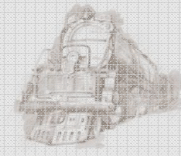


Lee Crossings



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter 2010

A Holiday Social Not to Be Missed

The Annual Lee Township Community Holiday Social will take place on Saturday December 11th from 4pm-7pm at Pullman Elementary School. The Township Holiday Committee, VFW, Love, INC, People Helping People (PHP), and Pullman Elementary School have joined forces to provide the community with a fantastic opportunity to come together and celebrate the joy of the holiday with one another under one roof.

Pullman Elementary School students will kick things off with their musical program, led by Mrs. Holly Grover, from 4-4:45pm in the school gym. A light supper will follow in the cafeteria, along with plenty of time for the kids to sit with Santa and receive a gift, as well as take part in a cookie decorating craft, all taking place in the comfort and warmth of the Pullman Elementary School building. At 6:30pm we will move outdoors to light the big tree with Santa and sing carols with the live manger scene. There will also be live reindeer to view. Local businesses have once again generously donated gift certificates for 4 great gift baskets to be raffled off that evening.

This event is free and all residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Any questions contact Lisa Galdikas @236-6119.



Caught a glimpse of Santa getting a jumpstart on holiday decorating

2010 Winter Raffle

On behalf of the Terry Laraway Memorial Fund a winter raffle to benefit Pullman youth is currently underway. You can purchase tickets to win a 32 inch LCD TV or 18V Combo Power Tool Kit. Tickets are on sale at Pizza Plus for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The winners will be announced at the Community Holiday Social on Saturday December 11th at 6:30pm. You need not be present to win.

Holiday Rummage Sale

Fresh Start Gospel Church is holding a Christmas Rummage Sale on Saturday December 4th from 9 am-5 pm at 5581 109th Ave. They will be selling holiday baked goods as well as holiday decorations and a few surprises. Most items will be priced under a dollar. For questions call Mary @ 269-655-6172.



Festive Foods for the Holidays

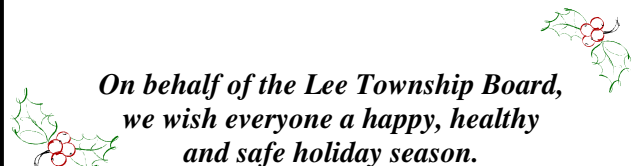
When: Nov. 14th

Where Country Life, Faith Hall, 686 52nd St. Pullman

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

NO CHARGE for classes, donations are welcome.
Call 269-236-8326 OR 1-800-456-7694 ext. 326 to register.

*On behalf of the Lee Township Board,
we wish everyone a happy, healthy
and safe holiday season.*



PULLMAN PRIDE A GREAT SUCCESS

Thank you to the following people and businesses who contributed to the success of Pullman Pride 2010. A total of \$1783.00 was raised for college scholarships.

Sally Lacey
Energy Lodge
Jessie Lowery
Chuck Pugh
Nelvin and Eleanor DeWeerd
Lower Scott Lake Association
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Bloomingdale Schools
Lee Fire, EMS, and COPS
People Helping People
Ray of Light Church
Fresh Start Church
Allegan County Mental Health
Bob Genetski
Pastor Mary Hoots
John Lofton @ J&H Farms
Tom Grace
Bangor Intercare
Pizza Plus
The Lost City in Holland
Saugatuck Dune Rides
Studio 109
Jillian @ The Image Designer
Northwoods Cafe
The Pullman Tavern
Birds Eye Foods
Nolan's Party Store
Pat Knapp's Excavating
Paul Klien
Karam Food Mart
Bravo Church

Thanks to all who baked for the successful cake walk. Anyone who helped and did not get mentioned please do not feel that what you did went unnoticed. We could not have done what we did without you, possibly the unsung deliverer. To our families THANKS SO MUCH!!! You help and put up with all of the stressors that go into planning this event; you do the odds and ends, the fill-in positions, etc. We truly could not do what we do without you.

