

# Lee Crossings



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring 2012





#### A PICTURE'S WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

With Spring right around the corner it's almost hard to remember December, until we look back at the photos. What a wonderful holiday season Pullman had. With the Community Holiday Social on December 1st where Kindergarten, First Grade and Fifth Grade students performed to a packed house. The 2nd Grade Pullman Village was on display, 4th Graders held a silent auction, and the Terry Laraway Memorial Raffle winners were announced. Cookies were decorated, stories were read, and of course the "man in the red suit" was available for photos and distribution of gifts. A roaring fire by the live manger scene made hot chocolate and cookies more enjoyable as we listened to the beautiful sound of carols being sung by the manger. The big tree in front of Pullman Elementary was lit and the Lee Township Fire Department took charge of getting Santa back to the North Pole.

There are always far too many people to thank when a community event such as this takes place; but since I have been watching a lot of "awards shows" lately I thought I'd give it a try. Starting off by saying if I forget to mention someone it is not because their contribution was unnoticed, it is just that I only have so much time before they fade in music and cut to a commercial!

Thanks to Pullman Elementary School staff, especially principal Heather Russell, art and music teacher Melony Scholte, custodians Bert and Henry and all the staff who attended. Thanks to our partnerships with Love, INC, People Helping People, and Ridge Point Youth Group for their generosity and assistance in raising funds through a local yard sale. Thanks to our local business who donated items for some fabulous door prize gift baskets—Preferred Market, Pizza Plus, The Pullman Tavern, Studio

109, The Image Designer, Sam's Auto, Gallop's Food Mart, and Chemical Bank in South Haven, and to Tricia & Rex Garcia for the craft baskets. Thanks to Eleanor DeWeerd, Nancy Endress and Debbie Laraway for your hundreds of cookies and Doug Bale for the tent; the Rawson family for your musical talents, Scott Simpson and the Lee Twp Fire Department, Bob & Vicki Lindsey for your continued efforts to raise money for the youth of Pullman; Sue Green and Pat Knapp for your generosity of allowing us to use your property; Tom Laraway and Tim Looman for your help in decorating the town; the Loomans and Jim Branch for once again providing the best Llama in town! Special thanks to Ron & Joyce Worth who make sure Santa arrives safely each year and a heartfelt thanks to a young girl, not even from Pullman, who saw a need and found a way to help and raised money on her own so she could donate over \$600.00 for gifts for Pullman children. To Cassi and the entire Kay family you are a treasure and we thank you for your generosity. Thank you to all those who anonymously donated gifts and for those who showed up and we put you took work that night, Clarisse, Donna & Gene, Martha & Gabe, Rosie & Tom, Diane, Brent, Raven and all of Santa's elves!





Principal Heather Russell and Santa join in on the fun and Clarisse DeYoung reads a favorite story to several children.

Also worth noting...

Love, INC opened an office here in Pullman about two years ago. This past holiday they, along with the help of People Helping People, Ridge Point Church and Community Church of Douglas, adopted 211 Pullman families, providing holiday gifts and food and an evening of sharing a meal and blessings on December 9th. The local VFW also hosted an afternoon with Santa on December 10th with a great turnout. We here in Pullman have so much to be thankful for, especially being good neighbors to one another.



#### LEE TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION UP AND RUNNING

The date was February 4, 2012 when Chief DeWeerd got the OK to move into the new Lee Township Fire Station (on time and under budget). The Chief stated that there will be an Open House sometime around the first of April so keep an eye out for notices and check the Lee Township website for information. The new building has a complete sprinkler system and the new well can fill the biggest truck in about 7 minutes which allows them to respond quicker to fires in Lee and the surrounding Townships. All of the desks in the building were donated by Trendway Corporation out of Holland. The Lee Township volunteer Fire Department currently has 25 firefighters. The new building also has office space for the First Responders, a full kitchen, a conference room area to hold trainings (pictured below) and two bunk rooms. What happens with the old fire station is now up to the Township Board.



If you have any of the following items you'd like to donate to the new fire station please drop them off at the Township Office: dish towels, sheets (twin beds), towels.



## A NEW HOLIDAY TRADITION STARTING IN PULLMAN

Submitted by Debbie Laraway

Our second annual "Christmas Caroling On The Corner" was well attended with representatives of most of Lee Township's churches and a group from Casco as well. We were about 45 strong and sang a medley of favorite Christmas carols. We had a wonderful time and stopped just before we turned into icicles! After singing all of our favorites we warmed up with hot chocolate and cookies at Pizza Plus. Everyone is invited to join us next December for this annual event. It is so much fun, you will be glad you did!

