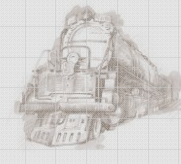


# Lee Crossings



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

March 2008

## A REAL COMMUNITY EVENT!

Not many things happen in Pullman that bring our residents, businesses, schools, and media together quite like the Annual Holiday Social and Tree Lighting, and last December 7<sup>th</sup> was no exception! It takes a lot people volunteering their time but it is worth the effort!

If you haven't made it out the 3 years-mark your calendar for Friday, December 5, 2008 because you won't want to miss the 4<sup>th</sup> annual event!

A big heartfelt THANK YOU to all who volunteered and helped out and to all who came out to enjoy the joy of the season with their neighbors. A picture is worth a thousand words.....



*Fire Chief DeWeerd served as Master of Ceremonies and Pastor Jeff Stephens offered the invocation*



*The Rawson Brothers sang like angels!*



*Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus was a highlight!*



*The live manger scene was a blessing!*



Hot chocolate, cider and homemade snacks kept all warm and happy!



Pullman Elementary students have been blessed to have Melanie Scholte as their new music teacher.



### Country Life Cooking Classes

Food Demonstrations, Health Presentations, & Samples  
April – June 2008

An invitation to join us from your friends at Country Life  
Natural Foods

**April 13:**      **Sunday Brunches**  
Scrumptious new recipes for brunches  
and beyond.

**June 1:**        **Sweet & Savory**  
Fresh ideas to give you a jump start on  
Your summer menu planning  
**Time: 4-6 p.m., Location: Faith Hall,  
671 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Pullman, No Charge for  
classes; donations are welcome.**

**By Reservation ONLY- Limited Seats, so call early....  
1-800-456-7694**

## OTHER NEWS.....

### Welcome Aboard New First Responders!

This winter we had 5 residents complete our First Responders training class and pass the practical and written portions to be eligible to take the national registry test. After the National Registry, they will apply and become licensed First Responders in the state of Michigan, more importantly, Lee Township.

We are awaiting course completion on one more student as a family hardship caused a delay in testing with the rest of the class.

At this time, three individuals have received their MFR license; they are **Karen Adams, Ray Adams and Becky Rawson. Welcome aboard!!** We are looking forward to more completions soon.

The First Responders would like to take this time to remind residents to keep your mailbox and/or address signs visible. This will help us respond to your needs as quickly as possible. Thank you in advance for helping us help you in your time of need.

First Responders responded to 355 calls during 2007.

### Good Turnout for January 15<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary Election!

Even though the snow was flying, many Lee Township residents came out to cast their vote in the January 15<sup>th</sup> Presidential Preferential Primary. A total number of 246 ballots were cast, making it about a 12% turnout. Results of the top three Republicans were: John McCain with 62 votes Mitt Romney with 43 votes and Mike Huckabee with 18 votes and 1 uncommitted. Results for the top three Democrats were: Hillary Clinton with 63 votes, Dennis Kucinich with 3 votes and Mike Gravel with 2 votes and 26 ballots were cast for uncommitted.

You can find a complete list of election results at Allegan County's website:

<http://www.allegancounty.org/election/electionResults-1.htm>.

Upcoming dates to remember are:

**August 5<sup>th</sup> – Primary Election**  
**November 4<sup>th</sup> – General Election**

Anyone who is not currently registered can fill out a voter registration form at the Lee Township office, or at your local Secretary of States office. The deadline to register for the August Presidential Primary is July 7th and October 6th for the November General Election. For more information contact Clerk King at 269-236-6446.



## Featured Church

### GETTING TO KNOW.....

#### **Pullman Bible Church**

*Pastors Stephens*

Greetings from Pullman Bible Church. It is an honor to serve as a pastor in this community over the last 20 years. I count it an honor to share with you now.

You don't have to be a brain surgeon to notice the chaos in the world today. The news headlines in every form of media tell us, in varying detail, of crime, war, and calamity such as the recent tornadoes in the central Midwest. However, this chaos comes closer to home than you might think. The fatalities in recent auto accidents due to the weather or just plain crazy driving, not to mention those that have occurred through crime remind us of the fragility of life. It makes one wonder whether God is awake to all of this and if He has anything to tell us about how to process these fateful events in our minds.

