

Clifford Township Newsletter

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

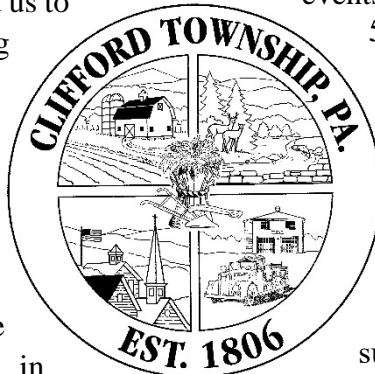
From the Supervisors

Throughout the summer the Clifford Township Supervisors have been busy improving the park with picnic tables and redressing the walk ways. We are pleased to see people walking the trails and enjoying this asset to the community. This is your park - please stop by and enjoy it.

We are happy to say that our spring and summer township dirt road repair and maintenance went smoothly this year. In addition, we have a contract to repave Elkview Drive. This is a very significant expense to the township, but fortunately we had been "putting money aside" which has allowed us to complete the project without borrowing and paying interest. Currently, we are preparing for winter road work/snow removal and will be "letting out," bids for snow removal soon. The township continues to do business, make improvements such as the park and roads, and we still balance the budget. That is quite unusual in government.

Additionally, we are beginning to focus on the loss of businesses throughout the township. We have begun an outreach to the County Commissioners and various committees in the attempt to find a way to attract new grocery, restaurant, and other businesses to the township to address the needs of our citizens. Hopefully, we will be successful quickly.

As always, the Clifford Township Supervisors invite and encourage all township citizens to attend our monthly meeting at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This board truly wants to hear what our citizens have to say, positive or negative. All are welcome.



Other Township News

The township's website is currently under construction. The secretary asks if you would like your business or church to be included on the township website to please contact her at Cliffordtownship@yahoo.com. They will be included on the township website in order to promote residents to shop and pray locally.

At www.Cliffordtownship.org you can check out the current calendar of events. You will find dates and times for Volleyball, Yoga for Life with Tiffany Debish, Total Body Workout with Patti Walker and dates and times for township meetings and upcoming events. Or you can call the township secretary at 570-222-9364.

Come out to vote on **November 7**.

Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company

We would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Fireman's picnic this year. The weather held and provided some beautiful summer evenings for the event. The upcoming gun/cash raffle is approaching fast with the raffle starting **October 1** and the raffle party being **September 30**. These fundraising events are the building blocks that help allow us to purchase and maintain the equipment that helps you.

On Sunday, **September 24** at 1 pm there will be an open house and dedication ceremony of our "Fallen Fireperson's Monument" and the new heavy Rescue Truck. This is an excellent opportunity to come to the fire station and see what your support provides the community.

Tentatively scheduled for **December 3**, we will hold our annual "Christmas Care" breakfast in which the

proceeds go to benefit cases of hardship in the area. Visit our website and Facebook for more details as the events near – www.cliffordfire.com.



Some fall season safety reminders:

- 1) Be sure to have working smoke detectors in your home and replace the batteries.
- 2) CO alarms – if you already have them, replace the batteries. If you do not, please make every effort to purchase and install them. As most know, CO is created by combusting fuel – wood, coal, propane, gas, etc. CO is colorless, odorless and tasteless. It can be present in your home due to a malfunctioning or incorrectly installed system and cause severe injury or death. CO alarms are life saving devices for your home.
- 3) Chimneys – be sure to have your chimneys in your home inspected and cleaned prior to use this heating season.

With our call volume once again on a record setting pace, it is more important than ever to support the Fire Company both in volunteering your time and through your generous financial support during our fund drives. Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company is the townships sole provider of fire, rescue and ambulance service and we serve you with pride. Our mailing appeal will be out this spring and we look forward to your continued support.

Volunteer departments around the nation are experiencing a significant decline in volunteers to staff emergencies and handle administrative duties; we are no different. Staffing levels in the volunteer ranks are reaching “crisis” levels in our region. Clifford is very fortunate to have the dedicated volunteers it does; however, we are in great need of more volunteers for all disciplines. If you are interested in becoming a member or visiting the station to see what we are all about, please contact us at (570)222-3741 or email at clifst18@nep.net.

Clifford United Methodist Church

Clifford United Methodist Church
Main Street, Clifford, PA
Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner
Wednesday, **October 18** &
Tuesday, **November 7**, 2017
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Take out or Dine with us
Donation \$8.95
Includes dinner, dessert & drink

Please join us at the Clifford United Methodist Church for worship every Sunday morning at 11 am.


Sunday School is during our regular church service. All are welcome!

“Mom's in Prayer” every Monday evening at 6:30 at Clifford UMC.

