



Lee Crossings



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring 2010

Said the night wind to the little lamb...

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

A town lit up with holiday decorations;
businesses staying open late to welcome residents with holiday treats;
a live manger scene, with Mary, Joseph, three kings, angel and shepherds with their flock;
a large crowd of adults and children of all ages;
hundreds of gifts donated by many;
our local volunteer fire department giving out gifts, and great big smiles on the children's faces.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy...

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

The Rawson family caroling with their beautiful voices;
Pastor Black offering a prayer and blessing;
Steve Julian sharing the story of the birth of Jesus;
the Pullman Elementary School students singing sweetly;
the sound of the approaching fire truck; and
the Ho Ho Ho's and happy greetings from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I KNOW?

This wonderful community gathering could not take place without the help and support of so many!
Special thanks go out to the Laraway & Bale family, Shannon Dohr and the Kay family, the Rawson family, Ron & Joyce Worth, PVT Trucking and the extended Draisma family, Douglas Christian Neighbors, Hamilton Farm Bureau, all those at Love, INC, Pat Knapp, Tim Looman, Anthony Yukic, Jim Branch, Shirley McMaster, Tony Davison, Tom Militello, Pastor Black, Steve Julian, Vicky Brown and the Pullman Safety Patrol, Stephanie Van Howe and her students, and the Lee Township Fire Department.
A huge "thank you" also goes out to all the businesses that participated in the Open House and donated to the raffle. They include Bill Kennedy @ Back Door Video, Becky Laraway @ Preferred Market, Sue Green @ Studio 109 Hair Salon, Edgar Ajcac @ Belitas Market, Kim Morris @ Northwood's Café, Tom & Pat Nolan @ Nolan's Party Store, Deb Larson @ Larson's hardware, Tom Militello @ The Pullman Tavern, Stephanie @ Karam's Food Mart, Sam Yon @ Sam's Auto, Deb Laraway @ Pizza Plus, and Patti @ Rosewood Floral.

Said the king to the people everywhere...

LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY... *Pray for peace, people everywhere!*

Let the joy and wonder of the season live long in our hearts and be ever present in our community. Happy New Year!



The live nativity scene.



Mrs. VanHowe and students performing for Santa. & Mrs. Claus.



Lee Township Firefighters help hand out gifts.

Lee Township Fire Department News

Volunteer firefighters from Lee Township spent several days at Pullman Elementary School teaching all grades about fire safety. Using their heat detection equipment, firemen simulated a rescue of a teacher from her smoke filled room. Staying safe on the ice, "stop, drop and roll" and working on fire escape plans for their homes were also addressed.

The Fire Department will hold a Pancake Breakfast the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8-11am at Pullman Elementary School cafeteria (March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12). At the March 13th pancake breakfast, there will be free smoke detectors made available to those who might need one, thanks to the Lee Township Fire Department, the Office of Bob Geneski as well as other donors. For questions call Fire Chief DeWeerd at 236-5988 and watch for upcoming flyers.



Lee Township Volunteer Fire Department shared important safety information with students at Pullman Elementary.



The fire trucks are always a big hit with the students at Pullman Elementary.

Welcome New Lee Township Fire Fighters

Lee Township welcomes two new fire fighters. Aaron Waldschmidt and Brent Radny have completed over 200 hours of training for their Fire Fighter I & II State certification.



Aaron Waldschmidt



Brent Radney

County Budget Affects Law Enforcement



Due to recent budget constraints at the County level, we lost one of our Lee Township officers, Kevin Franck, December 31. Luckily we have been assigned a new deputy, **Eric Speese**, who officially started his position here in Lee Township at the beginning of 2010. Officer Speese comes to us after serving 8 ½ years in the Army, then working as an law enforcement officer in Flint Michigan, and has been with Allegan for 2 years. He is married with two children and is quite enthusiastic about working with Lee Township residents.

