

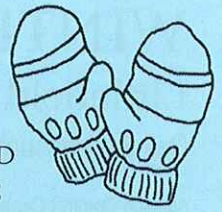
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Littlefield TOWNSHIP

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

WINTER 2011
NEWSLETTER
INCLUDES LITTLEFIELD
TOWNSHIP BUSINESS
DIRECTORY



WINTER TAX DUE DATE

February 14, 2012

*Taxes paid by this date accrue
no interest or penalties.*

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

SEWER SYSTEM NEWS

You may have noticed the construction along the old railroad bed this summer. This is a new force main that will connect the Northern part of the Bear Creek Township sewer system to the Harbor Springs Area Sewer Disposal Authority. This project also includes much needed upgrades to our 40 yr. old pump stations. The addition of the flow from Bear Creek will allow the HSASDA plant to operate more efficiently. HSASDA is governed by an eight member board appointed by: the City of Harbor Springs, Little Traverse Township, Littlefield Township, the Village of Alanson, and (now) Bear Creek Township. If you have any questions please call me at 347-0653.

Dean Morford,
Littlefield Twp. Trustee HSASDA Chairman

State Mandated Office Hours for Tax Collection

DAY 1: Mon., Dec. 26, 2011

DAY 2: Wed. Feb. 29, 2012

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

Littlefield Township Road Work Update

Every year, Littlefield Township allocates funds for local road maintenance projects. Among the projects for 2011 was the total rebuilding and resurfacing of Kuebler Drive and the redesign and reconstruction of the intersection at Burley and Banwell Roads. The total township expenditure for all local roads maintenance projects in Littlefield Township for 2011 was approximately \$170,000.00.

The single primary road project in Littlefield Township for 2011 was the section of Powers Road between Moore Road and US 31. This also involved the major reconstruction of the road base and ditches and paving to a Class A road standard. Concrete curb and gutter was installed at all road intersections and subdivision entry points. This project was bid at \$287,367.00.

Funding for the Powers Road project was somewhat complicated. Each year the Emmet County Road Commission gives the township an allocation of approximately \$12,000.00 for road projects. These funds must be matched by the township on a 50/50 basis. These funds also can be accumulated for up to 5 years. This would mean Littlefield Township could do a project for \$120,000.00 – after waiting five years.

If the township foregoes or “gives up” these allocations, it allows the road commission access to these dollars to be applied towards State of Michigan matching funds for primary road projects. By doing this, the township is placed on a priority list for primary road projects by the Emmet County Road Commission. This is what was done in the case of the Powers Road project. The township’s direct expenditure was \$0.00 and we received the value of a \$287,367.00 road project. By anyone’s standards this is a tremendous value.

Damien Henning, Littlefield Township Supervisor.

2012 Election Dates

- February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary
- May 8, 2012 School Election
- August 7, 2012 State Primary Election
- November 6, 2012 State General Election

Absent Voter Requests

Registered residents in Littlefield Township can request in writing an Absent Voters Ballot from the Clerk. The request needs to have Name, Registered Address, Contact Phone Number, Reason for needing AV Ballot, Address for Ballot to be Mailed to, and Registered Voters’ Signature. Voters can also obtain an application for an absentee ballot thru the State of Michigan website: www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf or at the Alanson Public Library.

Requests for AV ballot to be mailed to you must be received no later than 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election. Please keep in mind that mail request are done the same day received by the clerk and placed back in the mail the following day. Please allow your request plenty of mail turn-around time. All requests can be mailed to Township Clerk, 7898 Crump Road, Alanson, MI 49706.

Sondra Festerling, Township Clerk

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Littlefield Township Business Directory

Call the treasurer if you would like a brief description, photo and history of your business: 231-548-2142

Alanson Comfort Center 347-5850
Alanson Depot/ BC Pizza 548-1296
Alanson Laundry Center and Car Wash 548-2205
Alanson Masonry

Alanson Self Storage, 347-2304

Conveniently located self storage

Alanson Sheet Metal, 548-2823

Heating, Cooling & Custom Metal Fabrication

Astro Building Products 548-2200
All About You Hair Care 439-5105
Bob's Septic 548-2285
Beneath the Willows Nursery
Blumki Brothers Redi Mix 548-2522
Citizen National Bank 548-2265
Coldwell Banker Realty 548-9336
Country Gardens and Landscaping 347-7615
Coverall Painting 548-1478
Crooked River Lodge 548-5000
D & L Construction & Remodeling 548-2989
The Dairy Queen
Deyoung's Lawn Care, Inc. 548-2999
Dollar General 548-1111
Drayton Builders
The Dutch Oven Bakery 548-2231
Dutch Oven Yarn Shop 548-2700
Ez Mart 548-2933