Jesus gives us a remarkable answer. He responds to a similar question from His disciples about the murders of several men by the Roman authorities, to which also added the 18 souls that perished when a tower under construction fell on them. How does Jesus respond to these deaths? He simply states, "Except you repent you shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13)

You see it is not a question of "if" or "how" or "when" we will die. Rather it is a question of preparedness. The Bible tells us "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." We will all die. All of this chaos forewarns us and prompts us to be prepared. No one walks out of the house thinking, "this is my last day on earth." No one should walk out of the house thinking it won't be, either. This fact, then begs the question. "Are you prepared?" Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." I ask you, "have you repented of your sins and asked Jesus to save you?" According to Jesus own words, this is how to prepare to live life without fear despite the inevitability of your own demise.

Don't let the chaos or calamities of this life scare you. I leave you with this common saying I have seen on church signs, "No Jesus, no peace. Know Jesus, know peace". Which do you choose?

For further questions you may contact Pastor Jeff Stephens, Pullman Bible Church.

### CHURCH NEWS

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

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**-558 58<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Steppney Black, 236-5693 or 5722. Service Times: Sunday School 9:30am; Morning worship 11am; Bible Class and Prayer Service Tuesday 6pm. The Easter Program will be held during morning service.

**Pullman Bible Church**-5508 109<sup>th</sup>, P.O. Box 88, Pullman Pastor Jeff Stephens, 236-0409 or 6389. Service Times: Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11am; Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30pm. Men's Meeting Thursday 7 p.m. Bible Release Time Class for Pullman Elementary students March 6 & 27 with Kid's Roundup Meeting March 8 & 29. Sign up at school or call the church. We also offer counseling and counseling training sessions.

**Pullman Country Chapel**-5769 106<sup>th</sup> Ave, Pullman

Service Times: Sunday School 10am and Worship Sunday at 11am & 6pm and Wednesday at 7pm; ladies prayer meeting every other Friday at 7pm; children's program the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from Noon-2pm.

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

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### **2007 Winter Tax Collection**

The local collection of 2007 tax ended February 29, 2008. Penalty and interest will be added to any tax not paid. Payment should be sent to the Allegan County Treasurer's Office, 113 Chestnut Street, P.O. Box 259, Allegan, MI 49010. (269)673-0260. Website: [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org)

Taxpayers receiving assessment notices should read them and act according to directions on notice. It will be too late when you received your 2008 tax bill.

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

The Lee Township Board of Review will meet at the LEE TOWNSHIP HALL at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Mon. March 10, 2008 from 9 a.m. -12 p.m./ 1-4 p.m.  
Tues. March 11, 2008 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m./ 6-9 p.m.  
Wed. March 12, 2008 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m./ 1-4 p.m.

### **New Policy at Fennville Library**

Starting February 2008, the Fennville Library will charge all Lee Township residents a \$25.00 annual fee for a family library card. Each additional card issued to family members will be \$10.00 per card.

The Lee Township Board voted on a proposal that was presented from the Fennville Library in requesting financial assistance due to their decrease in funding. The Lee Township Board voted to assist residents with one family card providing qualification under the Federal Property Exemption Guidelines.

For more information, you can contact the Lee Township offices at 269-236-6485. Lee Township will provide information along with applications for assistance at the Fennville District Library.

## NEWS & NOTES

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

### General Township Information

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

### Township Board Members & Department Staff

#### *Township Office 236-6485*

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

Township Ordinances (hard copies are available at the township office or the official Lee Twp. Website) –

- #2003 Disorderly Conduct
- #2009 Motor Vehicle Code
- #2011 Animal Control
- #2012 Anti-Noise & Public Nuisance
- #2013 Trash & Leaf Burning
- #2016 Curfew
- #2017 Plumbing Code
- #2020 Cemetery
- #2021 Dangerous Buildings
- #2022 Litter
- #2023 Vehicle Storage & Repair
- #2024 Salvage Yard
- #2025 Blight Elimination
- #2026 Single Family Residences
- #2027 Motor Vehicle
- #2028 State Construction Code

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

#### **October 8, 2007 Regular Board Meeting**

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 10, 2007.

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

Motion was approved to place Fire Engine (pumper) on Ebay.

Motion was approved to SOP's as presented to the board for review.

Motion was approved for the contract for training in the amount of \$5000 and \$900 in textbooks, not to exceed \$5900 with all out of township students to reimburse the township for the cost of class and textbooks for First Responder Training.

Motion was approved to authorize the Clerk to publish the Cemetery Fall clean-up hours.

