



Lee Crossings



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring 2013

If You Build It They Will Come

Submitted by: Lisa Galdikas

I think about that famous line from the movie “Field of Dreams” every December when we get ready for the annual Holiday Social, and this year was no different. Working with an enthusiastic group of teachers from Pullman Elementary School including Tricia DeVries, Jill Harrison, Gary Visscher, Jane Miller, Tammy Knevitt, Marsha Coleman, new music teacher Tricia Overbeek, Pam Rawson, Pam Ford, and a very supportive principal Heather Grisales, the creative juices flowed as we planned for how to highlight the children’s music performance, provide cookie decorating, encourage reading as a family and eating healthy at home, creating a family ornament or making a get well card for another child, as well as providing a few minutes with Santa along with a small gift and photo to remember the moment. Could it really all be done within 2 hours time and with the expectation of 1000 people coming through the door? “If you build it, they will come.” And you did. We are delighted that so many residents come out each year to celebrate the holidays together and rejoice in the spirit of community caring, sharing and love. It’s a bit overwhelming, but in a good way. Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Grade students sang and Fourth and Fifth graders played their recorders to a packed house.



There are always far too many people to thank when a community event such as this takes place but I will try.

Thanks to the whole Pullman Elementary School staff, 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 businesses who donated items for some fabulous door prize gift baskets—Preferred Market, Pizza Plus, The Pullman Tavern, Studio 109, The Image Designer, and Tricia & Rex Garcia for the craft basket. Thank you Bob Hayes for the Christmas tree donation and Debbie Laraway for all the cookies. Thanks to Bob & Vicki Lindsey for your continued efforts to raise money for the youth of Pullman. Special thanks to the Lee Twp Fire Department and Ron & Joyce Worth who make sure Santa arrives safely each year, and to Shirley and Colleen Kay, Amy Nicols, Chris Saip, Sid Whipple, Vicky Brown, Steve Julian, Gene Allgaier-Lamberti, Don & Marge Wiersma, Ken & Judy Draisma, Hank and Phyllis, Miss Bloomingdale and her courts, and all those who showed up and went right to work that night, including all of Santa's elves!

A New Holiday Tradition Catching On in Pullman

Our third annual “Christmas Caroling On The Corner” was well attended with enthusiastic singers from around the Township. We also enjoyed soup, hot chocolate and cookies at Pizza Plus. Huge thanks to Debbie Laraway for organizing this wonderful event.



Santa and Mrs. Claus had their hands full all night (above) and children got their hands messy while decorating holiday cookies (above right).



The 2nd Grade Pullman Village was on display, 4th Graders held a silent auction, and the Terry Laraway Memorial Raffle winners were announced.

Pullman Pride Day is held annually the 3rd Saturday in July (July 20, 2013). Once again we are looking for volunteers to help out with this community event. Please contact Pam Rawson @ 434-6477 or Lisa Galdikas @ 236-6119 if you can help.

PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Eleven 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. 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 March 22, 2013.

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.

Applications are available at participating High School Guidance offices.

Scholarship essay entries should be mailed to:

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

The VFW sponsored **Memorial Day Parade** will be held on **Monday May 27, 2013** and will start at 2:30 p.m. with the ceremony at the Lee Township Cemetery immediately following the parade.

CLEAN TEAM 2013

Clean Team is still looking for new leadership. If you are willing to lend a helping hand please call the Township office at 236-6485.

Al-Van Humane Society Annual Report

For 2012 Al-Van Humane Society took in 1,271 animals. Of those, 83 animals came from Lee Township. With an average cost per animal of \$168, Lee Township has benefitted from over \$13,000 in shelter care for our stray, abandoned or owner surrendered animals. Our community once again has been generous in change into the 3 donation boxes for Al-Van located in Preferred Market and Pizza Plus. We collected over \$300 during 2012. 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's hours are 11am-5pm M, TU, TH, FRI; 11am-3pm SAT-closed Wednesday and Sunday. If you need assistance during non-business 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. Be sure to check out Al-Van's resale shop, Rescued Treasures, located at 315 Center St in South Haven.

