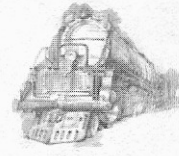


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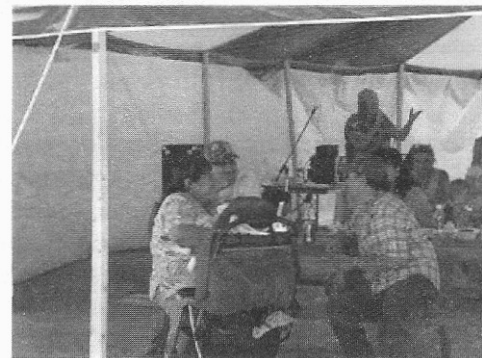
PULLMAN PRIDE DAY WHAT A GREAT SUCCESS!!

The Pullman Pride committee (Pam Rawson, Hope Curley, Janice Curley and Shirley Kay) would like to thank the community for supporting this annual event. Special thanks go out to all the businesses, churches, Bloomingdale Public Schools and community members who volunteered throughout the day. Congratulations again to Sandra Echevarria, our scholarship winner and Jeannie Martin our 50/50 raffle winner!

Thanks to all the 2007 donors!!

IOOF Energy Lodge 509
Holiday Tree Farms
Rawson Bros. Auto Parts
Chuck Pugh
Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd
Larson's Hardware
Jessie Lowery
New Hope MB Church
Lower Scott Lake Association
Alline Carter
Hope Curley
Terry's Auto Sales
Dorcus Palmby
Mike & Janice Baum
George Huffman
Birds Eye Foods
Big E's Karaoke
Baylor Buddy Jon's
Bell's Grocery & Jim Rawson
Ray of Light Church
Lee Township EMS
Lee Township Fire Department
Lee Township COPS & ACSD
VFW
Bloomingdale Public Schools
Sarah Benson
Studio 109 & Forever Tan
The Pullman Tavern
Northwood's Café
Pizza Plus
Nolans' Part Store (items from Miller driver)
Walker Tire
Clementine's
West Pullman Grocery
Scoops
Preferred Market
Pat Knapp's Excavating

Bellita's Taco & Grocery
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Jillian's County Clips
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Country Life Natural Foods
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Rick Irely
Back Door Video
Wal-Mart of South Haven
Tammy Liebbe
Christ & Bruce Saip
Family Links
Girl Scouts
Allegan County Mental Health
Habitat for Humanity
Casco Township-rides for seniors
Pullman Elementary School student council
Students from Bloomingdale HS (fulfilling their community service commitments)



Top: Performance at the Karaoke Tent. Below: The Smoke House provided by Lee Township Fire Department



Pullman Pride Day pictures....



Top: Children enjoying the Moonwalk. Below: Deputy Arnsman, Deputy Wagner and Deputy Greene handing out free literature and answering questions about the Hover Craft on display.



UPCOMING EVENTS.....

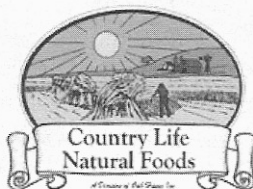
3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY SOCIAL & HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING- DEC. 7TH

Once again the streets of Pullman will be lined with colorful Greeting Cards for all those to enjoy who come through town during the months of December and January. Anyone interested in painting a greeting card should contact the township offices ASAP! All residents of Lee Township are invited to come out and celebrate the beauty of the season at the community social schedule for **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 8 PM.** The social will take place in the parking lot of Pizza Plus. The community is asked to park across the street in the parking lot to avoid congestion. Residents will enjoy the hot chocolate and cider and homemade baked goods, along with musical entertainment from Pullman Elementary students and the Rawson brothers leading us in carols! The live manager scene will be back for a second year and the evening would not be complete without the lighting of the holiday tree and a visit from Santa himself! We look forward to seeing everyone there!!

OTHER NEWS.....

HABITAT HOUSE NEAR COMPLETION!

Allegan County Habitat for Humanity, a Christian, non-profit organization has nearly completed the first home to be built in Lee Township. Thanks to all that volunteered in helping the family move into their new home!



Oak Haven/Country Life Upcoming Classes.... Food Demonstrations, Health Presentations, & Samples November 2007 – January 2008

- December 2: Holiday Happenin's
 - January 20: The Wonderful World of Whole Grain Bread- Held in the Faith Hall, 671 52nd Street, Pullman from 4 – 6 pm. No charge for class, donations welcome
- By Reservation ONLY – Limited Seats, so call early.**

For more information, contact mail@clnf.org or 1-800-456-7694

Bloomington School Dates:

- Nov 21 – Teacher Professional Development Day –No School
- Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving recess –No School
- Dec 24 – Jan 4 – Christmas Holiday recess – No School
- Jan 7- School resumes
- Jan 18 – End of First Semester ½ day for students
- Jan 21 – Teacher Professional Development Day – No School
- February 22 – Teacher Development Day – No School

Featured Church

GETTING TO KNOW.....