Road Committee Update

At the Allegan County Road Commission's Planning meeting February 1st, 2010 road improvements were discussed with the township members. In the Lee Township area, 113th from 56th to 60th will be repaved this summer. The 60th street improvement will not be continued from 106th to 109th this summer. As a reminder, the only roads that the county has responsibility for improving in the township are 109th, 56th, 60th, 102nd, and 104th.

Your comments, suggestions and opinions are needed by the road committee. Please let the committee know by sending them to the township office. The committee members are Les Rawson, Ray Russell, and Chuck Pugh.

News from the V F W Post 6134, Pullman, MI
Submitted by Ed Anderson, Acting Commander

The VFW Post 6134 sponsors a wide range of projects each year. The annual Christmas Party for the children in town is a huge project that involves many people. The Friends of Veterans and the Post and many local citizens are included. Christmas 2009 saw more than 350 children come to see Santa and receive a present. The Post also helped 14 families in the Township with Thanksgiving baskets this year. Many thanks to all who participated in these holiday events.

Another large project is the motorcycle run that will celebrate its 3rd year in August, 2010. Last year they raised \$2,900.00 during this event, and the money was donated to the Allegan County Local Veterans.

Don't forget the VFW has sponsored the annual Memorial Day Parade for over 20 years. This year the parade will take place on May 31st and will start at its usual time of 2:30 pm. Look for postings closer to Memorial Day. If you would like to be in the parade, you may leave a message at the Post or call Ed Anderson at 236-5654. We look forward to another large parade and crowd this year.

Lastly, the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary and the Friends of Veterans will be dedicating the new tree that was planted at the park in memory of all Veterans. This will start at 2 pm. on May 28, 2010, and the local school students will also be involved. Hope to see you there.



New Building Waiting for a Purpose

Lee Township was given quite a gift when they received the old Pullman Congregational Church (founded in 1889) on 56th just north of 109th. The question now is "What should we do with it?" Lots of suggestions have already been made, including a Senior Center and after school programs for kids. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer to help get programs started, please contact Steve Miller, Township Supervisor at 236-6485 or email him at

Featured Church GETTING TO KNOW.....

From the desk of the pastor of New Hope MB Church,
Rev. Steppney L. Black

Holy Week Service (March 29 – April 2) under the leadership of Rev. Steppney Black, pastor of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and president of the Ministerial Alliance of Covert and vicinity, will be observed at our designated host church, Second Baptist Church, 1113 Indiana Street, South Haven where Rev Dureya Gibson is the pastor. All are welcome to attend nightly beginning at 7:30 pm.

Easter Service and Children's Program will be at New Hope MB Church in Pullman beginning at 11:00 am Sunday, April 4th.

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 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; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm and Wednesday 7 pm; Ladies Prayer meeting every other Friday 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.
- Transfer Station hours (year-round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Transfer Station Do's and Don'ts

The transfer station is a well used and needed resource for Lee Township. Rates have remained low for disposing of your trash to help encourage residents to keep their property picked up and cared for. Dump tickets have also been made available by the Township. The transfer station also provides a recycling area for cans, bottles and paper. It is CRITICAL that recyclables are CLEAN and are put in their proper container at the transfer station and household refuse is put INSIDE containers marked for that. No garbage of any kind should be left outside the gate before or after hours or along the roadway near the transfer station. Please be courteous to the workers and arrive in plenty of time to unload before the 3:00 pm closing time on Saturday and Sunday. If we all follow these basic rules no additional costs should be incurred to maintain the services the transfer station provides us all.

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 Street 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 Shamblyn, Building Inspector 628-5255
Nelson DeWeerd, Fire Chief 236-5492
Ted Chamberlain, Asst. Fire Chief 236-5988
Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477
Mark Lytle and Eric Speese, 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

2010 Winter Tax Reminder

Beginning March 2, 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.

2010 Budget and Annual Township Meeting Saturday March 27th

10:00 am at the Township Hall

This is an open meeting and all residents are encouraged to attend.

