



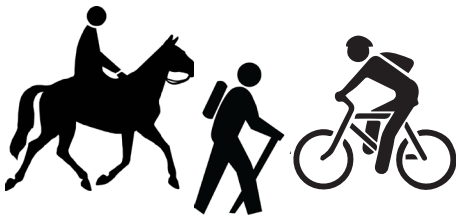
The secret of success and happiness lies not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do.

ALANSON • ODEN • PONSHEWAING

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

MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL NEARLY COMPLETED



After 20 years, the Petoskey to Alanson Trail is due to be completed at the printing of this newsletter.

With a scheduled completion date of June 23, 2013, Construction of Phase 1 of the Petoskey to Mackinac Trail which runs for 7 miles from Spring Lake to the intersection of Powers Road and US 31 has been a welcome sight for Littlefield Township residents since this Spring. With a rubberized asphalt coating and one small section of boardwalk and beautiful scenery, it will be a wonderful trail for all of us to enjoy for years to come. It is a non-motorized trail for pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists and when there is lots of snow on the ground it is an ungroomed connection between snowmobile trails. Phase II is from Chicago Road in Alanson to Mackinac City and Phase III runs through the Village of Alanson. Milton Road will connect Phase I and II until the completion of the last phase through the Village. (See map on back.)

PARKS NEAR THE TRAIL

In addition to Dow Park which is located along the shores of Crooked Lake and has seen some beautiful improvements, Littlefield Township is in the process of acquiring Woodruff Park. A flag pole was erected last fall and other improvements are being planned for the future. The Township of Littlefield is also looking at acquiring the Gazebo property in Oden which is situated alongside the new Petoskey to Alanson Trail.



ALANSON LITTLEFIELD FIRE CHIEF STEPS DOWN NEW FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED

After twenty-two years of serving our community as Fire Chief, Jim Cantrell has resigned. Cantrell began as a firefighter forty years ago and is the second oldest active member on the department. He has been an EMT for the last thirty years. His father was a fireman and his oldest son is a full time firefighter downstate. His middle son was an Alanson Littlefield Fire Department volunteer firefighter as well but relocated out of the area so had to resign. Cantrell's wife and sister also served on the department as first responders. He is looking forward to being able to travel more to spend time with his close family.

A new fire chief, Art Drayton, was appointed from the ranks. Drayton has been serving as a firefighter for thirty years. He began as a volunteer firefighter back in 1982 when he was asked by Larry Williams the appointed fire chief at that time. Both of his sons at one time were involved

with the fire department. The oldest is still active on the department while the younger son has since joined the air force.

The Alanson Littlefield Fire Department responds to the townships of Maple River and Littlefield. There are an average of 200 EMS runs per year and 50 to 70 fire runs per year. The average response to a medical emergency is about five minutes.



Alanson Littlefield Fire Department is in desperate need of more personnel: EMT's or 1st Responders to help run the rescue squad morning and night. If you think you can help please contact the new Fire Chief, Art Drayton at 231-548-5646

Alanson-Littlefield Township Cemetery

Cemetery Sexton Resigns and Announcement of New Appointee

Avis Granger, long time cemetery Sexton of the Alanson Littlefield Township Cemetery on Valley Road in Alanson has resigned. She took office in 1976. During her years as Sexton there was much that changed in the way the records were kept, going from paper to computerized records, graves going from hand dug to machine, hand mowed to the zero-turn mower that was purchased just last year. Through it all she has enjoyed and taken very good care of our loved ones who are buried there. When Avis was asked if we could share in a few words about her 37 years of service she smiled and said "It has been an absolute pleasure!" We all welcome Kim Morgan, new appointee as the Alanson Littlefield Cemetery Sexton.

SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER

*The true measure of a man is how he treats
someone whom he thinks can do him absolutely no good.*

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: Avis Granger 231-548-2830
Cemetery Sexton: Kim Morgan 231-529-5542
Trustee: Dean Morford 231-347-0653
Trustee: Katie Derrohn 231-347-1937
Alanson Public Library: 231-548-5465

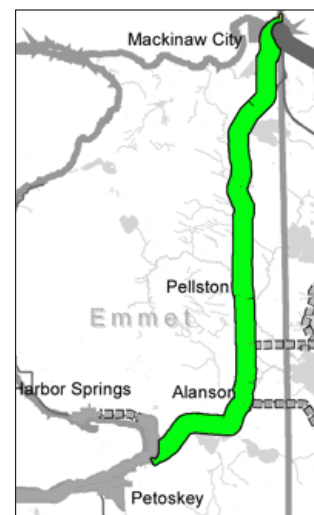
SUMMER TAX DUE DATE

September 16, 2013

Taxes paid by these dates accrue no interest.

Important Information About Tax Receipts

Please include contact information along with your payment so the Treasurer's office can contact you in the event of an underpayment or other problem. We like to save you time and money! If you want a receipt please send a fax number or email address or self-addressed stamped envelope.



THE MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL

A former railroad corridor that runs from M-119 in Petoskey, 35 miles to Mackinaw City through Alanson and Pellston. The trail is mostly dirt and cinder but improvements are planned for the future. The seven-mile portion from Petoskey to Alanson is scheduled to be paved with a ten-foot-wide asphalt surface in early 2013. This new trail segment will intersect directly with the Little Traverse Wheelway near Spring Lake Park.

-Top of Michigan Trail Council

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

JULY

Alanson 4th of July Celebration Sponsored by the Alanson Littlefield Fire Department

Boy Scout Breakfast 7:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Townhall

Independence Day Parade! Starts at 11:00 a.m. Line up on Banwell Road at 9:00

Contact Number: 548-5646 (leave a message)

Firemen will be selling hotdogs, brats and pop in the park after the parade.

AUGUST

ALANSON RIVERFEST

August 9, 10, and 11 For more information: www.alansonriverfest.com

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Top 'O Michigan Marathon Boat Race, August 17 and 18

SEPTEMBER

Crooked River Firefighter's Antique Truck & Classic Car Show: 2nd Weekend in September

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Hillside Garden Annual Plant Sale: September 14th

Littlefield Alanson Community Hall Rental

Call Dan Plasencia 548-5656

Inland Water Route Museum

Summer Volunteers Needed to Staff Museum

Call Wayne Blomberg 231-838-5309

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>



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First Day of School will be
Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013.