

Clifford Township Newsletter

Sponsored by the Clifford Twp Supervisors, Community Alliance and Historical Society

Good Things are Happening in Clifford Township

The supervisors have many issues that they are conscientiously working on for the betterment of the township. The 537 plan, which addresses sewer concerns, is one of their most important projects. Hopefully, good communications and a long range perspective will provide solutions to this and other township problems.

The Comprehensive Plan meetings are all about discussing these kinds of projects. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service states "A comprehensive plan shows how a township can best use what it has to become the kind of place it wants to be." If you are unable to participate in the discussions, please voice your opinions by filling out the survey at www.shepstone.net/clifford. Hard copies of the survey are available at Dundaff Country Store, Clifford Supply and Dunnier's Store. You can also print a copy from the website and return it to the collection box at any of the three stores. The next ACCT meeting to work on the Comprehensive Plan is May 30. All surveys should be in by that date.

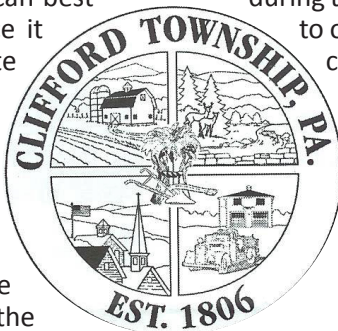
The Comprehensive Plan will guide the board on decisions for the next 15-30 years. If you're not involved, why not? If you don't want your neighbors deciding how the township will be in 2015, then get involved!

The Comprehensive Plan will also include a long term plan for the usage of the township property, such as the ball park, playground, Local History Museum, etc. Because of the many activities now conducted at the property, the supervisors support the idea of changing the name to the Clifford Township Community Center. A grant from the Visitors Bureau will help install new signs.

Loyal volunteers have made the township recycling program, held the third Saturday each month, possible. A few high school students will become involved for their senior projects. The supervisors are looking for someone to be in charge of the program. If recycling is your "thing" please consider this opportunity to help your township. Contact Chris Marcho at Clifford Auto or cac@nep.net.

The supervisors would like to thank the Historical Society for obtaining a grant from the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau room tax fund to pay for two newsletters this year, which helps to stretch your tax dollars. Also, thanks to all of you who worked picking up litter to help beautify our township. You made a difference!

Do you think a seasonal farmers market/flea market might be a good addition to downtown Clifford? Please attend the next ACCT meeting on May 30 to discuss this.



Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company

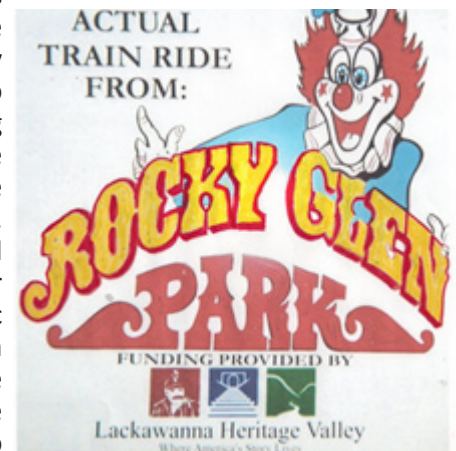
In today's world, all volunteer fire companies struggle to meet increased general operating costs and the need to update equipment and provide adequate training for their members. For Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company, two of the biggest fund raising events are nearing: the annual mailing fund drive and the annual fireman's picnic.

The annual letter appeal you receive in the mail is the largest funding project the Fire Company conducts during the year. This appeal drive is a major contributor to our general operating expenses for the year and consists of a general overview of our operation and happenings for the year. The fire company responded to nearly 600 emergencies in 2011. Please take a moment and read through the document, your contributions are greatly needed and appreciated.

Thursday July 26 Fireman's Parade @ 7:00 pm
Friday July 27 Giant Fireworks Display

This year's picnic will run from Thursday July 26 through Saturday July 28. The highlights include fireworks, children's rides, bands, bingo, raffles and a large variety of foods. The children's rides have been a mainstay since the first picnic was held. One of the original rides, the train, was purchased in October of 1954 and has been in operation since. There is a great variety of rides and games for all ages. Over 200 Fire Company members and dedicated community volunteers staff the stands during picnic week. Without the help of these individuals, the picnic would not be able to operate as it has for sixty years. Again, this is all done by volunteers

who want to be sure the Fire Company raises money to assist in providing the best possible emergency service to the community. If you are interested in volunteering your time for the picnic or in becoming a member of the Fire Department, please do not hesitate to contact any member or call the station at 222-3741 or e-mail us at clifst18@nep.net. For more information about the Department and its activities, visit our website at cliffordfire.com.



