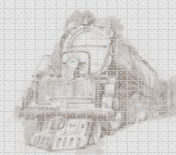


Lee Crossings



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/ Winter 2009

5th Annual Lee Township Holiday Social and Tree Lighting

It's almost time to bundle up and come on out to enjoy the sounds and tastes and spirit of the season. All are invited to the 5th Annual Holiday Social and Tree Lighting **Friday December 4th at 7:00 pm** at the corner of 56th & 109th (Pizza Plus Parking lot).

Once again downtown businesses will host a **Holiday Open House from 5:00-7:00 pm**. Each of the participating businesses will be open and offering a holiday snack to welcome you. Please take time to walk to the businesses in the downtown area and get to know the owners. Have your "stamp card" stamped at each business you go to and turn it in to the drawing box located at Pizza Plus or turn it in at the start of the social at 7:00 pm for your chance to win gift certificates and prizes from local stores. Three winners will be drawn at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Social. You must have ALL your squares stamped to be eligible to win. **Here is the schedule of events:**

5:00-7:00 pm	Business Open House
7:00 pm	Holiday Social Welcome
	Invocation
	Caroling at the live manger scene
	Musical performances by Pullman Elementary students
	Arrival of Santa (with a special treat for each child present)
	Lighting of the Holiday Tree
7:30pm	Winners from the Business Open House announced

HOLIDAY BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE "STAMP CARD"

Visit each business from 5-7 pm Friday Dec. 4th and get your card stamped. Turn it in to the drawing box at Pizza Plus or at the social by 7:00 pm Friday December 4th to win. We will be giving away over \$150 in gift certificates and prizes! (Must have all squares stamped to be eligible to win!)

Name _____ Phone # _____ Address _____

Pizza Plus	The Pullman Tavern	
Preferred Market	Merry Christmas	Back Door Video
	Pat Knapp's Excavating (& Rosewood Florist)	Fresh Start Gospel Church (next to Cericola's Banquet Hall)

Pullman Pride 2009

The following businesses and community members made contributions whether monetary or in items used for the silent auction: Belita's, Rawson Brothers, Holiday Tree Farms, Bell's Grocery, Terry's Auto Sales, Chuck Pugh, Jessie Lowery, Lower Scott Lake Association, Mrs. Earl's Greenhouse, Dave's Tree Service, Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd, Eva Pacholski, Energy Lodge, VFW Post 6134, Osterhaut Lake, Al's Total, Preferred Market, Nolan's, West Pullman Grocery, Pullman Tavern, Scoops, Saugatuck Dune Rides, Studio 109 & Forever Tan, The Lost City of Holland, Chris & Bruce Saip, Northwood's Café, Clementine's, Larson's Hardware, Laraway House Moving, Country Life Natural Foods. We would also like to thank Tom Grace for the music, Bloomingdale Schools for the use of the facilities, Bravo Church for the use of the tables, Ray of Light Church for donating all of the proceeds from their food sales, and the many people who donated cakes for the cake walk, and of course YOU the community for coming out spending your money, sharing the day, and promoting Lee Township in a grand way. Congratulations to our 50/50 winner Alma Kelly. To any one we may have missed we apologize. Please know that the day could not have happened without you the unsung heroes of the event. Again our apologies and thanks. We would also like to thank the families of those who worked so hard to prepare for the day; you seem to have to put up with a lot and filled in all those openings. It does not go without our sincere appreciation. Remember to write down your ideas for Pullman Pride 2010 and let's see our committee grow. Please contact Pam Rawson at 434-6477 if you can volunteer; we need your help to make this event a success!



BBQ chicken was one of many tasty treats available.



Children and adults had a sweet time at the cake walk.



Lee Township officers provided a simulated crash experience to promote seat belt safety.



The day started with a hearty pancake breakfast.

Pullman Area Family Community Center

The Pullman Area Family Community Center located at 883 55th St. started many years ago to help those in need. Its source of income has diminished over the years and the center now relies on donations. It is spear-headed by Inez McMann and supported by community volunteers. Its mission is still the same: help those from our community in need. The center provides food baskets on Saturday mornings for a small fee.