#### AL-VAN HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

For 2011 Al-Van Humane Society documented taking in 128 animals from Lee Township (53 dogs and 75 cats). With an average cost per animal of \$72 which means Lee Township has benefitted from over \$9000.00 in shelter care for our stray, abandoned or owner surrendered animals. A huge thank you goes out to all the residents who have dropped change into the 3 donation boxes for Al-Van located in Preferred Market and Pizza Plus. We collected over \$270 during 2011. Please continue to find ways to give, either through the donation boxes or dropping off needed items at the shelter (see wish list below). Al-Van wants everyone to know that they no longer can keep an outside drop off area open due to state regulations, so please be sure to drop off any animal during business hours (11am-5pm M, TU, TH, FRI; 11am-3pm SAT-closed Wednesday and Sunday). If you need assistance during nonbusiness hours please contact Allegan Animal Control @ 673-0159 or 686-5112. There is no legal ramification for surrendering your animal or bringing in a stray.

WISH LIST: blankets, towels, 13gal. trash bags, 40 gal. trash bags, bleach, laundry soap, paper towels, **Purina** dry dog and puppy food, **Purina** dry cat and kitten food, clay no scoop kitty litter, dog and cat toys, collars and leashes.





Two lucky dogs from Al-Van Humane Society—Willy (on the left) adopted by Sue Green and our senior girl Lucky, adopted by Nancy Endress

#### PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Ten 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 \$500.00 scholarships are awarded each year. Although there is uncertainty as to whether our Township will have a Pullman Pride Day celebration this year, the scholarship will be made available until all funds have been exhausted. If you are a graduating senior and live in Lee Township please read the information below carefully.

#### Scholarship criteria are:

- 1. Must be a graduating high school senior.
- 2. Must be a resident of Lee Township.
- 3. Please include a photo of yourself and a brief statement about your educational goals. Applicants must also complete an essay of at least 500 words that addresses: How has living in Lee Township impacted your life to date and how do you plan to make a lasting impact on your community?
- 4. Deadline for entries is April 20, 2012. Winners will be announced at awards nights or graduation depending on the high school you attend. Recipients will receive their monetary award after successfully completing one semester of college (which needs to be within one year of HS graduation). Proof of completion will need to be provided to the committee to receive your scholarship money.

#### Scholarship essay entries should be mailed to:

Lee Township/Pullman Pride ATTN: Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 427 Pullman, MI 49450

Applications are available at participating High School Guidance offices'



#### THE FUTURE OF PULLMAN PRIDE DAY **DEPENDS ON YOU**

2012 marks the 10th year Lee Township started Pullman Pride Day, the third Saturday in July. And for the past nine years a few people have stepped forward to create a day of fun for all ages, caring and sharing, good food, good music, and an abundance of Township pride. However, to date, no one has come forward to coordinate the event for this year (which would be held on July 21st). If anyone is interested in working on this very important project please contact the Township office at 236-6485 and leave a message with your name and contact information.

#### **CHURCH NEWS**

Bravo Christian Reform - 5587 113th Ave. (113th & 56th St.). Fennville, Pastor Peter DeHaan, 269-235-5037. Service times: Sunday 10 am. Open to all. House of Mercy in conjunction with Love INC (emergency food and clothing) Wednesday 12:30 -3 pm; Family Night Worship Wednesday until April 13th, 5:30 to 6:30 pm dinner. Singing and Bible reading 6:30 - 7:00 and Bible study classes 7:00 -7:30 pm. Sonshine Thrift Store Tues-Sat 10-4. Something for everyone. Donations accepted.

Fresh Start Gospel Church - 5581 109th Ave., Pullman, Pastor Jim Blackston, 269-655-6172. Sunday Worship Service 6 pm; Bible Friendship Group Service, Wed. 7-9 pm. Potluck held second Sunday of every other month.

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.

Little Log Cabin Church-861 56th St., George Huffman, Pastor, 214-4000. Service times: Sunday 11 am and 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm.

Mt. Calvary MB Church - 5424 105th, Pullman, Pastor Rev. A.G. Bailey, 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.

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 11 am and 6 pm and Wednesday at 7 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.