Clifford Township Historical Society

The Hoover School, Museum and Dugout Canoe and Mural Display will all be open to the public the third Sunday each month May through October, 1 to 4 pm. Free admission and limited mobility access. Directional signage for the Hoover School and Community Center will be installed at local intersections this summer.

The Historical Society will be selling homemade apple butter and a few flavors of jelly and jam at the Mountain View Garden Club plant exchange and at other area businesses. Sales were great last year and we hope you will support our efforts again.



Top Hats and Lace Dancers

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, June 24 at 1:00 pm at the Community Center. The *Top Hats and Lace Dancers* will perform. They were at our Chautauqua event in 2009 at the Firemen's picnic but their performance was cut short by a severe thunderstorm. Mark your calendars now to enjoy

their performance and to view the canoe display and the new museum! Refreshments will be served.

The volunteer firemen have asked the Historical Society to create a larger display for their picnic this year. Look for us at the space next to the pizza stand. We will be displaying information on the old Elk Mountain fire tower and some fun exhibits for the kids.



Historical Society leases old Yarns Cider Mill

The negotiations are complete and Historical Society President Sandra Wilmot and owner Gloria Suraci Bilotta have signed a lease for one dollar a year, granting the Historical Society the opportunity to renovate the old Yarns Cider Mill. The Historical Society plans to install a parking lot, repair the building and renovate the machinery to operating condition. The long range goal is to press apple cider on several weekends each fall. A walking trail will connect the Cider Mill to the Hoover School.

Museum of Local History with support from Adams Cable Service



Vintage clothing circa 1920. The flapper dress, wool bathing suit, gown and coat belonged to Blanche Churchill of Union Dale.



The spring wagon, believed to be from the Johnson Estate, holds antique farm tools and implements.



The museum was open for visitors on primary election day and more than a hundred visitors stopped in to enjoy a sampling of the planned exhibits.

Mountain View Garden Club

8th Annual Plant Exchange and Marketplace

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Clifford Fire Company Picnic Grounds

Route 106, Clifford

Plant Exchange & Sale ~ 1:00 until 4:00

Exchange 2 potted perennials

for 2 of same size or value

(Please label plants and pot perennials

3 to 4 weeks ahead to get them established)

Buy perennials at great prices !

Marketplace ~ 11:30 until 4:00

Vendors

Paintings . Photographs . Jewelry . Mustards

Maple Syrup . Apple Butter . Candles . Soaps

Garden Items . Baskets . Doll Clothes

Wood Carvings . Shrubs & Ornamentals

Etc, etc., etc

Demonstrations & Gardening Tips

Refreshments for sale

Food Stand ~ Clifford Volunteer Firemen

Desserts ~ Ladies Auxiliary

Live Music

For more information, contact

Donna at 281-3335 or JoAnn at 222-3591

Churches

Clifford United Methodist Church, Main St., Clifford

Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner: Wed. May 16, Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15, Sep 19, Oct 17 and Tues. Nov 6, 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Take out or dine with us. Donation \$7.95, includes dinner, dessert and drink.

12th Annual Music in the Park. 10:30 AM Worship Service, 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM with contemporary and traditional Christian music. Come and join us on Sunday, **Aug 5, 2012**, behind the Clifford Firemen's Picnic Grounds on Route 106. Great family day supported by local community churches. Refreshments available.

