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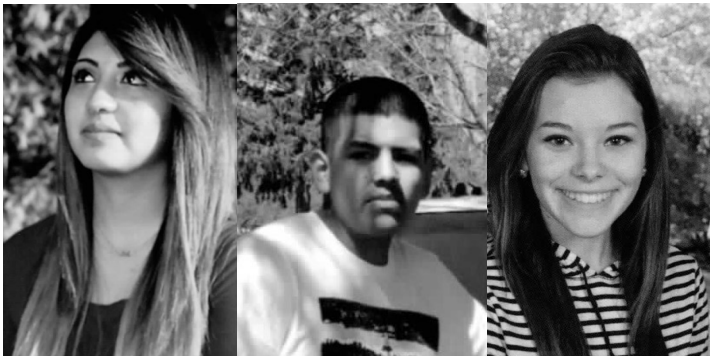


Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Summer 2016

2016 PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP

PULLMAN PRIDE DAY JULY 16TH



This year Lee Township was honored to present the Pullman Pride Scholarship to three graduating seniors from Bloomingdale High School, **Guadalupe Morales**, **Victor Nesta**, and **Hannah Harris** (pictured above).

All three scholarship winners wrote about the impact family and teachers had on the lives and decisions that made them the outstanding young people they are today. Their involvement in activities like safety patrol, student council, sports, and their church have given each of them opportunities to give back to their community and be a part of something bigger.

Guadalupe plans to attend MSU to study immigration law, with a dream to someday attend Harvard. Guadalupe's story is one of ultimate sacrifice as she left her family in Mexico in order to obtain a better education and future. Values gained from those close to her include offering help without expecting anything in return which has instilled a passion in her for helping others.

Hannah plans to attend Central MI University to study architecture. Her commitment to her hometown has instilled a passion in her to design & build homes in Lee Twp so others can experience the qualities she has enjoyed of living in a small town. Leadership roles in elementary school showed her how to be a respectful and responsible role model and fueled a desire to encourage younger students.

Victor's dreams were also sparked by elementary school and his time on the ballfields helped shape him into the person he is today. Teachers have encouraged him to do his best and always dream big. His love of soccer has motivated him and continued to push him to do his best. Family values have instilled the importance of working hard and being grateful for what you have. Victor plans to pursue business or the medical field and looks forward to a time when he can repay family and his community for all their support.

On Saturday July 16th Lee Township will celebrate Pullman Pride Day from 8 am-4 pm in downtown Pullman (56th & 109th). If you have never come down for the fun, this is the year to start! For the second year April Warden has lined up quite an awesome group of vendors with tons of cool stuff and entertainment for the whole family. From clowns to games, Al-Van adoptable pets, hoola hooping, face painting, music, outdoor beer garden at the Pullman Tavern, to a flea market at the Community Center. And for the second year- the Fire Truck Parade! The Lee Twp Fire Department will kick things off with a pancake breakfast at the station on 109th from 8-11am. So don't miss it! Rain or shine, come out and support YOUR community. All proceeds go toward college scholarships for Lee Township youth. If you have questions call April at 269-543-7289 or email her at aprilferrell82@yahoo.com.

Wesbey Family Donates in Honor of Dee

Lee Township Pullman Pride Scholarship fund was graciously awarded a \$10,000 donation by the Wesbey family in memory of Dee Wesbey. The Wesbey family enjoyed their lake home on Lower Scott Lake for many years. George and Dee became actively involved in the community after retiring as school teachers. Education was always important to Dee, and so was giving back.



She got involved with the local United Way, the Lee Township cemetery, the Allegan County Republican Women's Club, and helped establish a special care facility in Allegan County to assist those with Alzheimer's Disease. Dee also enjoyed golf, gardening and spending time with her family and friends. Dee passed away September 17, 2014 and her husband George has since relocated to Texas. However, Lee Township will always hold a special place for the Wesbey family and the newly established Dee Wesbey Memorial Pullman Pride Scholarship will go on honoring Dee's legacy and contributions. 2017 scholarship awards will increase to \$1,000 (from \$500) thanks to this generous donation.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Residents and guests paid their respects during the Lee Township Memorial Day parade. Thanks to the VFW for organizing the parade and service at the cemetery and to all who participated this year. Special thanks to all our local veterans.