Pam Rawson & Hope Curley Co-Chairs of Pullman Pride



Crafters with an assortment of gift items



The Pullman Library sponsored a book sale



The Lee Township Fire Department demonstrated fire safety



Local agencies and politicians discuss community needs

LEE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT TEACHES FIRE SAFETY AT PULLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Friday October 8th volunteers from the Lee Township Fire Department taught fire safety to all students at Pullman Elementary School. The students were involved in an interactive presentation on safety procedures. Special thanks to all the volunteer firemen who helped out that day including: Ray Adams, Patrick Curley, TJ Chamberlain, Ted Chamberlain, Scott Simpson, Richard Boeridger, Sam Kasinger and Brent Radney. (photos provided by Brett Smith)



A fun and informative day for students



CLEAN TEAM COMPLETES ANOTHER YEAR

Despite low volunteer turnout, the Clean Team's efforts have not gone unnoticed. Roadside trash and many tires have been removed off the streets of downtown Pullman thanks to Donna and Gene Allgaier-Lamberti and the handful of helpers who come out once a month to clean up. The Clean Team will continue to work on community wide beautification starting spring 2011. Contact Donna Allgaier-Lamberti at 236-5121 or email wordspictures@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

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 Jim 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 Tuesday 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 6:30 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.

LOCAL VFW RAISES MONEY

On October 9, 2010, members of the VFW Post 6134 Pullman, representatives of the Ladies Auxiliary and Friends of Veterans gathered to watch Commander Ed Anderson present a check in the amount of \$3,100.00 to Tammy Grigg, Coordinator for Veterans Services, Allegan County. These funds were raised from the Post's 3rd Annual Motorcycle ride for Veterans. This event is held yearly on the 3rd Saturday in August. If you are interested in next year's ride, contact the Post for information for this very worthy cause.

NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman 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 open Monday- Friday, 3 - 6 pm and Saturday, 10-12 pm. Fennville District Library now offers free library cards to Lee Township residents.
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday only (no Wednesday hours).

Cemetery

Reminder: grave sites must be kept within the rules that are posted in the cemetery or available in print at the township office.

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; Springbrook Lake; and 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 214-1250
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 Ray Ratamal, Twp Deputies 673-0500
Lee Township Transfer Station 236-6485

*The Lee Township Board
welcomes all comments and suggestions either
by mail, e-mail, fax or left at the office.*

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

2010 Winter Tax

Tax bills will be mailed by December 1st. The Treasurer will collect tax at the **Township Office** on **Tuesdays (9am – 12pm) and Fridays, (9am - 5pm)** the months of December, January, and February. A 3% penalty will be added to winter tax paid after February 14th. Payment must be received by due date, postmarks are not honored.

Unpaid Summer 2010 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 15, 2010).

Beginning March 1, 2011, 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. Verify the correct amount to be paid by contacting the County Treasurer's Office at 673-0260 or www.allegancounty.org.

Defer penalty and interest

Qualifying senior citizens or permanently disabled persons may defer penalty and interest on tax payments until April 30th for **Homeowner's Principal Residence only**. Notify the Township Treasurer to apply for a **Deferment Application** at the receipt of tax bill.

102nd Now Open

102nd between 48th and 49th is now open to 2-way traffic. Two years ago the two metal culverts were blown out in a heavy rainfall. The road was temporarily reopened to one-lane traffic.

Since 102nd is a township road, the total cost of the repair was the township's responsibility. The estimated costs were \$180,000. With the help of the county road department, a Michigan Economic Development grant was secured. The cost to the township would be \$24,000.

Ron Meyer Construction was awarded the contract by the township board in July and construction was started in September. An 80 foot ditch 20 feet wide and 12 feet deep was dug and 80 feet of concrete box culverts were placed in the creek bottom. Each of the 10 8-foot sections weighs 30 tons. Many more materials were used such as pea gravel, plastic fabric, rip rap rock, road gravel, asphalt and grass seed.

The township residents should be very appreciative of the grant secured by the county road department. Thanks go out to Bill Nelson, Larry Brown, and Ben Woodhams and for the assistance of Micky Bittner of Wightman Engineering.



