



Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring 2016

PULLMAN PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Fourteen years ago, Lee Township started Pullman Pride Day to celebrate our community and bring people out for a day of fun. From this day, funds raised were put in an account for the Pullman Pride/Lee Township Scholarship to be awarded to high school graduating seniors who live in Lee Township for continuing education. Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded in May. If you are a graduating senior, live in Lee Township and are interested in applying for this scholarship, please read the information below carefully.

Scholarship criteria:

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 application is April 15, 2016.**

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 award money.

Scholarship essay applications should be mailed to:

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

Pictured right: Bloomingdale "royalty" at Pullman Pride Day 2015, spending some time with the Al-Van Humane Society shelter animals looking for their forever home.

ADDRESS SIGNS CAN SAVE LIVES

The Lee Township Fire Department would like to remind all residents that being able to locate your property in case of emergency (fire or medical) quickly can be the difference between life and death. Many residents have no address sign posted and others have the address on only one side of the mailbox. This limits visibility based on which direction an emergency vehicle is coming from. For just \$10 (the actual cost to make the sign) residents can have their house number made on a reflective green sign. "Our goal would be that everyone in the township have one. If someone is elderly, disabled, or just needs help with installation we can help with that. This is an important tool to help us find you," said Fire Chief Ted Chamberlain. If you have any questions on address signs or would like to order yours, please contact the Fire Department at 269-543-2025. Leave a detailed message and someone will return all calls. *(photo of sign on page 3)*

PULLMAN PRIDE DAY JULY 16, 2016

Pullman Pride Day is held the 3rd Saturday in July. We are looking for volunteers to help out with this community event. Please contact April at prilferell82@yahoo.com if you have ideas, would like to be a vendor, or interested in helping plan the day's activities. This is a community event requiring community participation. Previous scholarship winners and current seniors needing community service hours are encouraged to get involved. There's nothing more gratifying than knowing you have made a difference in your community.



HOLIDAY SOCIAL BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR SONG & CHEER

Holiday cheer was shared by many who came out to the Lee Township Holiday Social, singing carols with the live manger scene, enjoying snacks at the Community Center and having their picture taken with Santa along with a gift to take home to put under their tree. Special thanks go out to: Debbie Laraway and Doug Bale for the delicious soup, chili and hot chocolate; Ron & Joyce Worth, Frank and his baby calf, May Davoren, Nancy Endres, the Kay, Dorr, Cassidy, Jones, and Rawson families; the Bloomingdale HS students who volunteered their time, and all those generous cookie bakers. What a wonderful community tradition.



Lee Township Community Center Events

Easter Egg Hunt-March 26th 11-2 pm (hotdogs & chips)
Flea Market-First Saturday of the month (June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3) 8 am-2 pm
Movie Night-2nd Saturday of each month 6-8 pm

Lee Township Community Center is located at:
915 North Street, Pullman.
For rental or usage information for weddings, etc.
Call Melinda 616-886-3010

LOVE INC NEEDS YOUR HELP TO HELP OTHERS

Looking for volunteers in a number of areas:

Exercise your God-given gift of compassion.

Mentors needed in Pullman for the Life Skills Program. We are also looking for a leader for the Children's Ministry. Contact Barb Johnson at 269-236-6295 if interested in learning more about these two leadership opportunities. If you have a few hours to donate, Love INC office in Pullman is in need of an office volunteer on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Love INC has started to collect backpacks. Each fall over 250 packs are provided to students returning to school to help get them prepared for the school year.

Personal Needs Pantry is in need of donations of: toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry soap, dish soap, tampons.

Baby Needs Pantry in need of: diapers, baby shampoo & lotion, baby wash, wipes, crib sheets & blankets. Drop off donations Monday or Thursday from 9am -1pm.

Upcoming Events sponsored by: COUNTRY LIFE

www.clnf.org

March 4 9:30-am-2pm Casco UMC Community Wellness Fair-Wellness exhibits, health talks by local professionals & lunch curtesy of CLNF, 880 66th St, South Haven.

March 20 4-6pm-Vegan-Quick & Easy-Yummy recipes that won't cost you a lot of time in the kitchen or money. Samples provided. Location: Faith Hall, 686 52nd St

March 28 (thru April 30) 7-8:15pm-Balanced Living Mini Health Talks-Little health nuggets with big Bible topics (4X a week). Location: The Little White Chapel, 861 56th St.

May 13-15 Natural Home Remedies Weekend Seminars offered all weekend long at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 157 Blue Star Highway, South Haven.

All programs are free but require registration. For more information or to register email patty@clnf.org or call 269-236-8326.

SHOP & DINE LOCALLY AND SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES

Lee Township welcomes VISTA Tax Services to Pullman.