The Mountain View Garden Club

The Mountain View Garden Club meets at the Clifford Fire Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm and all meetings are open to the public.

The fall schedule is as follows:

October 17 • October is our Annual Meeting. Dave Waselewski, a mycologist and faculty member of Luzerne County Community College, will do a presentation he calls “Fascinating Fungi”, sharing information about mushrooms we find growing in our area. 

November 14 • Club member Nina Reudemann from Jeffers’ Farms will share tips on making a holiday arrangement.

This year’s recipient of the annual Hometown Pride Award goes to Creekside Grove. The award is presented to a local business who takes pride in their community by improving or maintaining the exterior of their establishment. Congratulations to Diane Bidwell on receiving the award and thanks to Diane for making the Grove available for our August luncheon! The luncheon was great, with Red Rock Barbeque sharing some tips and providing a delicious meal.

The garden club gives an annual scholarship to a deserving senior from both Mountain View and Forest City High Schools. The \$750 scholarships were presented to Audrey Shay from Mountain View who is enrolled at Penn State, Harrisburg with a proposed major in Civil Engineering and Allison Lipko who graduated from Forest City and plans to attend DeSales University to pursue a degree in Nursing.

For more information about the garden club, please contact Membership Chair Louise Guszick at 570-222-2233 or lmguszick@aol.com

CLIFFORD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

The Annual Clifford Village Christmas will be held **December 1** at the Community Center at 6 pm. Santa will arrive shortly after six to give stockings filled with goodies to all the small children. The Grinch will occupy his special place with a bag of treats for the older kids. Handicrafts will be available for all ages. Brandon Freely will again be setting up his fantastic light show that will be on display until after Christmas. Weather permitting the small train borrowed from the Union Dale Fire Co. will be running. Hot dogs, chili, cookies and drink will be provided for all. A bicycle will be given away to one lucky boy and girl. This wonderful small town event is presented free of charge for all township and nearby residents through the generosity of Clifford Township businesses and personal donations. Come enjoy this special evening to start your Holiday Season!!



St. John Vianney Annual Harvest Festival Turkey Dinner

Get ready to kick off the fall harvest season! St. John Vianney Parish of Montdale and Royal will host its annual Harvest Festival turkey dinner on Sunday, **October 1** from noon to 5 pm at Corpus Christi Church in Montdale. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door and include a turkey dinner with mashed potatoes and vegetables, as well as sauerkraut slaw, stuffing, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, pie, and beverages. Take-outs are available.

The co-chairs for the 2017 Harvest Festival are John and Lisa Anzelmi. The event will feature a free hay ride, as well as several booths with chances to win wreaths and wall hangings or gift certificates for various local restaurants. As always, the Bountiful Baskets and homemade baked goods stands will be available as well. New this year, be sure to buy a chance for our 50/50 cash raffle! Come enjoy a dinner in a warm church community!

Corpus Christi Church is handicap-accessible with an elevator and offers ample parking.

Directions: Take 1-81 to exit 201 (East Benton) and turn right heading east onto Route 438. Corpus Christi Church is located two miles on the right. The church can also be reached by following Route 247 to Route 438.

A biblical journey into the person of Jesus Christ

Come any day or all three:

- November 13** Jesus the Light
- November 14** Jesus the Healer
- November 15** Jesus the Bread of Life

All are welcome who love Jesus.

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Corpus Christi Church/

St. John Vianney Parish
704 Montdale Road Exit 201 off Rt. 81
(2 ½ miles follow sign.)



2017 Harvest Festival planners

Front Row L-R: Co-chairs Lisa and John Anzelmi, Joan Burian, Amy Valtos, Renee Good, Tina Bjork Back Row L-R: J.R. Salva, Deacon Ed Salva, Alice Sokoloski, Fr. Michael Kirwin, Lynn Volk, Juliana Piccini

St. John's Russian Orthodox Church

St. John's Russian Orthodox Church in Dundaff
(378 Lyon St., Clifford)

will hold an ethnic food sale on
October 7, 9 am to 1pm
along with a flea market,
farmer's market, bake sale
and Orthodox Auction.

The ethnic food will feature halushki,
holupki, pagach, pierogies and potato pancakes
until sold out. Dealers are welcome.

To place orders call 570-955-8758.



Clifford Township Historical Society

Our 50/50 raffle drawing was held on September 10 at the Yarns Cider Mill at the Suraci Farm. A large crowd of visitors, including descendants of the Yarns family, enjoyed the tour of the cider mill improvements. Winners of the twenty cash prizes are posted at cliffordtownshiphistoricalsociety.org. We want to sincerely thank everyone who supported our fundraiser by purchasing tickets and for all the local businesses who helped distribute the tickets. Our treasury received a nice increase from the raffle that will allow the society to double that money by matching grants from the Endless Mountains Heritage Alliance. These grants help to buy materials so our terrific volunteer workers can accomplish even more on all our projects.