Before and after photos taken by Chuck Pugh



Township Road Committee Report

The Lee Township roads have been surveyed by the road committee again this spring. The winter damage was not quite as severe as last winter's. But the roads are not in good shape. This includes the gravel roads as well as the paved roads. The road committee presented a detailed report with cost estimates at the regular September 2009 township meeting. This report is available at the township office. Questions regarding this report can be directed to the committee members: Les Rawson, Ray Russell or Chuck Pugh. The real question is, "So where do we (as a township) go from here?" (A road millage will have been voted on during the November 2nd election. Check your local papers or the township office for those results.)

Winter Safety Tips from the Lee Township Fire Department

Be prepared for the winter heating season by

- testing your smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors
- having your chimney cleaned if you burn wood. (creosote from smoke can cause a chimney fire)
- having a family evacuation plan with an outside meeting place in case of a fire
- not leaving electric heaters unattended
- cleaning out your dryer filters
- changing your furnace filter. This is not only a safety tip, but it can help you save on your heating bill.

If you are in need of a smoke detector or have any question about fire protection, contact the Lee Township Fire Department at 236-5988.

Note: Heating assistance is available for qualified families through the Allegan County Department of Human Service at 673-7700.

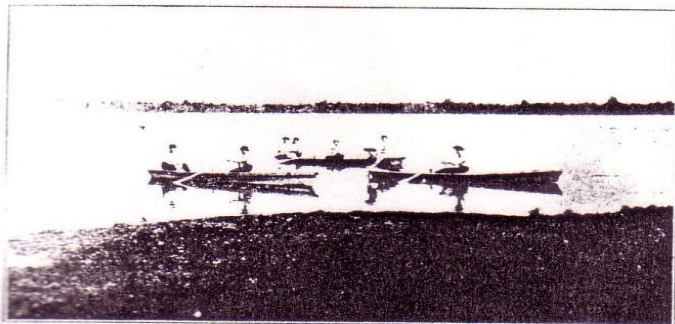
Families needing additional assistance can contact Love, INC at 236-6295 or stop by the office at 943 56th St. Wednesdays or Fridays from Noon - 3:30pm.

FEATURED ARTICLE.....

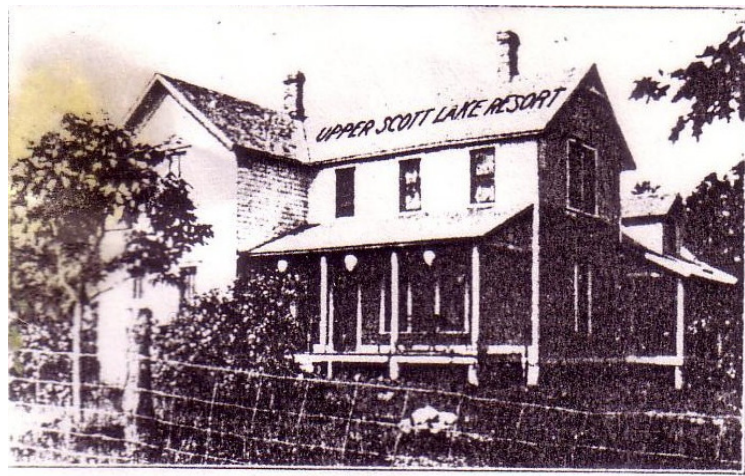
(The following information was taken from historical postcards and photos acquired by the Laraway family. As of this writing, the newsletter committee could not find anyone who had current knowledge about this resort. If you have any additional information, please contact the township office/newsletter committee.)