Though low in funds, we are high in spirit! This summer volunteers sponsored a yard sale in which we were able to distribute a huge amount of clothing to those in need at a very low cost. Rain hampered our efforts for the family carnival in August but we were still able to sell our delicious Bar-B-Q! Please consider getting involved and donating time and/or resources. Every little bit helps.



Community Center Carnival/Fund Raiser



Featured Church GETTING TO KNOW.....

The Pullman Seventh-Day Adventist Church located at 655 52nd St. welcomes everyone to come and worship the Lord with us. We believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord as expressed in the Bible. The Seventh-Day Adventist Church operates hospitals, schools, colleges, universities, and churches worldwide with a membership over 15 million. The new pastor William Richardson and his wife Joyce have 3 adult children and look forward to meeting and serving the Pullman community.

CHURCH NEWS

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

Fresh Start Gospel Church - 5587 109th Ave., Pullman, Pastor Jimmie Blackston, 269-655-6172. Sunday School and Worship Service 2-4 pm; Bible Friendship Group Service, Wed. 7-9 pm.

Horseshoe Community Bible Church - 4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, Pastor Don Miller. Service Times: Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm.

Mt. Calvary MB Church -5424 105th, Pullman, Pastor Rev. A.G. Bailey, 269-764-0049, Clerk 269-236-5010. Service Times: Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship 11 am; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Tuesdays 5:30 pm.

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

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

Pullman Country Chapel - 5769 106th Ave, Pullman, 236-9869. Service Times: Sunday School 10 am and Worship Service at 11 am and 6 pm and Wednesday at 7 pm; Ladies Prayer meeting every other Friday at 7 pm; Children's Program the 2nd Saturday of each month from noon - 2 pm.

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

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

Worship Services: Sabbath school- Saturday 9:30 am; Divine worship-11 am; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 pm.

NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm 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.
- 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.
- Pullman Branch Library is currently closed for reorganization. Please watch for notice posted at the library for details of its reopening.
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday only (no Wednesday hours).

A special thank you to Gary Melson for his many years of service to the Transfer Station. We wish him well. And a big welcome to Heather Melson. Heather comes to the position with considerable hands-on experience working in the transfer station.

Cemetery Rate Increases:

Grave Opening:

Resident -\$350.00 Weekday/ \$425.00 Saturday

Non-Resident -\$475.00 Weekday/ \$550.00 Saturday

Cremation:

Resident - \$175.00 Weekday/ \$200.00 Saturday

Non-Resident -\$225.00 Weekday/ \$250.00 Saturday

Lots -Resident- \$75.00

Lots - Non-Resident - \$ 500.00

General Township Information

Lee Township borders are 60th Street, 48th Street, Baseline Road and 112th Avenue, encompassing 23,040 acres, and the 2000 Census reported a population of 4,114. Lee Township is home to Pullman Elementary School; Lower Scott Lake (township 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

Steve Miller, Supervisor 214-6276

Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk 236-6446

Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614

Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693

Bruce Ferguson, Trustee 434-6507

Doug Brousseau, Assessor 699-7619

Paul Shamblin, Building Inspector 628-5255

Nelvin DeWeerd, Fire Chief 236-5492

Ted Chamberlain, Asst. Fire Chief 236-5988

Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477

Mark Lytle and Kevin Franck, Twp Deputies 673-0500

Lee Township Transfer Station 236-6485

Township Ordinances (copies are available at the township office or can be viewed at the official Lee Township 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 - replaced with #2029

#2021 Dangerous Building

#2022 Litter

#2023 Vehicle Storage & Repair

#2024 Salvage Yard

#2025 Blight Elimination

#2026 Single Family Residences

#2027 Motor Vehicle

#2028 State Construction Code

#2029 Cemetery

LEE TOWNSHIP TREASURER NEWS

2009 Winter Tax

Tax bills will be mailed by December 1st. The Treasurer will collect tax at the **Township Office** on **Tuesdays 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 tax paid after February 16th. *****Payment must be received by due date; postmarks are not honored.**

****Unpaid Summer 2009 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 15 2009).**

Beginning March 1, 2010, unpaid taxes (Summer & Winter) become delinquent and must be paid to the **ALLEGAN COUNTY TREASURER**, with an additional 4% administrative fee and 1.5% interest per month. You can verify the correct amount to be paid by contacting the County Treasurer's Office at 673-0260 or www.allegancounty.org.

