



# Lee Crossings



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Summer 2011

## PRIDE— a gift that keeps on giving

2011 Pullman Pride Scholarship winner **Angelica Morales'** essay:

Some people may think that living in a small town is a dull and dreadful life. Some people even prefer the crowded streets of the city than the quiet space of the country. But I would have to disagree. Pullman has a land area of 32.8 square miles, but this town has prepared me for the future and has given me the strength and opportunity to reach my goals. I think of the world that is out there, the skyscraper buildings that touch the clouds, the dandelion yellow cabs that fill the streets, and the unimaginable entertainment that keeps you busy for days. It all seems so big and exciting. But the one thing that has never appealed to me was not being able to recognize one person on the way to a restaurant or store. The friendly women of Preferred Market know my entire family and know me by name. They always encourage me to finish school and keep on the path that I am going on. You as well know them as classmates, mother, or even as your neighbor. The community is filled with familiar faces that are filled with pride. It is that pride that has proved that there is no place like home.

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to run for Miss Bloomingdale. One of the questions that was asked to me was, "If a stranger came to your town what would you show them and why?" I simply answered that I would show them the people of my community, because they are the most welcoming people that you would find in the world. This big community family has always encouraged me to dream big and never give up. I immediately received support for the Miss Bloomingdale Pageant and I gave it my all. Now I am proud to represent my community as Miss Bloomingdale and I am proud to show Pullman the difference they made in MY life because they have given me strength to believe in myself.

This fall I am going to Central Michigan University. I have seen many individuals overcome challenging situations through perseverance and constant dedication to be their best. That is a trait I always want to have and will take with me in life. They have given me the confidence and mind set that nothing is impossible. I am able to leave my community and know what I want to find in college, the close family-



like feeling and the motivation to make them proud. I am proud to come from Pullman and will serve as an example to my siblings and other students of my community by making the most of my opportunity to pursue a higher education and earning a rewarding career. In the years to come I will join many Pullman alumni in proving that you do not need to come from a big town to thrive at a state university to make all your dreams real.

### **Update from an Alumni-**

My name is Jared Doty and I was one of the recipients for the 2006 Pullman Pride Scholarship. I wanted to thank all of those involved in issuing support and financing for higher education. I completed my 4 years of undergraduate study at Cornerstone University in the Youth Ministry/Bible program and earned my bachelor's degree in May 2010. Since then, I married a wonderful woman and God has placed me in a wonderful church working full-time as the Pastor of Worship! It has been a fast and amazing ride, and I find it necessary to take a moment to stop and send my appreciation to all of the individuals who have invested in me and my education in the last 4 years. May God bless you as you continue to provide scholarship support to those who need it.

Jared Doty, Pastor of Worship

Kent City Baptist Church, [jareddoty@kentcitybaptist.org](mailto:jareddoty@kentcitybaptist.org)

### **TERRY LARAWAY MEMORIAL FUND**

The Terry Laraway Memorial Fund Committee thanks all those who participated in the 4th Annual Motorcycle Run this year. Attendance and donations reached a new high raising \$12,000.00! These funds all go toward increasing opportunities for children in the Pullman/Lee Township area to participate in sports in town at no charge to the families. This past year we have provided free Little League for 60 children, 20 soccer scholarships, and boys and girls basketball camps for 60 participants. The committee has invested in infrastructure, along with Pullman School and Tony Marr, and installed a sprinkler system for the soccer field. We will be investing in diamond dust for our Little League field also with help from our wonderful volunteers.

The fact that we have received so much support from our own community is not surprising as we all benefit from having kids active and engaged in sports. The knowledge that these activities are helping to bring a community together and providing terrific memories for our kids and participants should make us all very happy and proud. Again, thanks to everyone, who donated, volunteered, bought a dinner or supported us in any way--we appreciate it all!

