



WINTER 2010 NEWSLETTER
INCLUDES LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP
BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Emmet County, P.O. Box 188 Alanson, Michigan 49706

Littlefield Township Facts

- Established on March 22, 1877
- 1877 Population: 267
- 11 miles of water frontage

TAX DUE DATES

Summer: 09/14/10

Winter: 02/14/11

Taxes paid by these dates accrue no interest.

Littlefield Township Sewer Department

Bills are sent quarterly:

December, March, June & September.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Township Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911

Fire Department: 231-548-5646

Supervisor: Damien Henning 231-548-5443

Clerk: Sondra Festerling 231-348-8464

Treasurer: Kim Shomin 231-548-2142

Assessor: Jim LaPeer: 231-238-9606

Sewer Clerk and Cemetery Sexton:

Avis Granger: 231-548-2830

Trustee: Dean Morford 231-347-0653

Trustee: Katie Derrohn 231-347-1937

Alanson Public Library: 231-548-5465

TAX QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

When is interest charged on my taxes?

Your tax payment must be in the possession of the treasurer, or postmarked by the due date, or interest will be added. There are no exceptions to this, so please plan ahead.

When is the penalty charged?

A 3% penalty on unpaid taxes is charged between the winter due date and the last day of Littlefield Township tax collection. This year that occurs between the dates of February 15, 2011 to February 28, 2011.

What happens after the last day of tax collection?

After February 28, 2011 all delinquent taxes must be paid to the Emmet County treasurer's office. Phone number: 231-348-1715.

How do I pay my taxes in person?

There are only two days each year that state law requires the treasurer or appointee to be available at a posted location between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. See below for the dates, times and location. Any other time must be by appointment.

Why didn't I get my yellow receipt?

Due to rising costs, taxpayers no longer are sent a receipt. If you need a receipt, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or your fax number, along with your tax payment.

What is the Principle Residence Exemption?

Principle Residence Exemption is the new name for what used to be called the Homestead Exemption. If you look on your tax bill it is labeled P.R.E. followed by a number from 0 to 100% indicating how much of the exemption you are receiving. If this is your only full time residence you should probably be getting this tax exemption. Call the treasurer at 231-548-2142 if you have any questions.

Do you have an address or name change?

Report permanent address changes to the Treasurer. No seasonal address changes please. Only Emmet County Equalization Department is allowed to change names on the tax roll. They can be reached at 231-348-1708.

I have a business. What about personal property taxes?

All businesses pay taxes on their business equipment. It is in your best interest to file your own taxable amounts. If you do not, the assessor must do the estimation for you. Call the treasurer or assessor with any questions.

State Mandated Office Hours for Tax Collection

DAY 1: December 27, 2010 DAY 2: February 28, 2011

Payments will be collected by the treasurer and/or deputy treasurer for both days from 9:00 - 11:00 at the Township Hall, 7631 Burr Ave and from 11:00 - 5:00 at The Office Shop, 7722 US 31 in Alanson. 231-548-3300

The Beauty of Our Small Town in America

Perhaps you noticed the new logo which of course represents the natural beauty of our township with its hills, valleys, lakes, woods and flowing wells. It is a privilege to live here. I too appreciate the beauty of our natural surroundings but what I love most is this community. The people I pass by as we go about our daily lives and business here. Over the years it grows more precious to me. I love small town America and as far as I am concerned this is small town America at it's best.

Littlefield Township Business Directory

Call the treasurer **today** to add your business information. 231-548-2142

*You get a lot more than better service
when you do business with your
neighbors...you build relationships
and strengthen your own community...
when you can...*

Alanson Comfort Center
Alanson Laundry Center and Car Wash
Alanson Masonry

Alanson Sheet Metal, 548-2823

Heating, Cooling & Custom Metal Fabrication

Astro Building Products
All About You Hair Care
BC Pizza
Bob's Septic
Beneath the Willows Nursery
Blumki Brothers Redi Mix
Citizen National Bank
Coldwell Banker Realty
Country Gardens and Landscaping
Crooked River Lodge
D & L Construction & Remodeling
The Dairy Queen
DeYoung's Lawn Care, Inc.
Drayton Builders
The Dutch Oven Bakery
Dutch Oven Yarn Shop
EZ Mart
Federal First Bank
Fisher Plumbing and Heating
The Fort at Ponshewaing
Hargraves Sales
House of Pies

Houseworth Realty
Insurance by Burley
K.L.H. Marina and Machine
Kerriger Engineering & Mfg.
Keystone Builders
Kilpatrick's Construction
Little Traverse Primary Care
Louie's Grocery
The Inn at Crooked Lake
Mackinaw Island Fudge & Creamery
Masonry North
May Plumbing and Heating 548-5319
Plumbing, Heating, A/C & Cottage Winterization
Michel's Collision
Michigan Wholesale Bait
Norm's Barber Shop
Northwest Hydraulics & Engineering
Northwood Restaurant
Oden Antiques
The Office Shop, 548-3300
Graphics, Printing and Basic Office Supplies
P.J.'s Hair Care
Pauly's Home Cooken
Racc Computers
Rainbow Seamless Guttering
Ranch RV Sales, Inc., 548-5443
RV Sales, Service & Accessories

Riverside Studio
Ryde Marina
Scott's Landscaping
The Second Hand Man
Sid Baker Masonry
Solutions Electric
Spanky's Powersports, Inc.
Steven, B. Graham Attorney
Strait's Area Dental
Subway
Sysco Food Services
Tigerlilly's
Tippett Statuary and Monumen
Two Loon Lagoon
Tri-Lakes Appliance Repair, Inc
W.W. Fairbairn & Sons, Inc.
Wayne's Electric
Williams Excavating
White Pine Electric
Wolverine Sign Works
Young's Bait and Party Shop
Zoerhof, William, DDS

*Please contact the treasurer
if your business is not listed.*

BUY LOCALLY

LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP WINTER 2010

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Alanson Sports Boosters

11th Annual Craft Show
at the Alanson Public Schools Gym
Saturday, November 27

Santa Visit! at the Fire Hall

Sunday, December 5, 1:00-3:00 pm

30th Annual

Crooked River Sing-a-Long

Village Park Pavilion
Sunday, December 5, 5:00 pm

Alanson Area District Library

Alanson/Littlefield Community Building, 7631 U.S. 31

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon. 12-6 • Tues. and Wed. 10-6
Thurs. 12-7 • Fri. 12-5 • Sat. 10-2

Librarian, Nicky Haller

Phone: 231-548-5465

Alanson Library's new website:

<http://www.alansonlibrary.michlibrary.org>

Public Transportation in Areas of Emmet County
Straits Regional Ride Bus 231-597-9262