## **Country Life Natural Foods - Pullman** Faith Hall, 686 52<sup>nd</sup> St. / 4-6 pm

#### WELLSPRING DIABETES PROGRAM Free Informational Session-Monday March 5, 6-7:45pm

If you or a loved one has Type 2 diabetes, or if you want to know how to prevent, control or reverse diabetes, this free informational session will inform you about Dr. Guthrie's program-developed at Lifestyle Center of America. This free session will help you determine whether or not you want to attend this 8-week life changing class! Anyone interested should attend. The actual 8-week program begins March 12th. Food demonstrations and samples will be provided each

#### WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CLASSES (with Jay Peterson)

(All classes are free of charge and go from 3-4:30pm and are held partly outdoors so please dress appropriately)

Saturday March 17-Wilderness Survival: WATER Saturday April 14-Wilderness Survival: SHELTERS Sunday May 27-Wilderness Survival: CORDAGE

All events are by RESERVATION ONLY-limited seating, so call early 800-456-7694 x326 or 269-236-8326 or register online at www.clnf.org or by email: patty@clnf.org

#### **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 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.
   Pullman Branch Library has started a book club. Contact Debbie Laraway at 236-5590.
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am 3 pm Saturday and Sunday only (no Wednesday hours).

#### Cemeterv

Reminder: grave sites must be kept within the rules that are posted in the cemetery or available in print at the Township office. Look for notices regarding Spring clean-up dates.

#### **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 236-6485 Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk 236-5129

Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693 Bruce Ferguson, Trustee 434-6507

Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614

Heather Mitchell, Assessor 269-978-8274

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 Ross Mysliwiec, Twp Deputy 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

All unpaid taxes are now delinquent and should be paid to the Allegan County Treasurer 673-0260 or www.allegancounty.org.

#### **Board of Review Dates**

March 12th, 9 am-12 pm and 1pm -4 pm March 14th, 1 pm - 4 pm, 6pm - 9 pm

Annual Budget Meeting and Meeting of the Electors-Saturday March 31, 2012 at 10:00 am at the Township Hall. The meeting of electors is a time for any and all residents to come ask questions and discuss concerns related to the Township business.

#### LOVE, INC WORK IN PULLMAN

Submitted by Martha Cerda

Pullman continues to be blessed by local and surrounding churches. We have increased local and rural church partnerships. This past year New Hope Missionary Baptist Church provided 195 Thanksgiving meals, with additional staff support from Oakland Christian Reformed Church, to local Pullman families. We continue to receive blessings, in addition Ridge Point Church and Community Church of Douglas adopted 211 families for the Christmas season.

During this winter alone we have referred over \$35,000.00 in heat assistance to partner agencies such as the Department of Human Services, Kalamazoo Diocese and We Care. We are currently seeking partnerships or ideas on how to raise money for the upcoming winter season. Please feel free to contact Martha Cerda at Love In Name Of Christ at 269-236-6295.

#### WHAT'S NEW AT THE PULLMAN LIBRARY

Submitted by Debbie Laraway

The Pullman Library has been the lucky recipient of a grant by the Michigan Humanities Council. We have received 5 copies of the book ARC OF JUSTICE, by Kevin Boyle, which the Library Book Club read and discussed at their December meeting. The Michigan Humanities Council connects people and communities by supporting quality cultural programs. They have supported communities through family reading programs, special cultural and historical exhibits, book discussions, author tours, scholarly lectures and mentors, films, cultural celebrations, school programs and performances that have reached millions of Michiganders. We, at the Pullman Library, are thrilled to find ourselves part of all this! The book recounts the story of Ossian & Gladys Sweet, a negro family who purchased and moved into a home in a white neighborhood in 1920's Detroit. When a mob gathered to drive them out Mr. Sweet defended his home and family. A white man was shot accidentally and thus begins the story of race, civil rights and murder. The story continues to be relevant to us today as we confront such issues of intolerance and injustice with old and new minorities. We have interesting materials at the library for our patrons concerning Ossian Sweet and his trial.

The Pullman Library Book Club will be reading a book by Clare Adkins, formerly of Casco Township, OUIET TRUTH. This is an account of a murder/suicide that occurred in the Fennville area several generations ago. We will be meeting with the author in April when he visits our area and will be able to have a question and answer session with him about the book and some of the other books and articles he has written. Mr. Adkin is a historian and retired schoolteacher with an interest in the history of this area. He has also written a book about the religious group, The House of David, who owned property in Lee Township, as well as an amusement park in Benton Harbor. The House of David were also famous for their winning baseball team.

Also of note, the library has started a preschool reading program with the Hidden Treasures Day Care. Volunteers have a story time with the children using our large and varied selection of books at the library. It has proven to be fun for the kids and the volunteers. If this sounds like something you'd like to do or you are interested in joining the Book Club please call Debbie at 236-6206 for more information.

WATCH FOR FRESH START GOSPEL CHURCH'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE JUNE 8-9 LOCATED AT 5581 109TH

The VFW sponsored **Memorial Day Parade is Monday** May 28, 2012 and will start at 2:30 p.m. as usual with the ceremony at the Lee Township Cemetery immediately following the parade.