CLEAN TEAM UP & RUNNING

New life has been breathed into the township "Clean Team" thanks to Ann Hatfield and Ruby Hernandez who recently volunteered to spearhead this project. For the past 2 months they have secured a dumpster and have helped residents clean up unwanted (and unsightly) trash, and picked up roadside garbage with the help of volunteers. Keeping our community looking good is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Please do your part in keeping your own property picked up. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Ann at 269-236-6295.

PHP AND LOVE, INC

(For information contact Martha Cerda at 236-6295)

BACK PACK GIVEAWAY-We are gearing up for back to school. We need backpacks and back to school supplies, including, color pencils, pens, notebooks, binders, calculators, paper, and folders.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM-Love, INC continues to have open enrollment for the Life Skills program. Program participants can access services such as food & personal care pantries.

People Helping People (PHP) 8th annual Community Pig Roast will take place **Saturday September 10th at 5pm** at 943 56th St.

NEW BUSINESSES IN PULLMAN

For the third newsletter in a row we are happy to report two new businesses to downtown Pullman. Already open for business is **Garcia's Supermercado** carrying groceries and prepared food. Mandy and her family are from Fennville and have operated stores for many years. They purchased the building at 5441 109th and are excited to be a part of the Pullman community and look forward to meeting many local residents.



Torres Supermercado will be opening this summer next door to Once Upon a Time on 109th just east of 56th St. The Torres family plans to offer a variety of Mexican food and drink products.



SHOP & DINE LOCALLY TO SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES

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| Ball Cafe | Laraway & Son Movers |
| BaleTech | Marathon Gas/Shop |
| Baylor Buddy Johns | Maynard's Customized Concrete |
| Bell's Grocery | Mystic View Apartments |
| Bodtke Farms | North Street Storage |
| Cemetery Monuments Sales | Northwoods Café |
| Cericola's Banquet Hall Rental | Once Upon a Time |
| Clemons Blueberries | Pat Knapp's Excavating |
| Country Life Natural Foods | Pizza Plus |
| Dave's Tree Service | Preferred Market |
| Dollar General | Pullman Tavern (PT109) |
| Dream House Development | Rawson Brothers Auto Parts |
| Forrest Enterprises | Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop |
| Garcia's Supermercado | Shek Law Office |
| H & F Electronics | Simpсарosa Riding Stables |
| Hidden Treasure Daycare | Torres Supermercado |
| InterCare Community Health | VFW Post 6134 |
| JMJ Cleaning Service | Warner Camp |

CHURCH NEWS

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.
- Anyone with information for the newsletter can call the Township office at 236-6485, send to P.O. Box 427, Pullman, MI 49450 or email to trusteelg@leetwp.org.
- Pullman Branch Library is open based on volunteer help. Hours posted on their window. Fennville District Library offers free library cards to Lee Township residents.
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Cemetery

Grave sites must be kept within the rules that are posted in the cemetery and are available in print at the Township office. All decorations (artificial flower, plastic baskets, etc.) placed upon lots that become unsightly, will be removed without notice. All artificial decorations will be removed during spring and fall clean up.

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 Ave.

Township Board Members & Department Staff *Township Office 236-6485*

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Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693
Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 236-6119
Kyle Harris, Assessor 574-596-6566
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Ted Chamberlain, Fire Chief 236-5988
Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477
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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.

Bravo Christian Reform - 5587 113th Ave. (113th & 56th St.), Fennville, Pastor Mark Douglas.. Service times: Sunday 9:50 am. Sonshine Thrift Store Tues-Sat 10-4. Something for everyone. Donations accepted.

Mt. Calvary MB Church - 5424 105th, PO Box 36, Pullman, Pastor Knox, 269-236-5225. Service times: Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship 11:30 am.

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 Church —915 North Ave. Service time: Thursday 6:30 dinner served with service following.

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; Bible Study Thursday 6 pm.