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Pastors Steppney Black

It is a good day to come to the knowledge of Jesus, who is called Christ. Whosoever will confess that Jesus is the Christ, can be born to God. New Hope Missionary Baptist Church is a spirit filled church and welcomes all to come and worship. Every fifth Sunday the Youth of the Sunday School Class conduct the Morning Service.

Everyone is invited to our annual Christmas program on December 23rd, where the youth will present a pageant and exchange gifts. This Christmas the adults will not exchange gifts, but will make monetary contributions to a fund to be used to buy gifts for nursing home patients, the local angel tree program, and also to make a contribution to a needy family. The youth will visit the Metron of Bloomingdale Care Center to distribute gifts and sing carols.

CHURCH NEWS

Bravo Christian Reform-1317 56th St, Fennville, Pastor Don Jabaay, 236-5500. Service Times: Sunday 10am; House of Mercy (emergency food and clothing) Wednesday 12:30-3pm; Family Night Worship/free dinner Wednesday 5:30pm;

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church-558 58th, Pastor Steppney Black, 236-5693 or 5722. Service Times: Sunday School 9:30am; Morning worship 11am; Bible Class and Prayer Service Tuesday 6pm.

Pullman Bible Church-5508 109th, Pastor Jeff Stephens, 236-0409. Service Times: Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11am; Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30pm.

Pullman Christ Gospel Church—915 56th St. (P.O. Box 102), Rev. Fred & Mary Hoyt, 236-6316, 236-5701. Service Times: Sunday School 10:00 am; Sunday service 11:00 am and 6:00 pm; Wednesday night service 7:00 pm; Friday night service 7:00 pm.

Pullman Country Chapel-5769 106th Ave, Pastor Henry Lopez, 236-9869. Service Times: Sunday School 10am and Worship Sunday at 11am & 6pm and Wednesday at 7pm; ladies prayer meeting every other Friday at 7pm; children's program the 2nd Saturday of each month from Noon-2pm.

Ray of Light Church-886 60th St., Pastor Mary Hoots, 236-6966. Service Times: Sunday Worship 10am-Noon and 6-8pm; Family Training Wednesday 6:30pm.

Seventh Day Adventist Church-671 52nd St., 236-5011, Pastor Mike Szykowski, 1-888-222-5605. Service Times: Saturday Bible Study 9:20am and Worship at 11.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

2007 Winter Tax Collection

Winter Tax bills will be mailed December 1st. Please check bill upon receipt. Corrections should be noted to the Assessor or Treasurer prior to the December Board of Review hearing.

The Treasurer will collect tax at the **Township Office** on **Tuesday (9 am. -12 pm.) and Fridays (9 am – 5 pm)** the months of December, January and February. A 3% penalty will be added to winter taxes paid after **February 14th**.

****Unpaid Summer 2007 tax can be paid to the Township Treasurer through February 28, 2008 (with added interest of 1% per month beginning September 2007)**

December Board of Review will be held on December 11th, time will be posted in the near future.

CLEAN TEAM COMPLETES YEAR ONE OF SERVICE

The monthly Lee Township "Clean Team" has completed their first year of community service. Formed in 2006, it was a concern over the growing roadside trash problem and a desire to form stronger community bond that led the clean team to form. As a result, the 2-hour monthly pick up activity has resulted in much cleaner looking roads in the main areas of the township. The monthly clean up's take place from April through October and many truck loads of trash have been hauled to the recycle station.

Because of the number of regular participants we have only been able to keep the main drive-through areas of 109th and 56th picked up on a regular basis," says coordinator Donna Allgaier-Lamberti. "If we can attract more volunteers we can do a better job on the outlying areas." More volunteers are needed. This is community service opportunity for scouts, school or church groups, especially high school students who need volunteer hours to graduate. IF you are unable to participate in the monthly group clean ups due to health or work related issues, you may simply volunteer to keep the roadsides near your residence picked up and take that trash to the recycle station. The clean team asks that those who place garage sales signs at the corner of 109th and 56th, please remove them after the sale. To volunteer call Donna Allgaier-Lamberti at 236-0325 or email her at wordspicture@yahoo.com

"We do not need to seek a position of power in order to help the world—each of us is surrounded with opportunities to serve. Ghandi said, "Almost anything you do will seem insignificant but it is important that you do it."