Deferring Penalty and Interest

Qualifying Senior Citizens or Permanently Disabled Persons may defer penalty and interest on tax payments until April 30th on **Homeowner's Principal Residence only**. Notify the Township Treasurer to request a **Deferment Application** when you receive your tax bill.

Carefully review your tax bill for errors on P.R.E. or T.V. All errors should be reported to the Assessor (269-699-7619).

The December Board of Review will meet December 14, 2009 at 5 pm. to correct any mutual mistake of fact or clerical errors on tax bill.

What's People Helping People?

You may have noticed over the last year the PHP sign in front of the large building on 56th just north of 109th. Ken and Judy Draisma purchased the building and formed a not-for-profit agency called People Helping People. Their main goal was to provide space at a reasonable cost to those who offered programs that could benefit the Lee Township community. Since the inception of PHP they have hosted two annual summer pig roasts to bring the community together for a meal and celebration (and hopefully raise a few funds through donations). They have been instrumental in getting Love, Inc. into the building and offering services to the community including a personal needs closet, and food pantry; and soon Love, Inc. will be offering a mentoring program. In partnership with We Care and Casco Methodist Church, Love, Inc. offers open enrollment to participate in Life Skills Classes. Since Love, Inc. opened its doors on June 3rd, they have provided services to 485 families. You have the opportunity to witness God's work at hand; just come in and visit on Wednesday or Friday, noon to 3:30 pm or call 269-355-2731. Also in the PHP building AA meetings are held on Wednesday nights; Ladies Bible Study is held Tuesday nights; and the Housing Resource Center (to help those who need help with household projects) meets every other Thursday. Rebekah Walton is available the second Wednesday of each month to assist local seniors with a variety of needs (DHS assistance, Medicare questions, weatherization and emergency needs). You can reach Rebekah by phone at 269-673-3333. Any group or agency with a goal of helping the community that needs a place to gather or anyone interested in volunteering their time should contact Dave Fackler, executive director of PHP at 269-455-9755. For more information check out their website at www.phpeople.org.



Annual Community Pig Roast sponsored by People Helping People

CLEAN TEAM UPDATE

Submitted by: Donna Allgaier-Lamberti

The protection and safety of our land, air and water is the overriding mission of the Pullman Clean Team.

The Clean Team has been facing a handicap the past few months - not enough volunteers. Fewer volunteers equates less pickup man-hours of roadside trash during a time of busy summer roadway use and more trash on the roads. As a result we have only been able to stay on top of the main four corners of the downtown area, near 109th and 56th. If each able citizen picked up trash near their home or business, thirty minutes to one hour per month, we would be able to make great headway on the Pullman Beautification program. *Please help!*

We live in the community we build. Each decision we make has its consequences. Do we chose to recycle our waste (*rather than burn the toxins into the air*)? Do we compost our kitchen scraps (*rather than fill the landfills unnecessarily*)? Do we take our auto oil and tires to a certified recycle station (*rather than dump them somewhere where they will hurt the land and ground water*)? Do we make the right choices to keep our drinking water clean? These small individual choices create a big difference over time. These choices effect each of us, as well as our children and grandchildren and make the difference in OUR community for a lifetime. *Please make the choice to act responsibly.*

As the Clean Team ends their work for the 2009 season (and their third year of cleanup efforts) we thank those that have faithfully volunteered their time and energy. We ask that community members continue to volunteer throughout the year to "Adopt Their Roadside" and keep the roads near their home or business clean. If we are all mindful and pitch in, our whole community will benefit as well as those who pass through.



Martha Cerda, Pullman Love Inc. Coordinator and two of her children in front of the Love Inc. booth at Pullman Pride.

FEATURED ARTICLE.....