Motion was made to authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$123,106.59.

#### **November 12, 2007 Regular Board Meeting**

Motion was approved to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on October 8, 2007 with corrections.

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

Motion was approved to purchase 2 sets of winter tires for Township patrol cars not to exceed \$800.00.

Motion was approved to pursue further research into the used 2000 4dr truck that would accommodate the JAWS of Life rescue equipment with the permission to purchase the truck for no more than \$35,000.00.

Motion was approved to replace the furnace at Fire Station #2, which is currently experiencing a carbon dioxide leak with the estimate given of \$500.00.

Motion was made to authorize the Clerk to publish December Board of Review.

Motion was approved to sign the resolution as presented for the work to be done on Lee Drain.

Motion was approved to pay the assessment fee of \$201.17, which is too small to assess on the Drum Drain.

Motion was approved to request the work order for the repair of the closed culvert on Baseline with the estimate of \$30,000.00.

Motion was approved to authorize the printing cost not to exceed \$200.00 for the Township brochure.

Motion was approved to authorize the Clerk to publish request for snow plowing bids (if the contract is not a 2 year contract) to be submitted no later than December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

Motion was approved to authorize payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$116,685.57.

#### **December 10, 2007 Regular Board Meeting**

Motion was approved to accept minutes of Regular Board Meeting on 11/12/07 as presented with corrections.

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

Motion was approved for Land Division for Sanchez .

Motion was approved for Land Division for Wallace .

Motion was approved for Land Division for Taylor.

Motion was approved for Land Division for VanErkel.

Motion was approved for Land Division for VanErkel

Motion was approved for Land Division for LaVanture

contingent on approval of Building Inspector.

Motion was approved to make budget adjustments with corrections.

Motion was approved to adopt the Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines.

Motion was approved to accept the level of assets for the Federal Poverty Exemptions as recommended by Assessor.

Motion was approved to authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$86,035.58.

#### **January 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting**

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 12/10/07 with corrections.

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

Motion was approved to purchase the new furnace with the quote from Hy-Tech in the amount of \$1480.00 for furnace and installation.

Motion was made to accept the proposal from the Fennville Library for the payment of \$3500.00 with consent to the Fennville Library to impose an annual fee of \$25.00 per family (one card) and an additional fee of \$10.00 for each additional card requested by the family.

Motion was approved for adjustment of lot line for Rawson.

Motion was approved to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$61,716.37 with included additions to General Funds of \$112.50 for MCY and Fire Dept for \$270.00 MCY and \$390.00 for Quality Door.

#### **January 28, 2008 Special Meeting**

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the sales agreement on property #0312-009-025-65 also know as Lot 5.

Further information was to be provided to discuss the purchase for a possible new locations for a possible future Fire Station.

Motion was approved to purchase the property listed as parcel #0312-009-025-65 at the negotiated price of \$30,000.00 with the township to pay their own closing cost, title insurance, and survey pending approval of the agreement by township attorney.

A complete official version of the minutes can be requested from the Township office or downloaded from the official Lee Township website [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org)

## **FEATURED ARTICLE.....**

### **Native American Heritage in Lee Township**

Written by: Elverta Maas

Before Pullman Health Center was opened in 1980, some citizens of Pullman went to Lansing to fight for the Health Center and finally the Federal government, after three years, declared Lee Township medically underserved and granted a federally funded Health Center.

Before the center could be build there was an artifact dig. The land at 55<sup>th</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> was bought from Martin Cain, who lived next door. The dig found pottery pieces from local Native Americans that once lived here. Western Michigan University said that the pottery was 1,000 to 1,500 year old. My land (just off of 109<sup>th</sup>) by Lower Scott Lake also was owned by Native Americans.

Chief Pokagon (son of Chief Leopold Pokagon) of the Pottawatomie tribe in the late 1800's lived in slab shanties around 60<sup>th</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Lee Township's first settlers arrived in 1844 with lumberman following in 1858. The township was a portion of Pine Plains Township until 1859, when the Board of Supervisors set it off as a separate township. It is believed to have been named for the town of Lee, Mass. Early settlements were Hoppertown in 1870 & Black Pine Station in 1871.

We should be respectful of Native American symbols and traditions. After all they were here long before we came.