From the book- Chop Wood-Carry Water

NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the Township Hall and are open to the public.
- Be sure to check out the official Lee Township Website for additional information at: www.leetwp.org.
- Fire Department reminds residents that they need 10ft clearance to get a fire truck up a driveway (truck is 32ft long).
- Anyone with information for the newsletter can call the Township office at 236-6485 or email to leetwp@i2k.com or send to P.O. Box 427 Pullman, MI 49450.
- Transfer Station hours (all year round) are 9 am-3 pm Saturdays and Sundays only (No Wednesday Hours).
- Pullman Branch Library is open Tues. & Thurs. 2-6 pm and Sat. 10am-Noon.

General Township Information

Lee Township borders are 60th St, 48th Street, Baseline Road and 112th Avenue, encompassing 23,040 acres and 2000 reported population of 4,114. Lee Township is home to Pullman Elementary school; Lower Scott Lake (township lake park and beach, public boat access) Upper Scott Lake (public boat access), Osterhout Lake (public beach and boat access), Lester Lake Clear Lake and Springbrook Lake, as well as Middle Branch of the Black River. Lee Township Cemetery is located at 53rd and 105th Avenue.

Township Board Members & Department Staff

Township Office 236-6485

John Schlaack, Supervisor 236-0987
Jacquelyn King, Clerk 236-6446
Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614
Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693
Donna Christiansen, Trustee 236-5734
Doug Brousseau, Assessor 699-7619
Paul Shamblin, Building Inspector 628-5255
Nelvin DeWeerd, Fire Chief 236-5492, Ted Chamberlain, Asst Chief 236-5988
Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477
Phil Arnsman and Bill Greene, Twp. Deputies 673-0500
Lee Township transfer station 236-6485

Township Ordinances (hard copies are available at the township office or the official Lee Twp. website)-
#2003 Disorderly Conduct
#2009 Motor Vehicle Code
#2011 Animal Control
#2012 Anti-noise & Public Nuisance
#2013 Trash & Leaf Burning
#2016 Curfew
#2017 Plumbing Code
#2020 Cemetery
#2021 Dangerous Buildings
#2022 Litter
#2023 Vehicle Storage & Repair
#2024 Salvage Yard
#2025 Blight Elimination
#2026 Single Family Residences
#2027 Motor Vehicle
#2028 State Construction Code

Lee Township Regular Board Meetings Synopsis of Minutes

June 11, 2007 – Regular Meeting

Approved Motions:

Motion was approved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2007

Motion was approved to receive the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion was approved to authorize the Treasurer to purchase the necessary supplies and labor in regards to the printing of tax bills.

Motion was approved to authorize the Treasurer to have the informational flyer for the mailing of the tax bills.

Motion was made to approve the firework permits requested by Curley and Rawson with the understanding that they would provide their own liability insurance.

Motion was approved to pay the bills in the amount of \$70,981.24 which included the reimbursement of \$28.75 for the Fire Department.

July 9, 2007 – Regular Board Meeting

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2007 with the correct of the date from the 12th to the 11th.

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 25, 2007.

Motion was approved to receive the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion was approved to have Treasurer chair the remainder of the meeting in the absence of the Supervisor.

Motion was approved to authorize the clerk to publish the July Board of Review notice in the local paper.

Motion was approved to Land Split for Knapp.

July 9, 2007 Meeting Minutes continued.....

Motion was approved to authorize payment of the bills with the addition to the General Fund for \$80.25 to the Allegan County Treasurer's office for tax bill supplies.

July 26, 2007 Special Meeting

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss a question that Supervisor Schlack had been presented with by local Realtor regarding a piece of property for sale in the Vio Ashdale Subdivision – parcel 760-017-00. Buyer would like to get permission to build dock in front of lot.

No action was taken.

August 6, 2007 Special Meeting

Purpose of the meeting was to review the information regarding the ownership of the property along the edge of parcel #760-017-00 in Vio Ashdale Subdivision.

Motion was approved to draft document agreeing for the use of the property under the stated terms and waiving all liability to Lee Township.

August 13, 2007 Regular Board Meeting

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 9, 2007.

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting dated July 26, 2007.

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting dated August 6, 2007

Motion was approved to receive the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion was approved to authorize the use of legal services of Attorney Amanda Haverdink with cost not to exceed \$100.00 per hour with the contact person to be Supervisor Schlack for routine township matters.

Motion was approved for the Land Division for Harris.

Motion was approved to authorize payment of bills as presented.

Motion was approved to authorize the Clerk to issue payment of wages for the recent election.

September 10, 2007 Regular Board Meeting

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the August 13, 2007.

Motion was approved to receive the treasurer's report as presented.

Motion was approved for the Land Division for First National Acceptance Co.

Motion was approved to authorize the payment of the bills as presented.

Motion was approved to authorize the Clerk to publish the request for bids on the Fire Engine (pumper) per the request made by the Fire Chief.

FEATURED ARTICLE.....