First Federal Bank 548-2933
The Fort At Ponshevaing
Hargraves Sales
House of Pies 347-6525
Houseworth Realty 548-5578
Insurance By Burley 548-2211
K.I.h. Marina And Machine
Karriger Engineering & Mfg. 548-2281
Keystone Builders
Kilpatrick's Construction
Little Traverse Primary Care 548-1333
Louie's Grocery 548-1001
Mackinaw Island Fudge & Creamery 548-2004
Masonry North 548-5282
May Plumbing And Heating 548-5319
Plumbing, Heating, A/c & Cottage Winterization
Michel's Collision 348-7066
Michigan Wholesale Bait 548-5323
Mishikhen Studio
Norm's Barber Shop 548-5117
Northwest Hydraulics & Engineering 347-3338
Northwood Restaurant 347-3894
Oden Antiques 439-0935
The Office Shop, 548-3300
Graphics, Printing and Basic Office Supplies
P.J.'s Hair Care 548-3131

Racc Computers 548-2000
Rainbow Seamless Guttering 548-7246
Ranch RV Sales, Inc., 548-5443
RV Sales, Service & Accessories
Riverside Studio
Ryde Marina 347-8273
Scott's Landscaping 548-3361
The Second Hand Man 548-5173
Sid Baker Masonry 548-5123
Solutions Electric 487-9317
Spanky's Powersports, Inc. 548-5222
Steven, B. Graham Attorney 348-3616
Strait's Area Dental 548-7402
Sysco Food Services 548-2103
Tigerlilly's 548-3337
Two Loons Lagoon 548-5802
Tri-Lakes Appliance Repair, Inc. 347-6913
W.W. Fairbairn & Sons, Inc. 548-2244
Wayne's Electric 548-2856
White Pine Electric 548-3873
Wilderness Meats & Deli 548-6328
Williams Excavating 347-3632
Wolverine Sign Works
Young's Bait and Party Shop 548-5286
Zoerhof, William, DDS 548-2520



I love this town and I love all our local industry. For years I and others have benefited so from these skilled individuals that we live and work amongst. I believe small farmers and businessmen are the backbone of this country and families are the heart. I would like to have a few articles in each newsletter with some news from our local businesses. Call me if you would like to have this done.

Kim Shomin
Littlefield Township
Treasurer

News of Dow Park in Oden

This park remains a place where windsurfers gather or families and tourists sit and enjoy looking at the lake. This year the stone memorial was rebuilt as it was crumbling. A few years ago the spring well had to be re-drilled so that fresh water would continue to be available to us all. The Township Board felt it was important to maintain this well, not only because it is enjoyed by so many but also we felt it would be an asset in the event of an emergency. It was brought to this board's attention that years ago there was a stone base to this flowing well. We would like anyone with information or pictures of this stone base to share them with us so that down the road we could rebuild it. Please contact Katie Derrohn, Littlefield Township Trustee

Crooked River Locks Consortium

A group of concerned citizens, primarily in local government seats saw the effect of the Crooked Locks being non operational during the boating season. They saw a need. Their goal as written in the PCLA newsletter was simply "Stability of the Lock Operation". They had no idea how or when this could be solved. They met together regularly only knowing they wanted somehow to solve what seemed to be a very difficult, if not impossible project for local government and individuals to do. Now less than a year later, there appears to be a possible solution involving taking over management of the operation from the State of Michigan. A wonderful testimony of what can be done when individuals get together for the common good.

Littlefield Alanson Community Hall Rental

Call Dan Plasencia 548-5656

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

31st Annual Crooked River Sing-a-Long
Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011 5:00 p.m.
at the Alanson Village Park

Santa Visit! At the Fire Hall on Sun. Dec. 4, 1-3

Temporarily behind on your mortgage payments?

Contact: Mission of Peace Housing Counseling Agency - a federal agency can help in negotiations with your mortgage co. at no cost to home owner.

810-232-0104 for free consultation

Alanson Area Library Hours

Mon. 12-6 • Tues. and Wed. 10-6 Thurs. 12-7 • Fri. 12-5 • Sat. 10-2
Phone: 231-548-5465 <http://www.alansonlibrary.michlibrary.org>

Public Transportation in Areas of Emmet County

Straits Regional Ride Bus 231-597-9262

Important Information About Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are available by request and can be faxed or mailed. Please send your fax number or a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your tax payment.

This newsletter is prepared bi-annually by the treasurer and printed at The Office Shop. If you have events to advertise please call the treasurer.