Elkdale Baptist Church of West Clifford

Regular services each week: 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Morning Worship; 7 PM Evening Worship; 7 PM Mid Week Service & Prayer. **May 19** Ladies Banquet with guest speaker Linda Schindler. Free to the community, a special buffet dinner catered by

the men of the church. **May 20** Dr. Fred Schindler Guest Speaker all day at 10 AM, 11 AM and 7 PM services. **May 27** free Fellowship Dinner after the morning service at 12:30 PM. **Jun 17** Special Fathers Day Dinner after the Morning 11 AM Service, Dinner 12:30 PM (free and open to the public). **Jul 15-19** Sunday through Thursday 7 PM each evening Old Fashioned Revival - Tent meetings on church property. Special Bible School classes for children. **Jul 20** is Youth Day all day. Teens from different churches will gather for paint ball and other activities. Contact Anthony Fusco for more info 570-906-1213. **Aug 30** Free Harvest Dinner after the morning service 12:30 PM, visitors welcome. October is Missions Month, special missionary speakers every Wednesday night at 7 PM. **Nov 11** free Church Thanksgiving Dinner for the church and the community. Dinner to be held at 12:30 PM, immediately following the 11 AM worship service.

St. John Vianney Parish (Corpus Christi, Route 438, Montdale & St. Pius X, Route 106, Royal) 254-9502

Ongoing Bible Study at St. Pius X, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Call JoAnn for more information 254-9502, ext. 3. Mega Rummage and Bake Sale at Corpus Christi **July 6 - 8**, 9 AM - 3 PM. Vacation Bible School at Corpus Christi **Aug 8 - 15**. Call JoAnn for more information 254-9502, ext. 3. Blood Drive at Corpus Christi, on **Aug 23**, 1 - 7 PM. Harvest Festival at Corpus Christi, **Sep 30** Full Turkey Dinner with raffles, bake sale and huge Bountiful Baskets Booth 12-5 PM. Dinner tickets available at the door.

St. John The Baptist Russian Orthodox Church Dundaff

Mothers Day Dinner: May 13 at noon, take-outs at 11 AM featuring 1/2 BBQ chicken, holupki, mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert. **Jun 9** Flea Market and Ethnic Foods, including halushki and potato pancakes, 9 AM - 2 PM. **Jul 21** - 1/2 BBQ chicken dinner, takeouts only, 9 AM - 2 PM. Serving Chicken at 11 a.m. until sold out. **Oct 20** Ethnic Foods/Farmers Market/Flea Market, 9 AM - 2 PM.

St. James Episcopal Church, SR 247, Dundaff

St James Episcopal Church will be opening for Summer worship services on May 27 and continuing through the Labor Day weekend. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Sundays at 10:00 am. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Dress is casual. For information call Senior Warden Robert Schreiber, 570-222-2724.

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Rail-Trail Calendar of Events

May 12, 8 AM. D&H Spring Hike – Bird & wildflower identification, 8 AM Union Dale Trailhead at Cables Store. June 5, 6 PM. Community Walk Series, Union Dale Trailhead at Cables Store. **June 16**, LHVA Heritage Bike Tour along the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. Supported bike rides of various mileages. Family fun! See www.lhva.org for details. **June 30**, Chicken BBQ 11 AM until sold out. Art on the Trail Day. Arts, crafts, food and trail events. 10 AM - 4 PM. Union Dale Cables Store, Art Exchange & Masonic Lodge.

July 14, 9 AM. Community Walk Series, Forest City Trailhead off Rte 247. **August 5**, 9 AM Stillwater Cliffs & Special Places Hike, in conjunction with Forest City Old Home Week (Aug 2-5) 9 AM, meet at yellow gate off Rte 171, north of Forest City. **August 16**, 6 PM Community Walk Series, Simpson Trailhead, off Rte 171. **Sept 9**, 9 AM start, D&H Distance Run, 5th Annual Half-Marathon. GetMeRegistered.com.

Call the Rail-Trail office for more details, 679-9300.

Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies Auxiliary will be selling sweets at the Garden Club's plant exchange. Keep in mind, the picnic is right around the corner and we will need donated homemade pies for the Pie Stand. In September, we will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive ... more information to follow. Also, keep a look out for information on the Halloween party in October.

Clifford Township Police Department

Clifford Township Police Department received a grant which is State funded for the "Buckle Up PA" Program. The Spring Mobilization (Click-it-or-ticket) will set off May 21, 2012 through June 10, 2012. Extra patrols will be mobilized state wide. All residents are asked to obey the seat belt laws of the Commonwealth.

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