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

Pullman Elementary School Important Dates

March 1- Half Day/records day
March 4- Beginning of third trimester
March 8- Send home report cards
March 13- Jump Rope for the Heart 8:30-11:30
March 21- Young Author's Night 5-7 p.m.
April 12- Senior Lunch 1:15 (call school to reserve)
April 25- ½ day of school & parent teacher conferences
April 25- Science Fair
May 3- Senior Lunch at 1:15 (call school to reserve)
May 23- Family Fun Day and Family Fun Night
June 5- Last day of school (depending on snow days)
June 6-8- Mackinaw trip 4th grade

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Al's Gas and Shop	La Esperanza Market
BaleTech	Laraway & Son Movers
Baylor Buddy Johns	Loreli's Resale
Bell's Grocery	Maynard's Customized Concrete
Bodtke Farms	Mystic View Apartments
Cemetery Monument Sales/V.	Northwoods Café
Lindsey	Pat Knapp's Excavating
Cericola's Banquet and Hall Rental	Pizza Plus
Clemons Blueberries	Preferred Market
Country Life Natural Foods	Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Dave's Tree Service	Rawson Brothers Auto Parts
Dream House Development	Rose's Family Restaurant
Frida's Hardware	Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
Gallops's Food Mart/Gas	Simparsosa Riding Stables
H & F Electronics	Studio 109- Forever Tan
Hidden Treasure Daycare	T & J Trucking
InterCare Community Health Network	VFW Post 6134
Image Designer	Walker Tire, LLC
JMJ Cleaning Service	Warner Camp

Church News

Every effort is made to provide up to date church information. If you are part of a church not listed please call the Lee Township office at 236-6485 with your contact information and service times and we will be happy to print that information in our next newsletter.

Bravo Christian Reform - 5587 113th Ave. (113th & 56th St.), Fennville, Pastor Peter DeHaan, 269-235-5037.

Service times: Sunday 10 am. Open to all. Wednesday 12:30 -3 pm; Family Night Worship (8 weeks before Easter & 8 weeks before Halloween) Wednesday 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 9-2:30. Something for everyone. Donations accepted.

Fresh Start Gospel Church - 5581 109th Ave., Pullman, Pastor Jim Blackston, 269-655-6172. Sunday Worship Service 5 pm; Bible Friendship Group Service, Wed. 6:30 pm. Potluck held second Sunday of every other month, with one being held in March. *Watch for Fresh Start Gospel's annual summer rummage sale this June or July.*

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. Holy Week 7pm service (03/25-29), Sunrise Service Sunday March 31st.

Seventh Day Adventist Church - 671 52nd St., Pastor William Richardson 616-644-4153. Worship Services: Sabbath school- Saturday 9:30 am; Divine worship 11 am; Bible Study Thursday 6 pm.

Country Life Natural Foods - Pullman, Faith Hall, 686 52nd St. Don't Miss "Lotsa Pasta!" **Sunday May 19th** (*Colorful pasta dishes with gluten-free options*)

Includes demos, healthy information, & food samples. NO CHARGE for this class; donations are welcome. Call 269-236-8326 or register online at www.clnf.org or by email: patty@clnf.org

Church Pews Available

People Helping People and Love, INC continue to remodel the old First Congregational Church on 56th Street in the hopes of providing our community with needed programs and support. If anyone is interested in owning a piece of history, the church pews are available for purchase. There are 12 pews and they are about 9 ft. long. If you are interested please call the Township office and leave your name, phone number and your bid. Funds raised will go toward the modeling project.



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. Contact Debbie Laraway at 236-5590 if you are interested in joining the Book Club.
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday only (no Wednesday hours).
- Township Ordinances can be viewed on our website or at the Township office.

