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

FIRE DEPARTMENT TURN OUT GEAR

The completion of phase 1 of replacing outdated turn out gear for our fire department was accomplished last year. 11 sets of new turn out gear were purchased with funds from Littlefield Township and the Emmet county local revenue sharing and one private donation. Now we will be completing phase 2 which will be the final 11 sets needed to outfit the fire department. Turnout gear is the basic protective gear needed by a fire fighter to enter a structure fire. There was a fire last winter with -20 degree temperatures and only those with the new gear had a comfort level acceptable to withstand the severe conditions that existed in fighting this structure fire. We are very thankful to have such a fire department in our Township and look forward to providing this much needed state of the art gear.

Two grants have been applied for. One is from the Emmet County local revenue sharing and the other is from the Baiardi Family Foundation with Littlefield Township making up what is needed beyond these two grants. The total amount needed for this gear is approximately \$32,000. These protective garments are rated according to the following specifics.

- THL (total heat loss which determines its breathability or comfort.)
- TPP (thermal protective performance which determines its protective performance.)

Being in a northern climate our gear is designed to be a little higher on TPP to better protect our personnel in hazardous conditions and is also warmer in the dead of winter.

In the next year or two we would like to outfit the fire department with new helmets. These are color coded for easy identification of personnel in the line of duty. This allows those in charge to see what level of experience is in what areas. Orange helmets are for firefighters with no certified training and just learning under supervision. Yellow helmets are certified to a least firefighter 1 level. Red helmets are for lieutenants, and captains in command. White helmets are for assistant chief and chief in charge.

SUMMER TAX DUE DATE:

September 14, 2015

Taxes paid by this date accrue no interest or penalties

“HAY LAKE”

Proposed Park/Marina on Crooked River

Nothing happens unless first we dream. - Carl Sandberg

The old Admiral's Point Marina is located in a section of the river that locals have called for years “Hay Lake”. This is the name that is being given to a future hope of a Park/Marina Development. There are many phases that must be accomplished to realize this dream. This public park/marina would be another development to enhance the recreational advantages we have living in this area.

Not only would it be a lovely site and place to launch and all the advantages of a marina but there is a future plan called the Inland Waterway Trail plan which would go right by this new park. This Trail plan would be for canoers/kayakers etc. with stopping points of interest and other amenities all along the Inland Waterway.

Littlefield Township has already submitted a request from the Michigan National Resources Trust Fund for a land acquisition grant. We employed Gosling Czubak Engineering who has extensive experience in this type of thing to help us in this first step. We expect to hear the results of this by the end of the year. Then we will move on to applying for a redevelopment grant to improve the facility. We hope to install new sea walls and the relocation of the boat ramps and docking and more infrastructure improvements. This part of this project could take up to 3 to 4 years.

ODEN PARKS

Littlefield Township is endeavoring additional improvements to these park areas that are so close in proximity to the new bike trail passing through Oden. This helps to enhance the many advantages these trails bring to an area, both recreational and economic and much more.



Littlefield Township has been able to acquire some of the distressed properties in this area for the purpose of these future improvements which are still just an idea in the making so keep tuned! This is a double advantage as it cleans up these distressed properties thus making an improvement to the looks and condition of this small town located by the water.

Planned improvements include providing a concrete park bench with a base at Dow Park

to capitalize on the beautiful sunsets viewable from this park on Crooked Lake.

An artesian fountain is going to be installed along the trails and it may even have a fountain at the base for dogs.



www.traillink.com/trail-photos/
north-western-state-trail

BIKE TRAILS in Littlefield Township

It is so nice to see all the use of the new trail that was completed from Spring Lake to Alanson in 2013. Now as most have probably seen in the media the completion of the rest of that trail from Alanson to Mackinac City is set for this year. It will not be rubberized asphalt as the section that was completed with shared funding of the Littlefield Township and Emmet County and the other Townships it passed through. It will be crushed limestone and will be for non-motorized use during all seasons except winter when it may be used by snowmobilers. It is a 25 mile stretch.

CROOKED RIVER LOCK SCHEDULE 2015

Fees: \$10 per day \$30 season pass

May 23-June 28	8:00 am to 9:00 pm
June 29-Aug. 16	8:00 am to 10:00 pm
Aug. 17-Sept. 7	8:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sept. 8-Sept. 30	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Oct. 3-4	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Oct. 10-11	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Oct. 17-18	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Oct. 24-25	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

THE CROOKED RIVER LOCK WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON
at 5:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2015.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Alanson 4th of July Celebration
Boy Scout Breakfast 7:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Townhall
Independence Day Parade! Starts at 11:00 a.m.
Contact Person: Art Drayton, 231-548-5646

Alanson Riverfest August 14 - 16, 2015
See schedule at: alansonriverfest.com
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**Crooked River Firefighter's Antique Truck & Classic
Car Show: 2nd Weekend in September**
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Hillside Garden Annual Plant Sale: September 12th

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

Cemetery Sexton & Sewer Clerk: Kim Morgan 231-529-5542

Trustee: Dean Morford 231-347-0653

Trustee: Katie Derrohn 231-347-1937

*To everything there is a season and a time to every
purpose under heaven.- Ecc 3:1*

Cemetery News and Information



Once again, the Alanson Boy Scouts of Troup 4 along with their leaders placed all the flags on the veteran's graves. They always do a wonderful job.

- Did you know? No cremation ashes or markers may be placed on a lot without permission of the sexton. This ensures

accurate cemetery records.

- Please take time to read the rules and regulations that are posted at the cemetery or take a copy from the mailbox.

If you have any questions or would like information on the cemetery, please contact Kim Morgan at 231-529-5542 or kimmorgan@centurytel.net

SPRING CLEAN UP at LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE OF ALANSON

Every year there is a garbage pickup day for the residents of Littlefield Township and the residents of the Village of Alanson. The purpose of this is to help keep this beautiful area free of unsightly and unhealthy debris. It occurs on the first Saturday in May. This is an expense totally funded by the taxes paid by the Littlefield Township Residents and the Village of Alanson Residents. Please feel free to use this service if you are a resident only of Littlefield Township or the Village of Alanson. This is an increasingly costly service and we want to use your tax dollars wisely and also keep the lines and amounts deposited manageable.

Littlefield Township is updating Sewer Records

The new Littlefield Township sewer clerk, Kim Morgan will be updating all records pertaining to the Sewer billing. She would like anyone with any new contact information or anything else pertaining to the sewer billing for Littlefield Township to please call her at 231-529-5542

TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

It's a good idea to include contact information along with your tax payment. In the event of an error the treasurer is able to save you money by contacting you immediately.

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Littlefield Alanson Community Hall Rental

Call Dan Plasencia 548-5656

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

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