UPPER SCOTT LAKE RESORT, PULLMAN, MICHIGAN

The Upper Scott Lake Resort is located at Pullman, Michigan, 40 miles from St. Joe, and 130 miles from Chicago on the Pere Marquette Railroad. This place was purchased in 1910, by Mr. William Stein, a retired Chicago business man. For 20 years he conducted a retail shoe business on Wentworth Avenue in that city and, through fair dealings so characteristic of the old German stock from which he descends, accumulated a comfortable fortune and made many fast friends. The first season under Mr. Stein's management this Resort more than doubled the business of any preceding year, and did a full capacity business during the 1912 season. Mrs. Stein, an excellent cook and housekeeper, must, however, be credited with her full share for successful management, while Miss Gutchen Stein, an only daughter, and William Stein, Jr., play prominent parts as entertainers of their guests. The property consists of about 100 acres, with one-half mile frontage on a beautiful little lake, which is perfectly safe for boating, and is splendid fishing grounds. There is a grove occupying several acres, lying between the lake and the hotel, which is about 2 city blocks from the lake. This is one of the coolest spots in Michigan. Boats are at service of guests without charge; the house is arranged for convenience and comfort in every respect, while the table is all that the most exacting desires. No claim is made as to fashion at the Upper Scott Lake Resort; it is perfectly plain in its way, giving good service, plenty of pleasures, and one of the most desirable places for a few days or a few weeks rest and recreation.



STEIN'S BOAT LANDING, UPPER SCOTT LAKE RESORT,
PULLMAN, MICHIGAN.



UPPER SCOTT LAKE RESORT,
PULLMAN, MICHIGAN.

In case you were wondering...

Update on the new fire station

The board is currently waiting for approval from the State Treasury to issue bonds to finance the building project. More information forthcoming.

New sprinkler system at the new park

Akins, Tony Marr and Cornerstone Ag have donated their time and resources to install a sprinkling system in the new soccer field. Their generosity on this project is commendable.

School closures

Bloomington Schools will be closed November 25th & 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday and December 24th - January 2nd for the winter holiday. School will also be closed on January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Newly acquired old church building

Recent repairs to the church/community building have been completed and the community can now move forward with making future plans for the use of the building. Contact Sandy Anderson at 236-5654 with ideas or suggestions. A special thanks to People Helping People for their donated time in completing the repairs.

VFW Afternoon With Santa

The annual VFW afternoon with Santa will be held this year at Pullman Elementary School in conjunction with the Community Holiday Social December 11th from 4 to 7 pm.

Pullman Elementary School Holiday Music Program

The Pullman Elementary School Winter Holiday music program will begin at 4 pm on December 11th at the Pullman Elementary School gym. (In conjunction with the Community Holiday Social).

Book Club forming

The Pullman Library is looking to start a Book Club. Any interested reader is encouraged to call Debbie Laraway @ 236-5590 after 4pm Tuesday through Saturday.

Synopsis of Lee Township Board Meetings

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

June 14, 2010 – Regular Meeting

A motion carried to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of May 10th and Special Meeting May 19th, and the Treasurer's report was received as presented.

A motion carried to approve the printing of the brochure to be placed in the summer tax bills.

A motion carried to approve a one time fire permit for Great Lakes Experimental for their June 26th event.

A motion carried to approve a fireworks permit for P. Nolan upon proof of insurance and permit issued from the State Police.

A motion carried to authorize the Treasurer to place 2 free transfer station tickets in each tax bill.

A motion carried to approve the July 19th Board of Review date and to authorize the Clerk to publish the required notice.

A motion carried to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter of commitment for the grant paperwork on the repair of the 102nd culvert.

A motion carried to increase the monthly wages for the Director of the First Responders to \$400.00, the Assistant Director to \$200.00 and a per call rate of \$15.00 for responders.

A motion carried to authorize the Clerk to pay the monthly bills as presented.

June 23, 2010 – Special Meeting (6:15 pm)

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to get board approval to have the advertisement for bids posted in the Allegan County News for the replacement of the 102nd Avenue culvert project.

A motion carried to authorize the bid request to be published in the Allegan Co. News in the next edition.

June 23, 2010 -- Special Meeting (6:30 pm)

The purpose of the meeting was to go over possible budget adjustments to correct the overages and discuss the direction the Township Board would go with the proposed fire station/township office project.

A motion carried to proceed with the Fire Station project, eliminating the new township offices that were to be included.

A motion carried to have the new fire station plans held until the auditor has submitted the annual report to the State Treasury for approval to issue bonds.