#### 2012 Clean Team Dates

Volunteers are asked to meet at the start time at the Township office (always weather permitting).

April 14th-10 am May 12th-10 am June 9th-10 am July 14th-9 am August 11th-9 am September 8th-10 am October 13th-10 am

Please note this is a committee with great intentions but without helping hands cannot continue to actively pick up roadside trash during the spring/summer/fall to help keep our community looking good. The commitment is just 2 hours once a month and you don't have to commit to every month. If you have a teen that needs to do community service, this is the perfect opportunity. All we ask is that a parent or grandparent participate with their child (including bringing them and supervising them). You can reach Donna or Gene at 236-5121 from 9am-6pm or email at donnaallgaierlamberti@gmail.com.

FROM BLIGHT TO BEAUTY
(Brought to you by the Pullman Clean Team and People Helping People)

Imagine colorful summer flowerpots and fall decorations of scarecrows, pumpkins and bales of hay to honor the season with a touch of beauty as well as build pride in our community. We are seeking input from business owners, governmental bodies and residents to discuss how you might become involved in this Township beautification project. Please join us for a planning discussion on Saturday March 31st at 11:00 am at the People Helping People/Love, INC building on 56<sup>th</sup> St (following the annual township meeting). We need time, talent, and donations (soil, flowers, fertilizer and tools and later pumpkins, and straw.) The high school students from Ridge Point Community Church of Holland will assist us this summer in weeding, planting and positioning of hand painted flower planters made from recycled tires. We hope to plant flowers in mid to late June and build an Autumn Harvest décor in early October. Save your old clothes and think about a theme for your fall display! Will you join us on March 31st at 11:00 am and help make a difference in your community?

Call Donna at 236-5121 for questions or details.

## FEATURED ARTICLE...... WALKER TIRE, LLC BETTER THAN EVER



Photo of Walker Tire October 17, 2011

Walker Tire, LLC opened its doors for the first time in Pullman on April 17, 2005. Bobby and Brenda Walker had a successful auto repair and tire shop for 6 years until an electrical fire burned their shop to the ground on October 17, 2011. It didn't take long before Pat Knapp Excavating was called in to clear the debris and Lenny Cericola's Dream House Development put up the new beautiful red pole barn you see today. The Walkers worked diligently to get the interior ready for its reopening at the end of February. Today the Walkers are proud to offer not just a tire shop but an auto repair shop providing oil changes, minor auto repairs, exhaust work and welding. The Walkers would like to thank their loyal customers for their patience during the rebuild and look forward to serving new customers for years to come.



Photo of Walker Tire, LLC taken on February 13, 2012

#### **Pullman Elementary School Important Dates**

March is Reading Month at Pullman Elementary where volunteers from the community will come in and read to the students. Two spirit weeks are planned (March 5-9 and March 26-29) in which many special activities will take place.

- March 22 is Reading Night at Pullman Elementary.
- March 30-April 6 is Spring Break (school resumes 4/8/12).
- April 13 is a Blood Drive. All are welcome.
- April 20 school hosts a Senior Luncheon at 1:00pm. Please call school to reserve your seat.
- April 25 is Kindergarten registration 4-7 pm.
- April 26 no school for Preschool and Kindergarten; Kindergarten registration 11 am-3 pm.
- April 30-May 4 is the Scholastic Book Fair.
- May 3 is a ½ day for students and parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon.
- May 11 school hosts a Senior Luncheon at 1:00pm. Please call the school to reserve your seat.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> no school in honor of Memorial Day.
- May 29-31 the dental van will be at school.
- May 31 is the 4th Grade trip to Mackinac Island
- June 7 is a  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for students and the last day of school.

#### Are You Ready for a Tornado?

Here are tips provided by the American Red Cross for what you can do to prepare for such an emergency.

\*Pick a place where family members could gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be your basement or a center hallway, bathroom or closet on the lowest floor. Keep this place uncluttered.

\*Stay tuned for storm information on your local radio or TV station.

\*A tornado **WATCH** means a tornado is possible in your area. When a tornado WATCH is issued be alert to changing weather conditions such as blowing debris or the sound similar to that of a freight train.

\*A tornado **WARNING** means a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area. Go to safety immediately. If you are inside go to your designated emergency spot (described above). If you are outside and cannot get inside lie flat in a ditch or low lying area. If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety.

\*After the tornado passes watch out for fallen power lines.
\*Every household should assemble a Disaster Supplies
Kit containing: first aid kit, canned food and a can opener,
several gallons of water, blankets or sleeping bags, battery
powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries, special items for
infants, elderly or the disabled, and written instructions on how
to turn off electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to.



