

"You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come in contact with a new idea." - Pearl S. Buck



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HAY LAKE PARK and MARINA

Now Accepting Reservations for Slips

Littlefield Township Hay Lake Marina Seasonal Boat Slip Permits, May 1 through October 31 are for a **25 Foot Slip**: Utility \$2,200. Non-Utility \$1,870. The slip rental permit, complete slip rental fees, slip rental application, and rules and regulations will be posted on the township website. Payments may be made on the website. There is an additional fee for using a credit card transaction.

EXAMPLE OF FEES

Seasonal Ramp Usage Pass Fee ... \$50.00

Transient Slip Daily Fees (14 days limit. State Waterways Rates):

25'.....\$30 26'.....\$31 27'.....\$33 28'.....\$34

Wall Rates: First 2 hours free with a maximum of 2 hours.

Daily Ramp Usage Fees (includes parking for that day only):

Non Commercial - 15 minute launch and retrieve \$8.00

Overnight Parking Fee (not including ramp usage) \$10.00

The marina fees will be used for upkeep and offset the direct additional costs for local events such as boat races, fishing tournaments, etc.

A Little Bit of History



submitted by
Kim Morgan

Lewis Elias Sweet (1875-1941), who is buried in the Littlefield Cemetery, was a veteran of the Spanish American War. He served with Company C, 35th Michigan Volunteer Infantry from June 1898 to March 1899. He made headlines in January of 1929. The story goes.... He was a guide for fishing parties and was swept out into Lake Michigan on an ice flow during

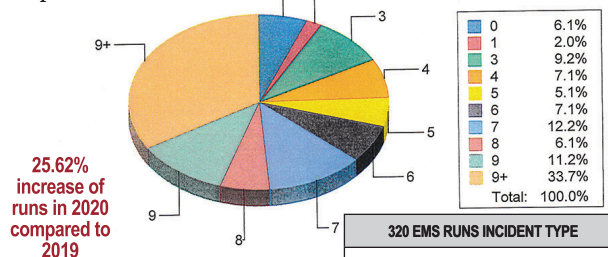


a blizzard in January of 1929. He drifted for over a day and night but finally reached the White Shoals lighthouse where he forced an entrance and built a fire. While searchers, Coast Guard, and Army pilots, along with a dog sled rescue

team (pictured) gave him up for lost, he remained in the lighthouse for nearly a week and then, with his supplies exhausted, crawled 14 miles across the windrowed ice to Cross Village. When he arrived in the village his hands and feet were frozen. A complete story of his experience can be found on the Greenwood Cemetery Website under the 'History' tab and then select 'S' and you will find Lewis Sweet. <https://www.gwood.us/>

2020 FIRE and EMS Run Stats

The Alanson-Littlefield Fire Department delivers exceptional services to protect life and property for our entire community. In Michigan, all fire departments are required to submit a complete fire incident report of the fire immediately after the occurrence of fire within the official's jurisdiction resulting in loss or life or property. A list of incidents are reported on a monthly basis. This graph represents the response time, in minutes, from dispatch to arrival time.



94 FIRE RUNS INCIDENT TYPE	#
Building Fire	6
Cooking fire	2
Chimney or flue fire	3
Passenger vehicle fire	4
Brush and grass fire	1
Outside storage fire	1
Medical assist EMS crew	1
EMS call, excluding accident with injury	1
Vehicle accident with injuries	7
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	7
Search for person on land	1
Extrication, rescue, other	1
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3
Water & Ice related rescue, other	1
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	5
Carbon monoxide incident	1
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	1
Overheated motor	1
Power line down	30
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1
Unauthorized burning	7
Good intent call, other	1
Authorized controlled burning	1
Steam, gas mistaken for smoke, other	1
False alarm or false call, other	2
CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
Detector/alarm, no fire - unintentional	3
Carbon monoxide detector activ, no CO	1
Severe weather or natural disaster, other	1
Special type of incident, other	1

320 EMS RUNS INCIDENT TYPE	#
Abdominal Pain	6
Allergic Reaction	4
Altered Mental Status	7
Assist Other EMS Agency	1
Bicycle Accident	1
Bleeding Non Traumatic	1
Broken Bone Non PI Source	1
Cardiac Arrest/ Chest Pain	2 / 21
Choking	1
COVID Response	5
Diabetic Emergency	6
DOA 10-77	3
Dog Bite	2
Domestic/Assault	3
Fall with Injury	30
Insect/Spider Bite	3
Lift Assist	31
Medical Alarm False	2
Nausea/Vomiting	9
No Emergency on Arrival/ Non-Injury	1 / 4
Not Feeling Well/ Other Medical Emergency	12 / 23
Pain Non-Traumatic	22
Personal Injury Accident	14
Psychiatric Emergency	21
Possible Stroke/Seizure	8 / 7
Shortness of Breath	26
Suicide Attempt or Threat	17
Syncopal/Dizziness	12
Trauma	4
Unintentional Overdose/Poison	2
Unresponsive/Unknown Medical	3 / 1
Water/Ice Rescue	1
Weakness	3

LITTLEFIELD CEMETERY NEWS

Once again the Alanson Boy Scout Troop 4, helped place the flags on the Veterans graves, 260 flags were placed this year. Thank You to the Scouts, their leaders, and their parents.