**MARCH 14TH
STARTS DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME**

*Be sure to turn your
clocks forward.*



Share Your Talents and Love of Reading with Others

The Pullman Library has reopened and is open on Saturdays from 12 - 4 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (check the library window for more details). We are located next door to the Lee Township Hall and the Fire Department on 56th Street. Plans include Saturday crafts and story time. New volunteer, Issac Holloway would like to start a chess and checkers group. We are also working on offering enrichment classes starting with "Taking Better Digital Photographs." Additional classes will be offered as time allows and volunteers to teach them to become available. We are hoping 2010 will find you renewing your acquaintance with the Pullman Library! Please contact Debbie Laraway at 236-6206 or 236-5590 after 4pm (Pizza Plus) if you can volunteer your time at the Library.



Come in and see all the resources the Pullman Library has to offer.



Country Life Store Now Participating in SNAP

As of January 10, 2010 we at the Country Life Natural Foods Store are pleased to announce our ability to assist the Pullman community by participating in SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program, formerly known as the food stamp program). We hope this will be a blessing by enabling more residents to have access to high quality, nutritious foods for the best of health. We are located right here in Pullman at 641 52nd St., about a mile and a half south of 109th Ave. So come on by to Country Life...it's not the most *conveniently* located store, but we hope you'll find (as many others have) that the food selections and friendly service are well worth the drive! And let us know if you're a new customer: we'll treat you to a free trail mix of your choice!

Hours: Sunday to Wednesday, 9-5
Thursday, 9-7
Friday, 9-1

Clean Team Schedule 2010

Mark your calendars and come out to help keep your community looking its best! Every little bit helps. We meet on the following Saturdays at the Township Hall.

April 10, 10 – Noon

May 8, 10 – Noon

June 12, 10 – Noon

July 10, 9 – 11

August 14, 9 – 11

September 11, 10 – Noon

October 9, 10 – Noon

Questions—contact: Donna Allgaier-Lamberti

269-236-0325

E-Mail: wordspictures@yahoo.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

(These important dates to remember all have further details found in this issue of the Lee Township Newsletter.)

March 13	Pancake Breakfast
March 27	Annual Township Mtg. and 2010 Budget Mtg.
April 10	Pancake Breakfast and Clean Team
April 16	Deadline for Pullman Pride Scholarship entry
May 8	Pancake Breakfast and Clean Team
May 28	VFW Tree Dedication
May 31	Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Program
June 12	Pancake Breakfast and Clean Team
July 10	Clean Team
July 17	Pullman Pride Day

Pullman Pride Day Saturday July 17th

The annual Lee Township Pullman Pride Day is set for the third Saturday in July (July 17th). Games, activities, vendors and food are available all day for Lee Township residents to come out and enjoy (rain or shine!). This event not only raises money for college scholarships but gives our residents an opportunity to come out and celebrate the pride we have in our community. Anyone interested in either joining this worthwhile committee or is a vendor, crafter, has a food booth, or is in a band and would like to participate please contact Pam Rawson at 434-6477. This is a BIG day that requires BIG help!



Pullman Elementary School hall is filled with crafters for Pullman Pride Day

Attention All Area Lee Township Graduating Seniors--

Eight years ago, Lee Township started Pullman Pride to celebrate our community and bring people out for a day of fun. From this day, an account has been set up for Pullman Pride/Lee Township Scholarships to be awarded to high school graduating seniors who live in Lee Township for continuing education. At least two scholarships of \$500.00 will be awarded.

The criteria is as follows:

1. Must be a graduating high school senior
2. Must be a resident of Lee Township
3. Must complete an essay of 500 words with the theme: What I enjoy about living in a small community like Lee Township. Please include how you have contributed to your community and include a photo of yourself.
4. Deadline for entries is April 16, 2010.
5. Award recipients will be announced at awards night or graduation depending on the school you attend.

Scholarships will be presented after successfully completing one semester of college (within one year of high school graduation). Proof of completion will need to be provided to the committee to receive your scholarship money.

Essays should be mailed to: Lee Township / Pullman Pride
Attention Scholarship
Committee
P.O. Box 280
Pullman, MI 49450

Scholarship winners are encouraged to attend Pullman Pride Day on Saturday, July 17th, 2010.