New Lee Township office sign finally arrived several months after severe wind damaged the old one.

#### Lee Township Regular Board Meeting Synopsis of Minutes

#### October 10, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting

Motion was made to have Treasurer Lowery chair the meeting.

Motions were made to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated September 12th and to receive the Treasurers' report as presented.

County Commissioner gave update on the jail project. Congressman Geneski gave an update on the state's budget. 5 calls were taken by the fire department for the month and 21 calls answered by First Responders. No deputy report. Transfer station took in 73 tickets and \$358.00. The Road Committee presented recommendations to the board for next year's road repairs. Consumers Energy notified the Township that they will be installing new energy saving bulbs in our street lights.

A motion was made to authorize Cemetery Sexton to get an estimate by Koops' Well Drilling for repair of the well pump.

Motions were made to approve all three land splits presented.

A motion was made to approve the payment of the bills as presented.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

#### **November 14, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Motions were made to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting dated October 10, 2011 and receive the Treasurers' report as presented.

5 calls were taken by the Fire Department for the month and 22 call were taken by the First Responders. No deputy report. The transfer station took in 83 tickets and \$576.00. The Township is still looking for someone to step up and coordinate Pullman Pride Day. The new Township building sign is to be installed within the next two weeks. December Board of Review was set for December 13th at 11am. A motion was made to authorize the Clerk to publish the Board of Review notice in the newspaper.

A motion was made to authorize the Treasurer to print and publish 2500 notices that go out with the winter tax bill. A motion was made to approved the payment of the bills as presented.

A motion was made to publish advertisement for snow plowing bids at the new fire station location.

A motion was made to authorize payment for partial payment #3 to BCI to be paid for the amount requested after the approval from USDA.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

#### December 12, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting

Motions were made to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting dated November 14th and to receive the Treasurers' report as presented.

A copy of a contract was presented by John Lohrstorfer from Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall & Seeber, a legal firm from Kalamazoo, for the board to review for representation of the Township with ordinance enforcement.

County Commissioner gave an update on the balanced budget. Supervisor Miller reported for the deputy that 93 complaints were taken . There were 11 fire calls and 18 calls handled by the First Responders. The final inspection for the new fire station is to take place December 13. Transfer station took in 58 tickets and \$411.00. The annual Holiday Social on December 1st was very well attended. Community giving has resulted in over \$270.00 being donated to the Al-Van Humane Society through donation boxes at local businesses. The County will hold its annual Road Commission meeting on January 19th.

A motion was made for the partial payment #4 to BCI in the amount of \$114,358.90.

A motion was made for partial payment #5 to BCI in the amount of \$177, 489.53 when the USDA gives approval for the disbursement.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Koops' Well in the amount of \$983.50. for repair of the well pump at the Lee Township Cemetery.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Pat's Excavating at \$55 per plow for the new fire station.

A motion was made to authorize the Clerk to make the recommended adjustments to the budget.

A motion was made to approve the payment of the bills as presented.

A motion was made to approve the land split presented. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

#### January 9, 2012 - Regular Board Meeting

Motions were made to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting dated December 12th and to receive the Treasurers' report as presented.

The County Commissioner gave an update on the jail project. 7 calls were taken by the Fire Department and 16 calls were taken by the First Responders. The deputy reported 91 calls for the month. Transfer station took in \$344.00 and 25 tickets. A motion was made to accept the proposed contract for attorney Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall and Seeber. A board of review training will be available for those interested

A board of review training will be available for those interested in a refresher course.

A motion was made to approve payment of the bills as presented.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained on <a href="https://www.leetwp.org">www.leetwp.org</a> or at the Township office.

LEE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER 877 56TH STREET PO BOX 427 PULLMAN, MI 49450

#### SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Al's Gas and Shop

**BaleTech** 

Baylor Buddy Johns Bellita's Market Bell's Grocery Bodtke Farms

Cemetery Monument Sales/V. Lindsey Cericola's Banquet and Hall Rental

**Clemons Blueberries** 

**Country Life Natural Foods & Store** 

**Dave's Tree Service** 

**Dream House Development** 

Frida's Hardware

Gallops's Food Mart/Gas

**H&F** Electronics

**Hidden Treasure Daycare** 

**InterCare Community Health Network** 

Image Designer LaTienda Store

**Laraway & Son Movers** 

**Maynard's Customized Concrete** 

Mrs. Earl's Greenhouse Mystic View Apartments

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 Simpsarosa Riding Stables Studio 109- Forever Tan

T & J Trucking Terry's Auto Sales VFW Post 6134 Walker Tire, LLC Warner Camp