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Annual Pullman Pride celebration is set for **Saturday July 16th from 8-5pm** located at the Pullman Elementary School campus. Kids won't want to miss the return of the inflatable's, face painting, pony rides and the addition of Al-Van Humane Society's adoptable pets on hand (please consider bringing any of the following items to donate: dog rawhides, kitty litter, paper towels, bleach, blankets and towels). There will also be games to play as well something for the adults, including craft fair, cake walk, and silent auction. Young and old will also enjoy musical entertainment throughout the afternoon and be sure to come hungry as the day will start with pancake breakfast sponsored by the fire department, lunch will be available for purchase by Ray of Light Church and a free pig roast dinner provided by Love, INC/People Helping People, Pizza Plus, Northwoods Café, Bravo Christian Church and Fresh Start Gospel Church. There is still time to get involved contact Pam Rawson at 434-6477.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **July 16th Pullman Pride Day 8-5pm**
- **August 27th 5-7pm People Helping People Pig Roast**
- **September 6th First Day of School**
- **September 20th Noon at Pizza Plus business owners Lunch and idea sharing**

## **DRAIN PROJECT TO GET UNDERWAY**

The long-awaited Scott Creek and Branch Drain extension project will begin construction late summer or early fall. The 6 to 8 week project should help to relieve the flooding in this area of our Township. This ditching project will effect drivers who travel east along 109th Ave between 48th Ave and Upper and Lower Scott Lakes. Residents in that drainage district should also budget for a modest increase in their drain assessment for installation and maintenance of the new drain.

## **2011 CLEAN TEAM DATES:**

*Volunteers are asked to meet at the start time at the Township office.*

**July 9 & Aug 13, 9 a.m., Sept. 10 & Oct. 8, 10:00 a.m.**

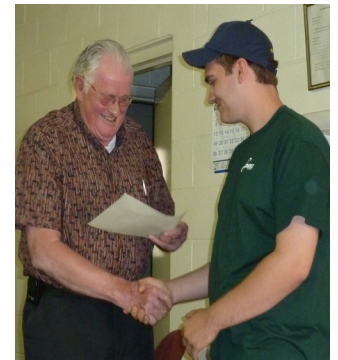
The commitment is just 2 hours once a month and you don't have to commit to every month. If you have a teen that needs to do community service this is the perfect opportunity. All we ask is that a parent or grandparent participate with their child (including bringing them and picking them up and supervising them). You can reach Donna or Gene at 236-5121 from 9am-6pm or email at [wordspictures@yahoo.com](mailto:wordspictures@yahoo.com).

## **MEMORIAL DAY –A DAY TO REMEMBER**

Record heat could not keep record crowds from coming out to enjoy the annual Memorial Day parade sponsored by the local VFW. Thanks to all who participated in the parade and the service at the Lee Township cemetery.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO 3 NEW FIREMEN**

Congratulations to our three new volunteer firemen Andrew Kadwell and PJ Curley ( below left) and T. J. Chamberlain (below right) who completed their training this spring (pictured with Chief DeWeerd). Groundbreaking on the new fire station should happen sometime summer/fall 2011.



## **TAKING PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Lee Township and People Helping People are sponsoring a beautification day (Saturday July 16th in conjunction with Pullman Pride Day). Two dumpsters will be available for residents to bring their household trash to dispose of **free of charge**. Dumpsters will be located on the corner of First and South 8am-4pm(across from Pullman Elementary parking lot). **Please no hazardous materials** (Not acceptable material includes Freon based appliances, tires, liquid paint, gas motors with gas or oil or large appliances). It's time to get your spring clean up done or help a neighbor! For questions contact Donna at 236-5121 between 8 am - 5 pm or email Ken at [ken.draisma@gmail.com](mailto:ken.draisma@gmail.com)

## **RIDGE POINT VBS WORKS IN PULLMAN**

We've all heard the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." Well this past June the youth participating in Vacation Bible School stepped up and worked for a week each afternoon picking up roadside trash, planting flowers at our downtown businesses and ran yard sale to raise money for Christmas gifts. Awesome job!

## NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board Meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman and are open to the public.
- Be sure to check out the official Lee Township website for additional information at [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org).
- Anyone with information for the newsletter can call 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.
- Pullman Branch Library is open Monday- Friday, 3 - 6 pm and Saturday, 10-12 pm. Pullman Branch Library is looking for volunteers. Contact Debbie Laraway @ 236-5590.
- Fennville District Library now offers free library cards to Lee Township residents.
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday only (no Wednesday hours).