We are still compiling a database of the Veterans in the cemetery. Some of the Veteran's markers contain information on 'Branch of Service' and any war the veteran was in. Obituaries also provide some information, but there are many veterans that we don't have much info on. Check out the binders that are in the Cemetery mailboxes and if you have information that is not there, please share this Military history, please call or send information to Kim Morgan, P.O. Box 143, Alanson, MI 49706, email sexton@littlefieldtwp.org or by phone at 231-529-5542

Do you maintain your family plot? If you do, please keep in mind these few things when tending to your plants. Perennials need to be thinned out before they overtake a headstone or encroach on a neighboring lot. We do not weed whip areas with trinkets or statuary, please keep them weeded.

Rules to remember:

#19 – Shrubs may be planted on the sides of markers only. Special plantings require permission from the Sexton. (Plantings only on the side of headstones allows for easier mowing)

#22 – Only American flags will be allowed to be placed in the Cemetery and only on the graves of veterans. Exceptions are made for State, County, or Local police officers killed in the line of duty who then are entitled to a Michigan flag for the same duration as the veteran's flags. The Board reserves the right to remove the flags as it deems necessary.

- Kim Morgan, Cemetery Sexton

MICHIGAN FIREWORK LAWS



Consumer grade fireworks that leave the ground such as Roman candles and bottle rockets are only legal when ignited on one's own property. Fireworks are allowed to be set off:

June 29 to July 4, until 11:45 p.m.

The Sat. and Sun. before Labor Day, until 11:45 p.m.

You may call an anonymous tips line by dialing 231-439-8900 after 4 pm and leave a recorded message to report firework offenders.

TO KEEP UP ON SUMMER AREA EVENTS:

[https://www.facebook.com/
VillageOfAlanson](https://www.facebook.com/VillageOfAlanson)

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

<https://www.littlefieldtwp.org>

Alanson 4th of July Parade!

STARTS at 11:00

Want to be in the parade?

**Line up starts at 9:30 on
Banwell Road**

29th ANNUAL CROOKED RIVER FIREFIGHTERS CAR SHOW

Village of Alanson
on River Street

MUSIC, FOOD,
RAFFLES & MORE.
Sept 12, 2021.

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

- Thomas Edison

FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

It has been another beautiful spring in Northern Michigan. I am getting the ground ready for a vegetable garden and I have a couple a dozen meat chickens being raised up again this year. I was thinking this morning that the older folks I have known grew a lot of their own food. Both my mother and father were raised with their folks growing their own meat birds and had milk cows and vegetable gardens even though their parents weren't farmers and had jobs away from home. My parents, who both worked outside the home, always grew food in our backyard. I am NOT one of those who naturally can't wait to get out digging in the dirt but then I think of those potatoes, onions etc. and I go out and try and I always end up being VERY glad I did. I have an old friend who is gone now who said, "You know almost everyone has a way of growing a little food, and if they don't they are really missing out on a lot."

I am glad to see most of our businesses in town survived and are open. These people inspire me and I love doing my shopping locally. I think that buying local made sense in every way. Local

business matters a lot! Local everything matters a lot! I don't think that is the reason that Grandma survived the Great Depression, but it probably helped a little at least.

There are a few things about taxes I would like to mention. First, I do have to send refunds for overpayments and very often those checks do not get cashed and if I cannot reach that person I have to send those funds to the State of Michigan as unclaimed property. Please check all correspondence from this office and cash the checks that are mailed to you. Second, Littlefield Township will now be accepting electronic payments for property taxes and the Marina. All electronic payments must be made at our website and will have a 2.65% fee added to the original amount.

If you have any questions at all please call or email anytime.

Sincerely, *Kim Shomin*, Township Treasurer

SUMMER TAX DUE DATE: September 14, 2021

Taxes paid by this date accrue no interest or penalties

Either the Treasurer or an appointee will be on-site for the last day of summer tax collection, September 14, before late fees will be charged.

The hours will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Littlefield Township website at least two weeks prior. Personal or cashier checks are preferred. Cash must be exact. (cash is not kept on-site)

SEWER NEWS: Bills are mailed around the 20th of the month before they are due. If you don't receive your bill, you can send payment without including the payment stub, just include your account number or property address. Bills are due by the 15th of March, June, September, and December. If payment is not received the penalty will be added after the due date. - Kim Morgan, Sewer Clerk



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