Sports Programs Made Available through Memorial Fund

Thanks to the Terry Laraway Memorial Fund, several exciting sports programs have been made available to Lee Township youth. This past winter a basketball camp was held at Pullman Elementary where 50 -3rd, 4th and 5th graders participated in scrimmages. The program was run by Heather Laraway and Allison Walle. The camp was free and all students received a T-shirt with their name on it. These students also played at half-time during a Bloomingdale basketball game.

Looking ahead to Spring, any boys and girls, ages 5 to 12 interested in playing Little League should contact Doug Bale at 236-6206 to sign up. This program is also being funded by The Terry Laraway Memorial Fund and will be free to all youth that participate. Anyone interested in coaching should also contact Doug Bale.

Lastly, this fund also purchased the two new soccer goals located at the park (worth \$1,200.00).

Community Improvements Worth Noting

Often times we too busy to notice or quickly forget the strides our Township has made, so here is a quick review.

2008

Abandoned Pullman Industries Building becomes a playground and park.

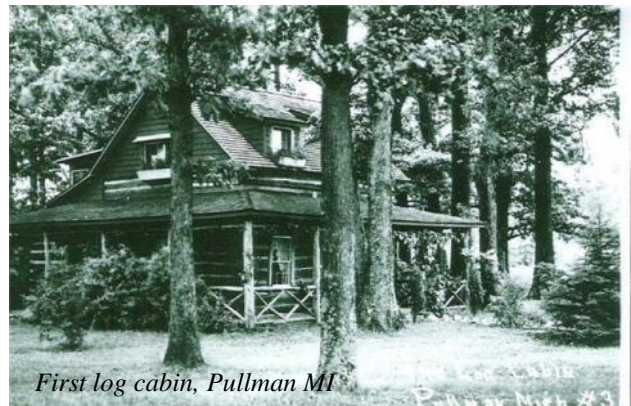
2009

1. Removal of burnt out block building on corner of 109th and 56th Street.
2. Resurfacing 109th between 48th Street and 56th Street.
3. Addition of drainage pipe under 109th at 52nd Street for flooding improvement.
4. Drain extension and ditch addition at 52nd Street for flooding improvement.
5. Purchase of land on 109th Avenue for a new fire station and township hall.
6. Repair and reconstruction of the Lower Scott Lake Dam at the Lee Township Park.

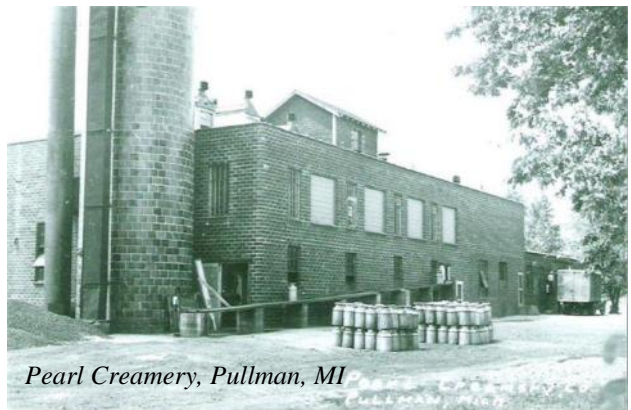
Looking ahead, here are a few projects in the works for 2010.

1. Grant application for the repair of the culvert on 102nd Avenue.
2. Bond and grant paperwork being processed to fund the construction of the new township fire station.

Lee Crossing Newsletter is always looking for people to share historical information about our community for all our readers to enjoy. Here are a couple pictures from Pullman's past. If you an idea for a historical article, please contact the Newsletter committee through the township office.



First log cabin, Pullman MI



Pearl Creamery, Pullman, MI

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NEXT COUNTRY LIFE HEALTH EVENT!

WELLSPRING DIABETES PROGRAM

*Developed by Dr. George Guthrie, M.D., M.P.H., C.N.S.
and Lifestyle Center of America*

Includes cooking demonstrations & samples each evening!

If you or a loved one has Type 2 diabetes, or if you would like to know how to *prevent* diabetes, this program is for you. This program is designed to work hand in hand with your own physician. Instructor: Jorine Rollins, R.N.