A bit of Pullman history, submitted by Elverta Maas

Sylvia's Place is a safe house named for a woman from Pullman who was the victim of domestic violence. Sylvia Allen moved to Pullman, Michigan from Chicago after her mother died in 1985 to be near her father. She found a house on 58th Street that would accommodate her five children—4 girls and 1 boy. Within a year Sylvia met a young man and started dating. He became controlling and possessive and eventually physically abusive. Sylvia knew she had to take steps to remove her family from this situation. She embarked on the challenge of getting her G. E. D. through the Adult Education Program at Pearl School. She graduated at the top of her class in the winter of 1989 and planned to go to college. She also learned to drive. Sylvia's boyfriend felt he was losing control of her. Their relationship reached a crisis point when Sylvia learned her boyfriend fathered a child with a 16 year old. She tried to break off her relationship with him. On the night of January 20, 1989 Sylvia's boyfriend held her hostage in a wooded field near her home throughout the night. She managed to escape from him and went to her father's house and called the Michigan State Police. When the police arrived at the house they did not find the boyfriend there. Sylvia's father also searched in vain to locate him. Sylvia and her father began the large task of moving her possessions out of the house. On a return trip to the home Sylvia's oldest daughters Tanya and Katie went along to help pack. Neighbors also assisted with the move. As everyone was busy packing the phone rang. As Sylvia answered it she was shot in the temple. Her boyfriend had hidden in the house waiting for her return. Sylvia was pronounced dead on arrival at Allegan General Hospital. A victim of domestic violence. She was 28 years old. The other victims of domestic violence were her 5 surviving children ranging from 3 to 13 years of age. The home was surrounded by police. The boyfriend was found dead with a gunshot wound to the head. Sylvia was a cycle-breaker of domestic violence and poverty. She was ambitious and had dreams for her family. Allegan County opened a shelter in memory of Sylvia on October 1996 for victims of domestic violence. Sylvia's Place honors her spirit, dedication and dream of a better life for her children. It serves as a refuge, a stepping stone to freedom from the cycle of abuse. Sylvia's children recently contacted Sylvia's Place and came to visit on August 29th. Sylvia is buried in the Lee Township Cemetery. *Does anyone know where?* There was never a grave marker placed; however her family would like to place a headstone at the location. If anyone can help locate the grave please contact the Lee Township office at 236-6485.

Township Road Committee Report

At the September 14th township board meeting, the final road report was submitted to the township board. Copies of the report were also distributed to the citizens at the meeting. Committee members were Sally Lacy, Babe Laraway, Chuck Pugh, Les Rawson and Ray Russell. Copies of the full report are available at the township office.

Some of the highlights of the report were a description of the present conditions of the roads that the township is responsible for; a survey of all of the township roads; a review of present costs for repairs; and recommendations to the township board for possible future action. Some interesting facts about the township roads are that the township is responsible for maintaining 65 miles of roads. There are 19 miles of paved roads and 46 miles of gravel roads. The cost of repaving the roads in the worst condition is approximately \$1,800,000. The cost of protecting paved roads that show wear is \$220,000 for seal coating and the value of the township's paved roads at today's prices would be \$3,500,000.

At present there is a section of 102nd Avenue between 48th and 49th Streets that is one-lane which passes over a creek. The estimated cost for making this section of the road two lanes is \$180,000 which includes a concrete box culvert.

The township does not have the funds to repair or maintain its roads at present.

Safety Tips From the Lee Township Fire Dept--

Be prepared for the winter heating season by

1. testing your smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors;
2. having your chimney cleaned if you burn wood; (Creosote from smoke can cause a chimney fire.)
3. having a family evacuation plan in case of a fire with an outside meeting place.

If you have questions about fire protection contact the Lee Township Fire Department at 236-5988. Everyone have a safe winter season!

Rainforest Assembly at Pullman Elementary School Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Families will have the opportunity to see animals up close and learn about a variety of wildlife including alligators, monkeys and birds. There will be a daytime assembly and two evening shows for families at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm at a cost of \$5.



Safety Patrol student at Pullman Elementary School Senior Luncheon.

Holiday Happenings

Fun Foods for the Holidays- Free Country Life Cooking Class Sunday November 22nd from 4 to 6 pm at Oak Haven, 686 52nd St., Pullman. To register call 1-800-456-7694 ext. 326.