SUMMER 2016 TAX INFORMATION

The Treasurer will collect tax at the **Township Office on Fridays (9 AM-12 PM & 1-5 PM)** the months of July, August and September. Interest will be added to taxes paid after **September 16th. POSTMARKS NOT HONORED.** **Summer Tax 2016 must be paid to Lee Township Treasurer until February 28, 2017.**

Summer deferment Form may be filed to defer payment of interest 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 and www.allegancounty.org. The form must be filed with the Township Treasurer by September 16, 2016.

For Disabled Veterans Exemption call the Township office or get the form from our website at www.leetwp.org.

The Assessor has authorized the Board of Review to convene on **July 19th at 1:00pm.** July BOR is to correct any mutual mistake of fact or clerical errors on tax notice. **Notify the Treasurer or Assessor of any necessary corrections upon receipt of tax bill.**

Fire District Hearing is scheduled for July 11, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall to discuss the 2017 millage rate.

Election Day is Tuesday August 2nd.
Please remember to get out and vote!



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Synopsis of Lee Township Board Meetings Minutes
Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 8, 2016

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes of January 11, 2016; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve the Fire Department training expense of \$1400; to extend the tax penalty date to February 29; to approve the budget adjustments presented; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn at 8:39pm.

Additional information presented: Commissioner Jessup gave an update on a new radio system to replace the 800 MHz system, the Solid Waste program and future issues the county is researching. 77 complaints to the sheriffs' department this month ; 9 fire calls received, 27 calls taken by First Responders. There was 1 building permit issued, 4 mechanical, 1 plumbing and 1 electrical. Cemetery spring clean up dates scheduled. \$694.00 collected at transfer station and 30 tickets redeemed. Update on County Road Commission meeting.

Special Meeting Minutes February 8, 2016

Purpose of the meeting was to continue work on Twp. 5 year plan. Discussion regarding township assets, grant opportunities, public image. Agreed to meet again after March.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 14, 2016

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes from February 8, 2016; to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 8, 2016; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to publish the Annual Budget Hearing and Meeting of the Electors meeting information; to accept the bid for 2 applications at \$11,000 each from SWMDC; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to authorize the Clerk to pay election staff from March 8 presidential primary; to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

Additional information presented: Ben Williams from Allegan Co Health Department presented information on the county's Resource and Recovery program.

The Fire Department took 17 calls and bid details were discussed for the new fire truck. A special meeting was set for March 26th 9am to discuss details of those bids. First Responders had 28 calls. There were 6 mechanical, 2 plumbing and 4 electrical permits issued. \$755.00 collected at the transfer station and 25 tickets redeemed. Chip cost and fog seal work was reviewed and repairs to both Lower and Upper Scott dams discussed.

Minutes from the Annual Budget Hearing March 26, 2016

Supervisor Owen reviewed the township's accomplishments throughout the past year. The board reviewed the proposed budgets for the General Fund, Fire Department and First Responders. Motion made and passed to adopt the proposed budgets as written. Motion was made and passed to adopt the General Appropriations and to adjourn the meeting at 10:35am.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2016

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes from March 14, 2016; to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 26th; to receive the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve the purchase of 4 tires for the command vehicle in the amount of \$500; to move forward in establishing financing at the best rate for new fire truck; to pay off the Fire Station with the lowest interest bearing CD in the amount of \$172,963.75; to accept the dam repairs to be completed by Truckery not to exceed \$10,000; to sign work order for 2 miles of gravel ; to renew service contract with AI-Van Humane Society at \$1,500 annually; to accept revenue adjustments presented by the Treasurer; to accept budget adjustments as presented; to sign the resolution for the renewal of the road millage to be added to August ballot; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to authorize repairs to the parking lot by Quality Paving in the amount of \$750; to adjourn at 9:10pm.

Additional information presented: County Commissioner gave update on boater safety laws; the legal issues regarding drones and space at the jail facility. 81 calls were taken by the sheriff's department for the month. 9 calls taken by the fire department and 28 calls taken by First Responders. There were 3 building and 5 electrical permits issued. \$853.00 collected at the transfer station and 29 tickets redeemed.