



WINTER 2012 NEWSLETTER

ALANSON • ODEN • PONSHEWAING

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

Multi-Purpose Trail Update

The trail that is to be from Petoskey to Mackinaw has been approved by the MDNR and MDOT and is due to be completed in 2013.

ODEN PARKS

Woodruff Park: This park is located along U.S. 31 and is a favorite spot for visitors to fill their waterbottles from its artisan well fountain. Littlefield Township, along with some wonderful volunteers, has made some improvements. Lowes, at Jim Alton, from the V.A.'s request, offered to restore the existing memorial for the Veterans of Oden. A flag pole was donated by MDOT who made it from portions of replaced poles from the Mackinaw Bridge. Littlefield Township had a movable concrete mount installed and now this time-honored pole stands with a new purpose. Alton is getting the flag for the new pole and there will be a ceremony planned. The volunteer's from Lowes installed walkways and plants leading up to the memorial. All this was donated. With the new multi-purpose trail coming through this area, one might be seeing future improvements to facilitate a pleasant place to stop and rest.

Dow Park: This lakeside park with its beautiful new fountain and memorial has been paved! Stop and enjoy it.

Township Road Work 2012

Every year, the Emmet County Road Commission rates the condition of the roads in Littlefield Township using the Paser Road Rating System. Paser is an "asset management system" that is utilized with the goal of allocating public resources (money) in the most cost effective manner. This process concentrates resources on roads that are relatively easy to maintain then allows resources to be expended on more expensive roads.

Roads are rated from 1 (poorest) to 10 (best). In turn, roads that are rated 1 are the most expensive to maintain and the roads rated 10 are the least expensive to maintain. In order to allocate our resources in the most cost effective manner we concentrate on roads rated 4 and above. Littlefield Township's road system rating for 2012 was 5.8 – or average. Our goal is to improve the rating to 7.0 – or good.

Once the Littlefield Township Board of Trustees receives the Paser Report, maintenance projects are selected and funds are appropriated. Of the 2 mil General Fund levy for Littlefield Township, 1 mil is set aside for road maintenance projects. This 1 mil currently generates approximately \$110,000.

This year, the Township allocated approximately \$160,000.00 for road maintenance projects. Projects for 2012 included the resurfacing of Main Street, High Street and Rose Street – all located in the Village of Oden. The resurfacing of these streets along with the fairly recent resurfacing of Luce Street, Russell Street and Kuebler Street expands on the Township's strategic street resurfacing projects in Oden.

The intersection of Blumke Road and US 31 was improved with the installation of concrete curb and gutter and an application of 130' of asphalt pavement. The paved portion will integrate well with the paved multi-purpose bike path planned for 2013. Also, work continued up Blumke Road to Moore Road with drainage improvements and 4" of gravel.

Mission Road was resurfaced from Smith Road to Banwell Road for a distance of approximately one half mile. This completed the stretch between M-68 and Banwell Road. Due to the overall cost, resurfacing Mission Road had to be done over a three year period.

Rounding out our resurfacing projects was the paving of Dow Park (as mentioned in this newsletter) and the paving of the Alanson DPW/Recycling Drop Off (cost sharing with Emmet County and the Village of Alanson). It is the sincere intention of the Littlefield Township Board of Trustees that these maintenance projects benefit the greatest number of residents (and visitors) for the money spent.

Damien Henning, Littlefield Township Supervisor

TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE ONLY UPON REQUEST

To save township funds, receipts are sent upon request only. If you need a receipt, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope, or fax number, or email address along with each tax payment.

WINTER TAX DUE DATE: *February 14, 2013*

Taxes paid after this due date accrue interest at 1% per month.

State Mandated Office Hours for Tax Collection

Mon., Dec. 31, 2012 • Thurs. Feb. 28, 2013

Payments will be collected by the deputy treasurer ONLY on listed days
9:00 - 5:00 at Key Printing (formerly the Office Shop), 7722 US 31 in Alanson.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Straits Area Regional Ride

231-597-9262 • 888-731-1204

Buses run daily from Cheboygan to Petoskey and back taking alternate routes. Sometimes the bus passes through Mackinaw City and other times through Indian River. They run daily, Monday through Friday, and must be pre-arranged by calling the dispatcher who will make arrangements for you on a personal basis. The office is open from 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The fares are based upon mileage.

0-5 miles is \$4.00 • 5-20 miles is \$5.00

20-35 miles is \$6.00 • Over 35 miles is \$8.00

If you are over 65 or disabled the fare is half.

Any disability must be cleared in advance with
Straits Regional Ride.

*Note: This is a very good service for our community. I used it myself
when my car was being repaired in Indian River.*

Alanson Public Library

The Alanson Public Library now has the capability to lend
E-BOOKS!

They are now accepting donations for the book sale
they will be holding this winter

The Alanson Public Library now has Friends!

The Friends of the Alanson Public Library Group has been
formed and had their first meeting. Call now if you
want to be a friend!

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>

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE COMMUNITY SING-A-LONG

at the Alanson Village Park

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.



VISIT WITH SANTA!

at The Littlefield Fire Station, Sunday, Dec. 2, 1-3 p.m.

Littlefield Alanson Community Hall Rental

Call Dan Plasencia 548-5656

There is no substitute for hard work. Henry Ford



ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Free of charge, each newsletter will
highlight one or two of the many
businesses we have in our town. Articles
will be published on a first-come, first-
serve basis.

LITTLEFIELD INDUSTRY IN FOCUS

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 . . .
BUY LOCALLY.



DUTCH OVEN YARN SHOP

Dutch Oven Yarn Shop has miles of various yarns.
Novelty yarns to make scarves, worsted weight yarn
to make sweaters or afghans, bulky yarn to make
wonderful warm hats and sock yarn. We also have
lace weight yarn to make beautiful shawls. So many
samples made up to give you inspiration and ideas of
what you too can make.

The Dutch Oven Yarn Shop has been here for about
40 years and June has been the owner for about 6 of
those years.

We have a KNIT NIGHT on Wednesday from 5:30-
7:30 for help, classes or just fun knitting with others.

Come Join Us!!!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Township Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911

Fire Department: 231-548-5646

Supervisor: Damien Henning 231-548-5443

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Trustee: Katie Derrohn 231-347-1937

Alanson Public Library: 231-548-5465

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If you have events to advertise or local news please call the treasurer's office: 231-548-2142