interest will be added to taxes paid after September 14th. **POSTMARKS NOT HONORED.** Summer Tax 2026 must be paid to Lee Twp. Treasurer until March 1, 2027.

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 14, 2026.

Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption - Beginning January 1, 2025, the exemption once granted, remains in effect without subsequent annual reapplication by the disabled veteran or unmarried surviving spouse. The exemption continues until rescinded by the property owner or revoked by the assessor. (Note any special assessments do not apply to this exemption). Call the Township office or get the form from our website @ www.leetwp.org.

The Assessor has authorized the **Board of Review** to convene on July 21 (check the Twp Hall window or website for time). 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.**

The annual **Memorial Day** Parade was held Monday May 25th, sponsored by the VFW Post 6134. Citizens lined the streets to pay their respects to our service men and women on a beautiful summer day. A solemn ceremony also took place at the Lee Township cemetery. Beautify Pullman held a short service and free lunch at the Town Square. Lee Township thanks all our servicemen and women for their dedication and sacrifice.



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

Ambulance Service-Sign up for annual Lifecare+ Membership at 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.

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 transportation 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.



Food Trucks & Free Concerts at Pullman Town Square

Saturdays 2026

July 11 th	The Black River Band El Buen Taco
July 25 th	Michael Hulett Smokin' Joes BBQ
August 1 st	Cut N' Loose the Band Hoggs Nest BBQ
August 8 th	Michael & Sophia McIntosh Pizza Plus

**Come for dinner & free concerts
Adult beverages for sale**

Pullman Town Square
5593 109th Ave
Pullman MI
info@beautifypullman.org

Free Outdoor Movies @ Pullman Town Square

June 19 Moana	August 14 Toy Story
July 10 Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse	September 11 Back to the Future