Craft Fair- Looking for crafters, vendors, and home business owners. On Saturday December 5th a craft fair will be held at the Pullman Elementary School. All proceeds will go to organizations within the school such as PTO, Student Council, Safety Patrol, and 4th Grade Mackinac Trip. This day is being sponsored by Emily Rawson as her Senior Project. Contact Emily at 269-434-6477 to sign up for a Booth or with questions. A booth will cost \$15.00 and one item for the silent auction.

Pullman Elementary School Christmas Program- Friday, December 10th. Performances at 1:30 and 6:00 pm.

Pullman VFW Afternoon With Santa- Saturday, December 12th from noon to 4 pm. All are welcome to come and see Santa and receive an early Christmas gift.

Senior Luncheon- Pullman Elementary will host a Seniors' Luncheon on Friday, December 11th at 1:15 pm. Please call Mrs. Curley at 236-5785 to sign up.

Lee Township Regular Board Meeting Synopsis of Minutes

June 15, 2009- Special Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and accept bids for the repair of the Lower Scott Lake Dam.

Motion was approved to choose Compton's in South Haven and not to exceed 16,000.00 for repair.

July 13, 2009 - Regular Meeting

The board approved minutes and treasurer's report from June's regular meeting.

The land division for the Wesbey property was approved as presented by the assessor.

The board approved the clerk to pay the bills as presented.

August 10, 2009 - Regular Meeting

The board approved the minutes and treasurer's report from the July meeting.

Items that were approved by the board included; increase in building permit application fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00; publishing of the Park/Transfer Station position; waiving the township's portion of land division fee of \$75.00; the drafting of the deed for the donated church on 56th Street; authorization for the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Notice

of Intent for the purpose of the grant process in regards to the proposed new fire station/township hall; repair of new pump at cemetery; consent given to VFW to serve alcohol in their fenced in area during summer month; pay the amount of \$500.00 for the beach portion of Osterhout Lakes weed treatment; annual physicals for fire fighters and lastly the approval to the clerk to pay the bills as presented.

August 17, 2009 - Special Meeting

The purpose was to discuss the recent donation and planting of flowering bushes to the cemetery.

The board approved cemetery appointment for Sandy Anderson, Eva Pacholski, Elverta Maas and Janice Curley.

August 19, 2009 - Special Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to answer questions regarding the 45 day referendum and the process of apply for the grants to fund a new fire station/township hall The board approved the purchase of the Wesbey property in the amount of \$40,000.00 and the signing of the resolution including publishing the Notice of Intent in the Allegan County News.

September 14, 2009 - Regular Meeting

The board approved the minutes and treasurer's report from meetings during the month of August.

The board approved to authorize the clerk to publish the Ground Rules for the Cemetery as well as the land division for Garcia 56th Street as provided by the Assessor.

Other motions included accepting the additional quote from Compton's for the additional work required on the Lower Scott Lake Dam in the amount of \$1250.00; permission for hook up of water to the VFW with the application fee of \$500.00; replacement of 7 water meters there where mal-functioning in the amount of \$1991.00; and filling the position of Park/Transfer Station Superintendent with Heather Melson. Lastly, the board approved and authorized the payment of the bills as presented.

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained on www.leetwp.org or at the township office.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Al's Citgo
Back Door Video
Baylor Buddy Johns
Belita's Market
Bell's Grocery
Bodtke Farms
Cericola's Banquet and Hall Rental
Clemons Blueberries
Country Life Natural Foods & Store
Dave's Tree Service
Dream House Development
H & F Electronics
InterCare Community Health Network
Jillian Country Clipn's
LaTienda Store
Laraway & Son Movers
Larson's Hardware
Maynard's Customized Concrete
Mrs. Earl's Greenhouse
Nolan's Party Store
Northwoods Café

Pat Knapp's Excavating
Pizza Plus
Preferred Market
Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Rawson Brothers Auto Parts
Rosewood Floral & Gift Shop
Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
Simpsarosa Riding Stables
Studio 109- Forever Tan
T & J Trucking
Terry's Auto Sales
Thin-Spin Productions
Walker's Tire & Lube
Warner Camp
West Pullman Grocery

Larson's Electrical and Hardware was first opened in 1959 by Gus and Elsie Larson. Later Vern and Ilene Larson bought it making it Larson's Hardware in 1976. After 50 years we are still open and in the original building. Thanks to all our customers who help keep the store going.