*Painted Wolf said "I may be forced to adopt a new way of life, but my heart and spirit spring from the red earth".*

#### **CLEAN TEAM DATES**

A Reminder to all residents that is our responsibility to keep our community clean. Please take some time this spring and fall to come out and join the effort of keeping Pullman beautiful! We meet at the Township Hall on the follow dates:

2008 Clean Team Dates:

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.-noon

Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m.-noon

Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. – noon

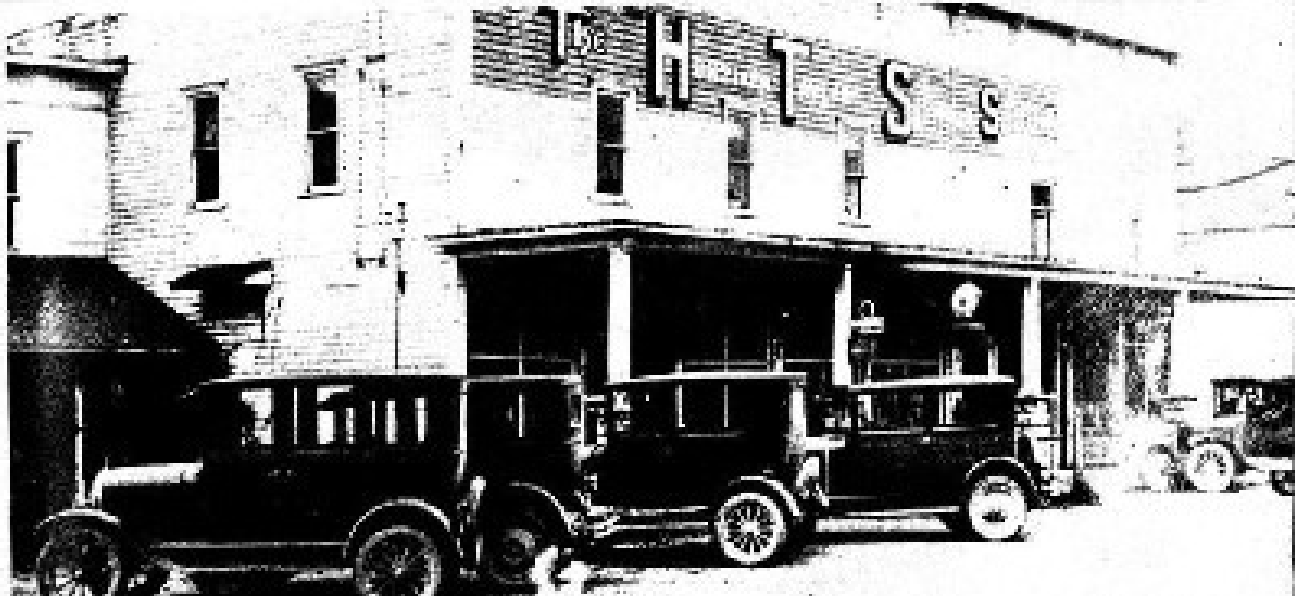
Sunday, July 20, 9 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m. – 11:00 (Need Team Leader)

Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m. – noon (Need Team Leader)

Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. – noon

Please contact Donna Allgaier-Lamberti if you can be a team leader at 236-0325.



**1920's Downtown in Pullman-** The picture above is of "The Hunziker Taylor Seymour Store". Pullman's famous H-T-S store was often call "the Hard Times Store". It was operated by the three families (mention above) for many years as one of the largest general stores in Allegan County. *(It was located at what is currently Scoop's).*

Source: River & Lake, Allegan County Sesquicentennial History: by Joe Armstrong & John Pahl.

## LEE TOWNSHIP ROAD REPORT

There is 2 ½ miles of 60<sup>th</sup> Street left to be improved which will not be worked on this year, but is scheduled to be completed in the 2009-2010. The 58<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> Street Baseline culvert damage closed the road last summer. This secondary road culvert will cost approximately \$30,000.00 and will have to be approved and paid for by the township board from General Revenue funds. The county road commission will recommend to the township board graveling certain roads this summer.

Outside the township- Ganges Township, Historic 1922 concrete M-11, which is now A-2 will be improved this summer. The 1922 concrete road near 116<sup>th</sup> Street will be covered with blacktop.