Topics include:

The Cause and Symptoms of Diabetes
Stabilizing Your Blood Sugar
From Frustration to Freedom (Carbohydrate Tracking)
Preserving Your Pancreas
The Exercise-Rest Method of Aerobic Conditioning
What Foods Work; What Foods Don't
Metabolic Syndrome (Insulin Resistance)
Practical Weight Loss
Reversing Neuropathy

***When: Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6-7:45pm
March 16-May 6***

Where: Martin Hall 652 52nd St. Pullman, MI

Cost: \$53, includes workbook, textbook and cookbook

**By Reservation ONLY – limited seats, so call early!
To register call **269-236-8326** OR **1-800-456-7694 ext. 326****

Pullman Elementary School Calendar of Events

Mar 15 – PTO meeting 3:30 pm
Mar 17 – 4th Grade Music Program 11:00 – in Gym.
Mar 19 – Jump Rope for Heart @ 9am to 10:30am - Gym
Mar 25 – Kindergarten Round-up @ 11 to 3 & 4 to 6 pm
Mar 31 – Parent Teacher Conferences @ 4pm to 7:15pm

Apr 1 – Parent Teacher Conference 4-7:15 pm.
Apr 5 – 9 Spring Break – No School
Apr 19 – PTO Meeting at 3:30 pm
Apr 23 – Senior Citizen's Luncheon – 1:15 pm
Apr 26 – School Board Meeting -7:30 pm in the Library

May 14 – Senior Citizen's Luncheon at 1:15pm
May 17 – PTO Meeting at 3:30 pm
May 28 – Family Fun Night

Lee Township Regular Board Meeting Synopsis of Minutes

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

November 9, 2009 – Regular Meeting

Motions were passed to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 12, 2009, special meeting minutes of October 26, 2009 and to receive the Treasurer's report as presented.

A motion was passed to table the resolution to Authorizing Issuance of Bonds until more information could be provided by the engineer.

A motion was passed to set the December Board of Review date as December 14th at 5:00 p.m. and to authorize the clerk to publish the notices.

A motion was passed to authorize the Treasurer to publish the township brochure/newsletter to be inserted in the December tax bills.

A motion was passed to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$71,707.31 as presented.

A motion was made to authorize the Clerk to pay the election staff for working the November 3rd election.

November 19, 2009 – Special Meeting

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to sign the resolution regarding terminating the services of Building Inspector Paul Shamblin.

Motion was passed to sign the resolution which will start the process in the acknowledgement of complaints and will follow the proper steps to insure that Mr. Shamblin has a fair opportunity to respond.

December 14, 2009 – Regular Meeting

Motions were passed to approve the Regular Meeting of November 9th, Special Meeting of November 19th and to receive the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion was passed to authorize Asst. Fire Chief to spend \$780.00 from the Fire Department funds to purchase fire prevention materials for upcoming school programs.

Motion was passed to accept the land split for Mulac as presented and approved by Assessor Brousseau and Building Inspector Shamblin.

Motion was passed to sign the loan resolution for RD 1942-47US for the grant/loan process for the proposed new fire station project.

Motion was passed to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills as presented.

January 11, 2009 - Regular Meeting

Motions were passed to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 14, 2009 with minor corrections and to receive the Treasurer's report as presented.

A motion was passed to authorize the Fire Department to purchase a replacement chainsaw.

A motion was passed to suspend the Regular meeting to open the Public Meeting.

A motion was passed to close and adjourn the public hearing, which would be tabled and rescheduled at a later date to insure that information provided to the board members and attorneys can be verified and that consistent information has been provided to all parties.

A motion passed to go back into the Regular Meeting.

A motion was passed to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$53,930.05 which included the addition of \$500.00 for code enforcement.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Al's Gas and Shop
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
Image Designer
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
Sam's Auto
Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
Simpсарosa Riding Stables
Studio 109- Forever Tan
T & J Trucking
Terry's Auto Sales
Warner Camp
West Pullman Grocery**