June 30, 2010 – Special Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the newly drafted ordinances by Attorney Schuitmaker. The ordinances were for Noise Control and Regulation on Outdoor Assemblies. No formal motion was made. The Board will review the recommendations made by the Ordinance Committee at the next Regular Board Meeting.

July 12, 2010 – Regular Meeting

Motions carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 14th, and the Special Meetings of June 23rd (6:15pm), June 23rd, (6:30) and June 30th, and the Treasurer's report was received.

A motion carried to sign the CDBG agreement (grant agreement) for the 102nd Avenue Culvert project.

A motion carried to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills as presented.

July 28, 2010 – Special Meeting

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to select the contract bid for the repair of the 102nd Culvert project from the bids that were opened at the meeting on July 22, 2010 at 10:00 am. Seven bids were submitted ranging from \$138,904.55 to \$217,675.50. The bids were placed on a spreadsheet so that they could be compared to select the best bid.

A motion carried to select the bid from Ron Meyers & Assoc. Inc. as the lowest bid, in the amount of \$138,904.55.

August 5, 2010 - Special Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues and complaints that have been brought to the Board's attention regarding the transfer station.

A motion carried to take the meeting into closed session as requested by employee H. Melson. Meeting went into closed session at 6:33 pm and was reopened at 7:30 pm.

August 9, 2010 – Regular Meeting

Motions carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on July 12th, Special Meetings dated July 28th, August 5th and to receive the Treasurer's report as presented.

A motion carried to purchase the materials for the repair of the donated church/building on 55th not to exceed \$1000.00 in repairs.

A motion carried to sign the contract with Fennville Library and submit a payment of \$5,000.00 for Lee Township's portion. This would allow the residents to obtain a free library card instead of paying \$25.00 per family as previously required by Fennville Library.

A motion carried to no longer use the legal services of Attorney Schuitmaker.

A motion carried to adopt the resolution to place the road millage on the November 2nd ballot.

A motion carried to have the Cemetery Sexton repair/replace the freeze pump at the cemetery.

A motion carried to have P. Knapp fill in the gravel on the back road of the cemetery in the amount quoted of \$1200.00.

A motion carried to authorize the Treasurer to file the petition with Circuit Court to have the uncollectible personal property taxes removed from the rolls.

A motion carried to have the 10 year time capsule opened and resealed with new materials for the next 10 years.

A motion carried to approve the land division which was approved by both the Building Inspector and Assessor.

A motion carried to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills as presented.

A motion carried to authorize the Clerk to pay the Election Inspector wages from the August 3rd election.

August 31, 2010 – Special Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss further issues with the transfer station.

A motion carried to dismiss H. Melson from the duties of Parks & Transfer Station Superintendent.

A motion carried to authorize the Clerk to publish the Parks & Transfer Station Superintendent position in the local papers.

A motion carried to accept the written quote for tire removal at the transfer station at \$1.25 per passenger tire.

September 13, 2010 – Regular Meeting

Motions carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 9th and Special Meeting on August 31, 2001, and to receive the Treasurer's report as presented.

A motion carried to authorize the Holiday Committee to purchase 4 new personalized banners with the necessary hardware not to exceed \$400.00.

A motion carried to authorize the Fire Department to spend up to \$700.00 for materials for the Fire Prevention week at the elementary school.

A motion carried to authorize the first payment to Ron Meyers Construction for \$13,333.34 for the culvert on 102nd Avenue.

A motion carried to approve the lot adjustment at 5090 Lake Drive as approved by the Assessor and Building Inspector.

A motion carried to authorize the Clerk to publish the cemetery clean date (Oct 1st) in the local advertising papers.

A motion carried to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills as presented.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Al's Gas and Shop
Back Door Video
Baylor Buddy Johns
Bellita'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
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Hidden Treasure Daycare
InterCare Community Health Network
Image Designer
Karam Food Mart
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Laraway & Son Movers
Larson's Hardware
Maynard's Customized Concrete**

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Mystic View Apartments
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
Sam's Auto
Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
Simpсарosa Riding Stables
Studio 109- Forever Tan
T & J Trucking
Terry's Auto Sales
VFW Post 6134
Warner Camp
West Pullman Grocery**