The Firemen's picnic had great weather and the society again coordinated the three nights of chain saw carving by Kevin Treat. His remarkable carvings were auctioned off Saturday evening and netted the firemen over \$2,700. Thanks to UGI Energy Services for covering the cost of Mr. Treat, Independence Timber Co., formerly Walczak's Lumber, for providing the pine logs to be carved and Lopatofsky's Auction for donating their time to this successful and popular event. The historical society is grateful for the space the firemen have given them for the Agricultural Museum at the Picnic so this is our thank you to the fire company. Each year the Agricultural Museum draws more interest as visitors enjoy shelling corn, grinding bones, washing clothes and viewing artifacts from the past. Make sure you stop by to see what's added next year.

This fall the society will be developing an app with maps, pictures and historical information of the Clifford area to further advertise all we have to offer our visitors, both local folks and tourists.

The Museum of Local History in the Community Center will be open Election Day, **November 7**. This museum, the Hoover School, and the historic Baptist Church will be open **October 15**, 1 pm to 4 pm for the last time this year.



The Children's Garden offers butterfly photos, a play area with life sized checker board, a jumping place, a coal mine shaft to explore and dig for coal, dinosaur land with a dinosaur egg that kids can hatch out of, a huge blackboard and chimes to ring at the Music Mountain. Learn the legend of ladybugs. Still to be finished is the Native American village and the Pioneer homestead. This year blackberries, apples and tomatoes are growing in the Garden – help yourself !! Next year we hope to have raspberries, grapes and more vegetables. If you visit please make sure the gates are closed as you leave.



Volunteer Fire Ladies Auxiliary

The Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm. We meet at the fire hall and we always welcome new members to join us. We would like to thank everyone that came out to support the ladies and the men at the annual Clifford Picnic.

The next big event for the Ladies will be our Purse Bingo this spring. We are making some big changes this year for the bingo. Please check out our Facebook page for the most up to date information. If you have not already liked the page then search for Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

Clifford Baptist Church 200th Anniversary

Please join us in this Celebration of 200 years of service and worship to our Lord God.

October 15

Starting at 10 am

Worship Service with Rev. Walden Speaking

Followed by a Free Picnic Lunch

Fun and old time games to play

1 pm Ringing of the Bell,

A brief presentation of certificates recognizing our 200 years. Barney Wilkins and the Tri State Gospel Singers will grace us with their gift of worship with some sing-a-long, then ice cream social and refreshments.

Historical Tour Available

Come early and stay the day or just drop in for a while.



Rail-Trail Council of NEP

October 14, 1 pm Geocaching Event North on the trail. Please check our website and Facebook for more information.

October Fall Foliage Hike to Stillwater Cliffs Date and Time TBD.

Website <http://nepa-rail-trails.org/>

Rail-Trail Council of NEPA

570-679-9300, trails@nep.net

Facebook name "Rail-Trail Council"

Contact Carissa @ Trails@nep.net to be added to our email for upcoming events.

New Mass Notification System In Susquehanna County

Susquehanna County, through funding provided by the North East Pennsylvania Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force, has partnered with CodeRED for community notification and alerting. CodeRED is a high-speed web-based emergency notification service provided by Emergency Communications Network (ECN). The service will be deployed to issue general and emergency notifications, and registered residents can receive automated severe weather warnings. CodeRED is known for its reliable communications across multiple channels including text, e-mail, voice and social media.

By navigating to <http://susqco.com/county-government/emergency-management> and clicking on the CodeRED logo, residents of and visitors to Susquehanna County can follow a simple registration process during which they may select their notification preferences, provide contact information, and pinpoint their location on a map. These steps will ensure residents receive the most accurate information for emergency and general notifications released by Susquehanna County officials.

Additionally, residents and visitors can stay informed of local alerts by downloading the CodeRED Mobile Alert app. This free app notifies registered smartphone users of real-time alerts in their geo-targeted area whether they are at home, or as they travel through other jurisdictions where CodeRED is utilized. The app can be downloaded at no charge from Google Play and the App Store.

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The Clifford Township logo was designed and developed in 2006 by Clifford residents Helmut and Barbara Kunst, for Clifford's Bicentennial Celebration. Each quadrant of the logo highlights a significant part of the township's history. Going clockwise from the upper left, the first quadrant highlights the dominance of farming from the earliest days until recently; the second refers to the natural beauty of the wooded mountains, wildlife and stone walls; the third speaks of volunteer work exemplified by the Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company; and the last quadrant represents the importance of the community, its churches, the one-room schoolhouses and homes. Our township has a long tradition of people working together to make the community better for all.