### Cemetery

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

### General Township Information

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

### Township Board Members &

#### Department Staff

*Township Office 236-6485*

Steve Miller, Supervisor 214-6276  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk 236-5129  
Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614  
Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693  
Bruce Ferguson, Trustee 434-6507  
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

Township Ordinances are available at the Township office or can be viewed at the official Lee Township website.

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

## CHURCH NEWS

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

**Fresh Start Gospel Church** - 5581 109th Ave., Pullman, Pastor Jim Blackston, 269-655-6172. Sunday School & Worship Service 2-4 pm; Bible Friendship Group Service, Wed. 7-9 pm. Potluck held second Sunday.

**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, Service times: Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship 11 am; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Tues. 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.

### SUMMER 2011 TAX INFORMATION

The Treasurer will collect taxes at the Township office on Fridays 9 am-5 pm the months of July, August and September. Interest will be added to taxes paid after September 16th. Summer tax bills can be paid to Lee Treasurer until February 29, 2012.

Summer deferment Form may be filed to defer payment of tax on principal residence of persons 62 years of age or older or property that is classified or used as agricultural property until the time that winter taxes are due. Forms are available at the Township office, [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org) and [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org). The form must be filed with the township Treasurer by September 15, 2011

### SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Al's Gas and Shop  
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  
Hidden Treasure Daycare  
InterCare Community Health Network  
Image Designer  
LaTienda Store  
Laraway & Son Movers  
Larson's Hardware  
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  
Simparsosa Riding Stables  
Studio 109- Forever Tan  
T & J Trucking  
Terry's Auto Sales  
Warner Camp  
West Pullman Grocery  
VFW Post 6134

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

*A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained on [www.leetwp.org](http://www.leetwp.org) or at the township office.*

### **February 14, 2011 Regular Meeting**

The board approved the minutes from the January 10, 2011 Regular Meeting with the recommended changes and received the Treasurers report as presented.

Board Action included: Approval of 2 applications of dust control for 2011, approval to sign the resolution to issue bonds for the new fire station, publish the March Board of Review notice, approval to sign the resolution to allow the supervisor to request a raise at the Annual Meeting from the residents, approval of budget adjustments, the waiver of the 4% tax penalty until February 28, 2011 and payment of the bills.

### **February 22, 2011 Special Meeting**

The board approved to sign the resolution to allow the Trustees to request a raise at the annual meeting from the residents.

### **March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting**

The board approved the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting dated February 14, 2011, Special Meeting dated February 22, 2011 and voted to receive the Treasurers report as presented.

Board Action included the signing of the contract with Attorney Blair to do ordinances and work with the USDA on the new fire station, to increase the fuel allowance for Parks Superintendent from \$150.00 to \$200.00, approve the plans for the next step with the new fire station, publish meeting notice for Annual Meeting, sign the AMR contract and to pay the bills as presented.

### **March 26, 2011–Annual Meeting**

A motions were made and approved to adopt the proposed 2011-2012 budget as presented and to adopt the General Appropriation Act as presented.

### **April 11, 2011 Regular Meeting**

In the absence of Supervisor Miller the board appointment Clerk King to chair the meeting..

The minutes from the March 14th meeting, minutes from the Annual Budget meeting dated March 26, 2011 were approved and the Treasurers Report was received.

The board approved the publishing of the Spring Clean up in the local paper, to sign the easement for the scheduled work on Scott Creek Drain, to reduce the contract from the Sheriff's Department down to one deputy due budget restraints, and to pay the bills as presented.

### **April 22, 2011 Special Meeting**

The board approved the signing of the contract with Attorney Blair to represent the Township with the new fire station project.

### **May 9, 2011 Regular Meeting**

The Regular Board Meeting minutes from the April 11, 2011 meeting, Special Meeting April 22, 2011 were approved and the Treasurers Report was received as presented.

The board approved to form a committee to work with People Helping People to work towards addressing Township blight issues.

The board approved the bills with additions. The board also approved the Clerk to pay the election workers for the May 3rd election.





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

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