This winter 43 county snowplow drivers worked on clearing the county's 1795 miles of road.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### Bloomington School-

March 21 – Good Friday (1/2 day/students/staff)  
 March 28 – End of Third Marking Period  
 April 3 – ½ Day for student (a.m.)  
                   Parent/Teacher conferences (p.m.)  
 April 4 – ½ day for students (a.m.)  
 April 7-11- Spring recess-No School  
 May 26 – Memorial Day-No School  
 June 6 – Last Day for Students (1/2 day a.m.)  
                   Teacher Work Day (p.m.)

### Fennville School –

March 17<sup>th</sup> –Professional Development -School Dismissed  
                   at 12:50pm for elementary, 12:55pm for High School  
                   and Middle School  
 March 18<sup>th</sup> –K8 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm  
 March 19<sup>th</sup> –K8 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm  
 March 21<sup>st</sup> – No School for Students or Staff  
 April 7-11<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break  
 April 14<sup>th</sup> –School resumes  
 April 16<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm  
 May 6<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development –School Dismissed  
                   at 12:50 for elementary, 12:55 Middle and High  
                   school.  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day-No School for Students/Staff  
 May 29<sup>th</sup> – Last Day for Students



## PINT SIZE HEROS

The Pullman Elementary School is participating in Pint Size Heroes, an exciting program developed by the American Red Cross.

The Pint Size Heroes program is a Red Cross initiative specially designed to introduce children to the blood donation process. Students are encouraged to play a major role in the process by volunteering at a blood drive and recruiting parents, guardians or other adults to give blood at: Pullman Elementary School

Friday, March 14, 2008 at 2:00 to 7:45pm  
5580 South Street, Pullman, MI 49450

The school is also holding a friendly competition among the students. Every child that recruits an adult to donate blood gets a special thank you gift. The prize serves as an incentive, but through the blood drive process the children will realize that the true prize is the rewarding feeling of knowing their efforts have helped save lives.

The American Red Cross Great Lakes Region must collect over 700 units of blood each day to meet the needs of patients in 70 hospitals throughout Michigan. Studies show that 85% of the U.S. population will need to receive blood by the time they are 70, yet only 5% of the population gives blood on a regular basis. The #1 reason people do not donate is because they have never been asked.

Those interested in participating in this worthwhile cause can contact the Pullman Schools at 236-5235 for more information.

PINT SIZE HEROES PROGRAM		
Blood Donor Response Card		
Please return this card to school with your child by <b>March 11</b> if you'd like to schedule an appointment to donate blood. You will be contacted to schedule an appointment.		
CHILD'S NAME:	_____	
SCHOOL/HOMEROOM:	_____	
YOUR NAME:	_____	
ADDRESS:	_____	
PHONE:	_____	
BEST TIME TO REACH YOU:	_____	
Preferred appointment time (circle one):		
2:00-2:45	4:00-4:45	6:00-6:45
3:00-3:45	5:00-5:45	7:00-7:45
(You will be assigned an exact time and notified by phone)		
<b>DONORS PLEASE BRING ID!</b>		

## UPCOMING EVENTS.....

On Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Pullman Elementary will be hosting a senior luncheon at 1pm. There is also going to be a senior luncheon on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Both lunches will be held here at the school cafeteria. Please contact the school at 236-5235 if you plan to attend.



## EASTER EGG HUNT-

Due to the early Easter date and wintry weather the annual Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>! Watch for further information coming home with Pullman Elementary students and posted in local businesses.

## MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES-

Once again the local VFW post will be sponsoring the Memorial Day parade down 109<sup>th</sup> on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> with a service honoring our veterans at the Lee Township Cemetery on 53<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the parade. Parade line up will be at the Old Village Market Parking Lot at 2:00pm with the parade to commence at 2:30pm.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade should contact Ed Anderson at 269-236-5654.



## **SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

**Al's Citgo  
Back Door Video  
Baylor Buddy Johns  
Belitas Taco & Grocery  
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  
Laraway & Sons Movers  
Larson Hardware  
Maynard's Customized Concrete  
Mrs. Earl's Greenhouse  
Nolan's Party Store**

**Northwoods Café  
Pat's Excavating  
Pizza Plus  
Preferred Market  
Pullman Tavern (PT109)  
Rawson's Brother's Auto Parts  
Rosewood Floral & Gift Shop  
Scoops Ice Cream Parlor  
Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop  
Simpсарosa Riding Stables  
Studio 109 – Forever Tan  
T & J Trucking  
Terry's Auto Sales  
Thin-Spin Productions  
Walkers Tire & Lube  
Warner Camp  
West Pullman Grocery**