Ball Cafe
BaleTech
Baylor Buddy Johns
Bell's Grocery
Bodtke Farms
Cemetery Monuments Sales
Cericola's Banquet Hall
Clemons Blueberries
Country Life Natural Foods
Dave's Tree Service
Dollar General
Dream House Development
Forrest Enterprises
H & F Electronics
Hidden Treasure Daycare
InterCare Community Health
Image Designer
JMJ Cleaning Service

Laraway & Son Movers
Loreli's Variety Store
Marathon Gas/Shop
Maynard's Customized Concrete
Mystic View Apartments
Northwoods Café
North St Storage
Once Upon a Time
Pat Knapp's Excavating
Pizza Plus
Preferred Market
Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Rawson Brothers Auto Parts
Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
Shek Law Offices
Simparsosa Riding Stables
VFW Post 6134
Warner Camp

The VFW Post #6134 would like to thank VFW Auxiliary, VFW Riders, Friends of Veterans, Preferred Market, Pizza Plus, Ball Café, May Davoren, Shirley Kay, James Davoren, Keith Volgman, Ed & Sandy Anderson, and the many anonymous donors. Your support is appreciated every year.

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

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
Kyle Harris, Assessor 574-596-6566
Dan Poll, Building Inspector 673-3239
Ted Chamberlain, Fire Chief 236-5988
Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477
Joe Borjic, 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 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.

LEE TWP TREASURER NEWS

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

MEETING NOTICES

Board of Review will meet:

Monday, March 14, 2016, 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday, March 17, 2016, 9:00 am to Noon

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 13, 2016.

Annual Budget Meeting and Meeting of the Electors will be held Saturday March 26, 2016 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.

Public safety is our top priority!
Contact the Lee Township Fire Department to order your green reflective address sign for just \$10.

Call 269-543-2025 and leave a detailed message (name, phone number and address).



Lee Township Newsletter
877 56th Street
P.O. Box 427
Pullman, MI 49450

Synopsis of Lee Township Board Meetings Minutes

October 12, 2015-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from September 14 and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; authorize the Clerk to pay the bills as presented with additions; and to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Additional information presented: The board members extended their condolences to the family of Lester Rawson. Frank Baker, from the Allegan County Sheriff's Department, Candidate for 80th District Representative Mary Whiteford, Circuit Judge Marge Bakker and Rob Kengus, from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office all addressed the residents in attendance. Commissioner Jessup gave a county update on the old jail demotion, youth home, senior meal delivery program, and on clean-up at Lower Scott Lake. 112 police calls and 7 fire calls taken; first responders took 23 calls. Transfer station took in \$837 and 68 tickets. 6 building, 3 mechanical, and 6 electrical permits issued. The Trick or Treat hours will be set for 5 to 7:30 pm on Saturday, October 31st. Annual Winter Holiday Social will be Saturday December 5th at 6:30 pm.

November 9, 2015-Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from October 12, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to approve all 4 land splits presented; to opt out of processing dog licenses for the county; to authorize printing of tax newsletter; to publish December Board of Review dates; to adopt the recommended property hardship exemption at the 20% increase and asset level at \$15000.00 per assessor's recommendation; to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills as presented with additions; to pay the election workers from Nov. 4th election; and to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

Additional information presented: 7 fire calls and 15 first responders calls taken. Transfer station took in \$881 and 57 tickets. 6 building, 3 mechanical, and 6 electrical permits issued. The assessment has not been received from the Drain Office as of yet but should be somewhere around \$100,000.

December 14, 2015-Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from November 9, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the purchase of tires for patrol car in the amount of \$169.00 plus labor for each tire; to appoint Shirley Kay to fill the vacancy in the Board of Review; to approve land split for Bennish; to have the Supervisor as the FOIA Coordinator; to charge \$10.00 per hour or \$2.50 per 15 minute increments for research and processing the request. The charge for copies would be .10 per page and all mailing and postage fees would be charged; to adopt the resolution to transfer the ownership back to the county for the foreclosed properties; to authorize the Supervisor to attend the annual conference not to exceed \$1200.00 for conference and lodging; to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills as presented with additions; and to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm.

Additional information presented: 78 police calls, 12 fire calls; and 19 first responders taken. Transfer station took in \$1000 and 50 tickets. 3 building, 2 mechanical, 3 plumbing and 5 electrical permits issued. Road Committee reported funding came through for 104th/48th and the Township will be responsible for \$35,000.00 per mile. Construction will be scheduled for 2017. Library Book Club always looking for new members. Bloomingdale HS science and mathematics class has been invited to go to Harvard.

January 11, 2016-Board Meeting Minutes

Motions were made and approved for the following agenda items: to accept the regular meeting minutes from December 14, and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; for Fire Chief to put out for bids for the construction of a new fire engine to be purchased in 2017; to purchase a set of Good Year tires not to exceed \$2,000.00 for tires, mounting and balancing on first responder rig; to schedule a Special Meeting on February 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm for further discussion of Township 5 year plan; to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills as presented with additions; and to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm.

Additional information presented: 6 fire calls and 20 first responders calls taken. Transfer station took in \$875 and 33 tickets. 9 building, 2 mechanical, 1 plumbing and 12 electrical permits issued. Road repairs and costs were reviewed. Allegan County Road Commission meeting is scheduled for January 14th.