In honor of the upcoming Veteran's Day holiday November 11th, resident Lester Rawson has researched and written an article about Lee Township Civil War Veterans.

The Civil War, Michigan and Lee

*Lester Rawson
Rawson Bros. Auto Parts
Lee Township Resident*

The American Civil War of some more than 140 years ago, had a profound effect on America that drastically changed our lives forever. This was the beginning of the income tax, other taxes, the banking system, the Federal Reserve, paper money and the expansion of the railroads just to name a few.

As I've toured civil war battle fields, I was awed by the huge monuments dedicated to Michigan soldiers involved in the war. At that time I became aware of the thousands of Michigan Soldiers of all races, even Native Americans that fought in the Civil War. This made me wonder if maybe we had some Civil War Veterans right here in our own little township of Lee.

Our cemetery caretakers thought there were, in the old section of the cemetery. So this past Memorial Day I spent some time in the old section to see if I could determine where those sites might be. I did discover a newer headstone placed beside a very old head stone with the inscription of one "David Dokey, a sharpshooter." His birth date could indicate that the years were correct for him to have served in the Civil War. Sharpshooter units were a part of the Civil War, as they were formed up on both sides through the war. They were both feared and respected.

I also discovered an unknown soldier headstone which surprised me, as unknown soldiers, those unidentified, were generally buried on the battlefield where they fell. He had a star near his headstone. I'm sure there is a story behind this gravesite.

I pursued my search for more information with the Allegan County Historical Society, which provided me with names of who to call for more information about the possibility of Civil War Veterans in our Lee Township Cemetery. I also learned that; yes, there were Civil War Veterans lain to rest at the Lee Township Cemetery and also that those stars did indicate that they were Civil War Veterans.

A complete official version of the minutes can be requested from the Township office or downloaded from the official Lee Township website www.leetwp.org

Featured Article "Civil War Veterans of Lee Township
Continued.....

So, there is no doubt that we have Civil War Veterans in our cemetery and with this information it brings home to this very township the facts of involvement of our former citizens in the Civil War.

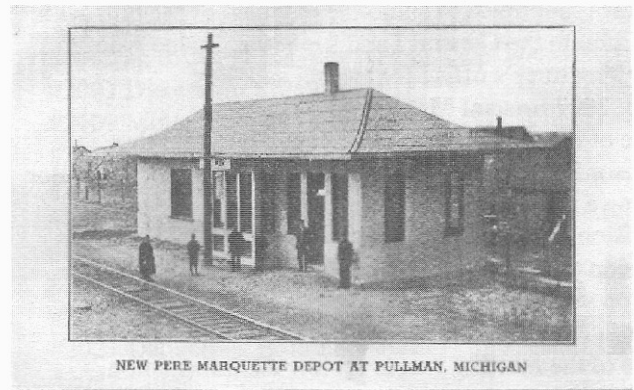
We can no longer think a long time ago, in a land far away, there was a civil war fought by nameless men. Those individuals who are resting at Lee Township Cemetery are a testimony to their and our community's involvement in that war.

These young men, in their time frame of history, participated in events that have forever changed the course of this great nation. So, one might say that during the great battles of that war, we were there....

David J. Dokey- Originally from Cassopolis, Michigan. He enlisted in Company I of the 1st U.S. Sharpshooters on September 11, 1862 in Cassopolis for three years at the age of thirty.

He fought at Blackburn Ford, Chancellors Ville, Gettysburg, Kelly's Ford, Mine Run, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and many other lesser known battles, after the war.

It is reported that he was involved in the lumber business for a time until his death. Perhaps more information will surface about Lee Township resident's involvement in the Civil War, but I'm already proud of those folks who were a part of our community and contributed to their place in history.



If seeing any of these old photos from Pullman has motivated you to write an historical article for an upcoming newsletter we'd be delighted to hear from you! Contact Jackie King at the township office with your ideas so we can share them with the community.

3RD ANNUAL LEE TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SOCIAL AND HOLIDAY
TREE LIGHTING



FRIDAY DECEMBER 7TH 8:00PM

*CORNER OF 56TH & 109TH
(PIZZA PLUS PARKING LOT)*

Schedule of Events:

- *Welcome – Nelvin DeWeerd, Fire Chief
- *Invocation – Pastor Jeff Stephens, Pullman Bible Church
- *Holiday music performed by Pullman Elementary Students (K-2)
- *Special performance by The Rawson Brothers
- *Lighting of the Holiday Tree by none other than Santa Claus!

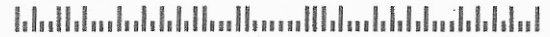
***Be sure to join us for hot
chocolate & cider & home
baked goodies too!***

***Get your photo taken with
Santa Claus!***

***You won't want to miss the live
manger scene!***

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