Cemetery

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

- **Scott Owen, Supervisor 236-6485**
- **Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk 236-5129**
- **Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614**
- **Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693**
- **Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 236-6119**
- **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**
- **Ryan Brown, Twp Deputy 673-0500**
- **Lee Township Transfer Station 236-6485**

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 11, 9 am-12 pm and 1pm -4 pm

March 13, 1 pm - 4 pm, 6pm - 9 pm

Annual Budget Meeting and Meeting of the Electors- Saturday March 30, 2013 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.

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877 56TH STREET
PO BOX 427
PULLMAN, MI 49450

Lee Twp Regular Board Meeting Synopsis of Minutes

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

October 8, 2012 –Regular Board Meeting

Motions made and approved to accept the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated September 10th and to receive the Treasurers' report as presented. 8 calls were taken by the Fire Department for the month and 20 calls answered by First Responders. No deputy report. Transfer station took in 92 tickets and \$697.00. The Lake Board Assessment meeting is Oct. 13th @ 10am. Holiday Social is Dec. 7th 6-9pm. Community Caroling Dec. 8th 6pm. Motion made and approved to accept contract from Consumers Energy re: new street lights. Motion made and approved to set Halloween hours in Twp as 5-7 Oct. 31st. Motion made and accepted to approve all three land splits. Motion made and approved for the payment of the bills as presented. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm.

November 12, 2012 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions made and approved to accept the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated October 8th and to receive the Treasurers' report as presented. County Commissioner gave report on County budget and update on jail. 10 calls were taken by the Fire Department for the month and 33 calls answered by First Responders. No deputy report. Transfer station took in 62 tickets and \$561.00. Board of Review Dec. 11th @ 1pm. 3 building permits, 2 electrical and mechanical and 1 plumbing issued. Motion made and approved to authorize the Treasurer to print brochure to be mailed with tax bills. Motion made and approved to authorize Clerk to publish for snowplow bids. Motion made and approved to authorize the Fire Chief to obtain paperwork to purchase 5 year warranty for generator. Motion made and approved to authorize the purchase of new fire gear in the amount of \$4,500.00. Motion made and approved for the payment of the bills as presented. Motion made and approved to authorize Clerk to pay election workers in the amount of \$2,582.02. Motion made and approved to authorize payment for new officials training. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm.

December 10, 2012-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions made and approved to accept the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated Nov. 12th with corrections and to receive the Treasurers' report as presented. 17 calls were taken by the Fire Department for the month and 28 calls answered by First Responders. Deputy Ryan Brown, new to Lee Twp, was introduced. Transfer station took in 49 tickets and \$424.00. Motion made and approved to accept snowplow bid by Pat Knapp for all locations except for cemetery, which will be covered by Mike Curly. Motion made and approved to purchase shelving not to exceed \$350.00. Motion made and approved to proceed with finalization of USDA grant for new patrol car. Motion made and approved to retain the same Board of Review members. Motion made and approved to adopt the Federal Poverty Guides for property taxes. Motion made and approved for the payment of the bills as presented. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm.

January 14, 2013 –Regular Board Meeting

Motions made and approved to accept the minutes of the regular Board Meeting dated Dec. 10th and to receive the Treasurers' report as presented. 10 calls were taken by the Fire Department. Motion made and approved \$450.00 for payment for waxing of fire station floor. First Responders yearly totals: 26 personal injury, 284 medical, 3 assists, 20 fire. Motion made and approved to authorize MFP certification training in the amount of \$5,200 for instruction and \$2,000 for training materials. 1 plumbing and 2 electrical permits issued. No deputy report. Transfer Station took in 30 tickets and \$563.00. Motion made and approved to submit bid for utility vehicle and review invoices at next meeting. Motion made and approved by majority to pay \$75.00 for fracking presentation. Motion made and approved to proceed with finalization of USDA grant. Motion made and accepted to approve land split. Motion made and approved to appoint Bruce Ferguson to Board of Review to fill Ed Brock's resignation. Motion made and approved to authorize payment for Board of Review training. Motion made and approved for the payment of the bills as presented. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:34pm

